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2-Terezín

1-Vyšehrad

3-Josefov

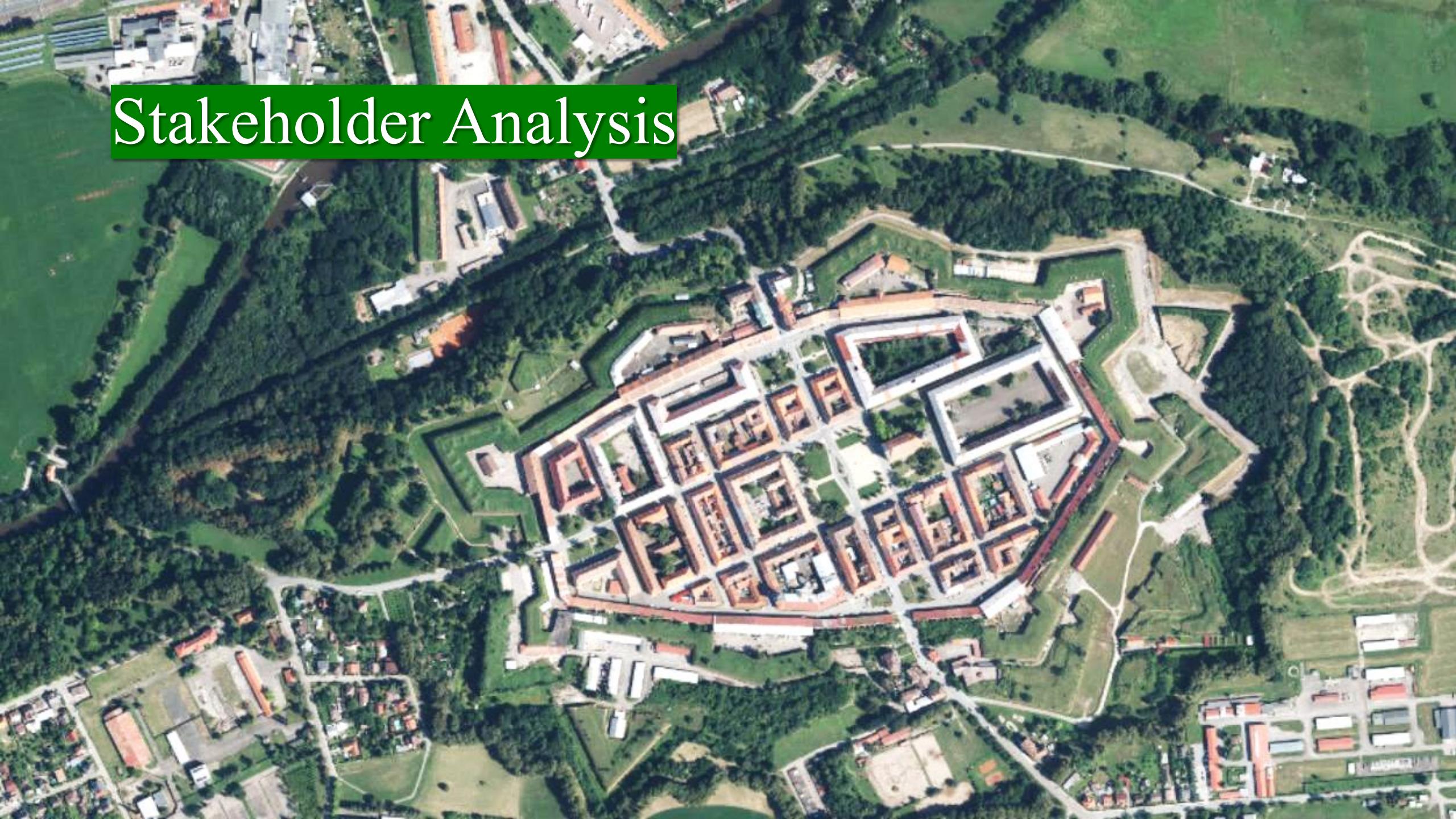
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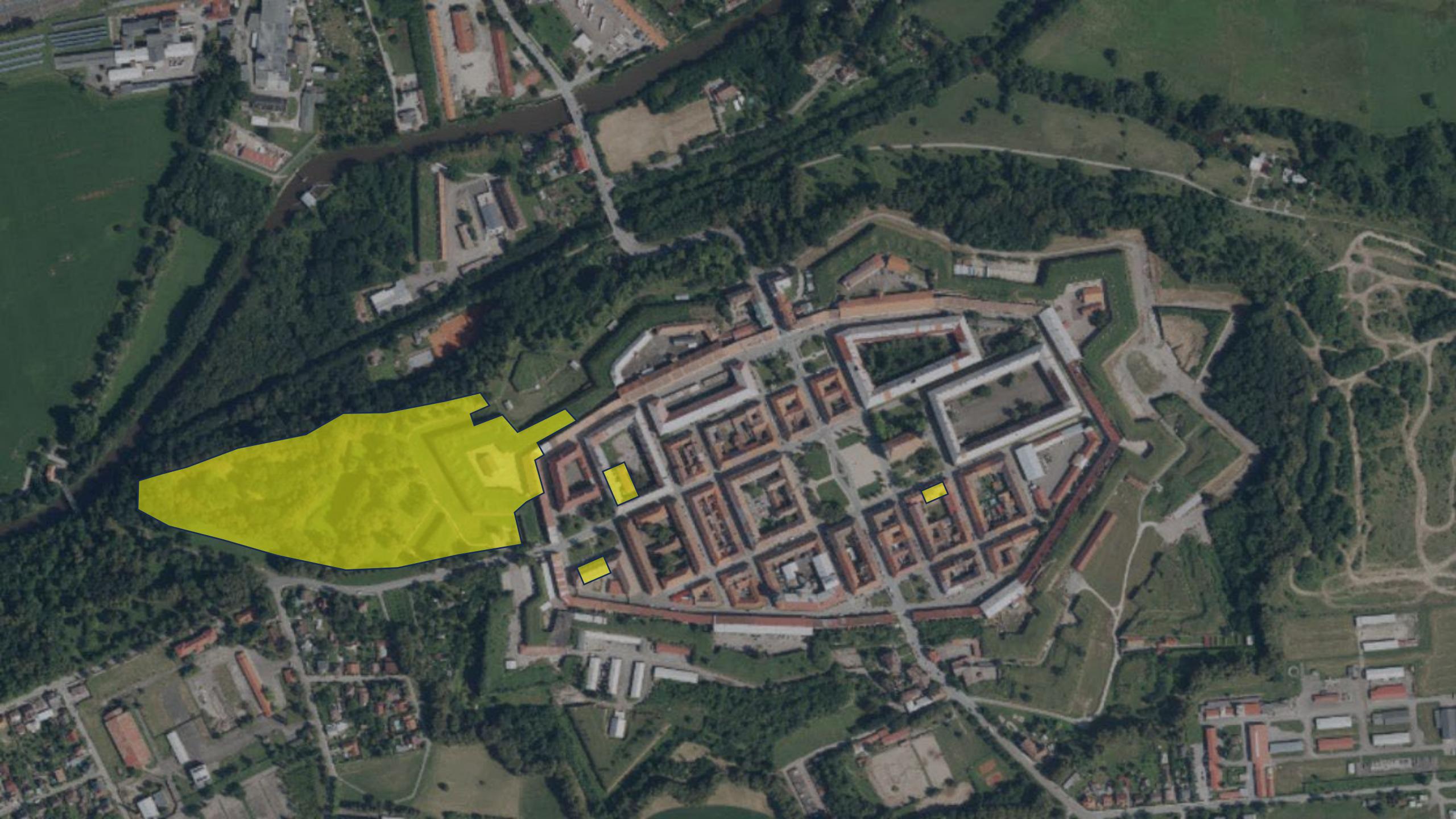
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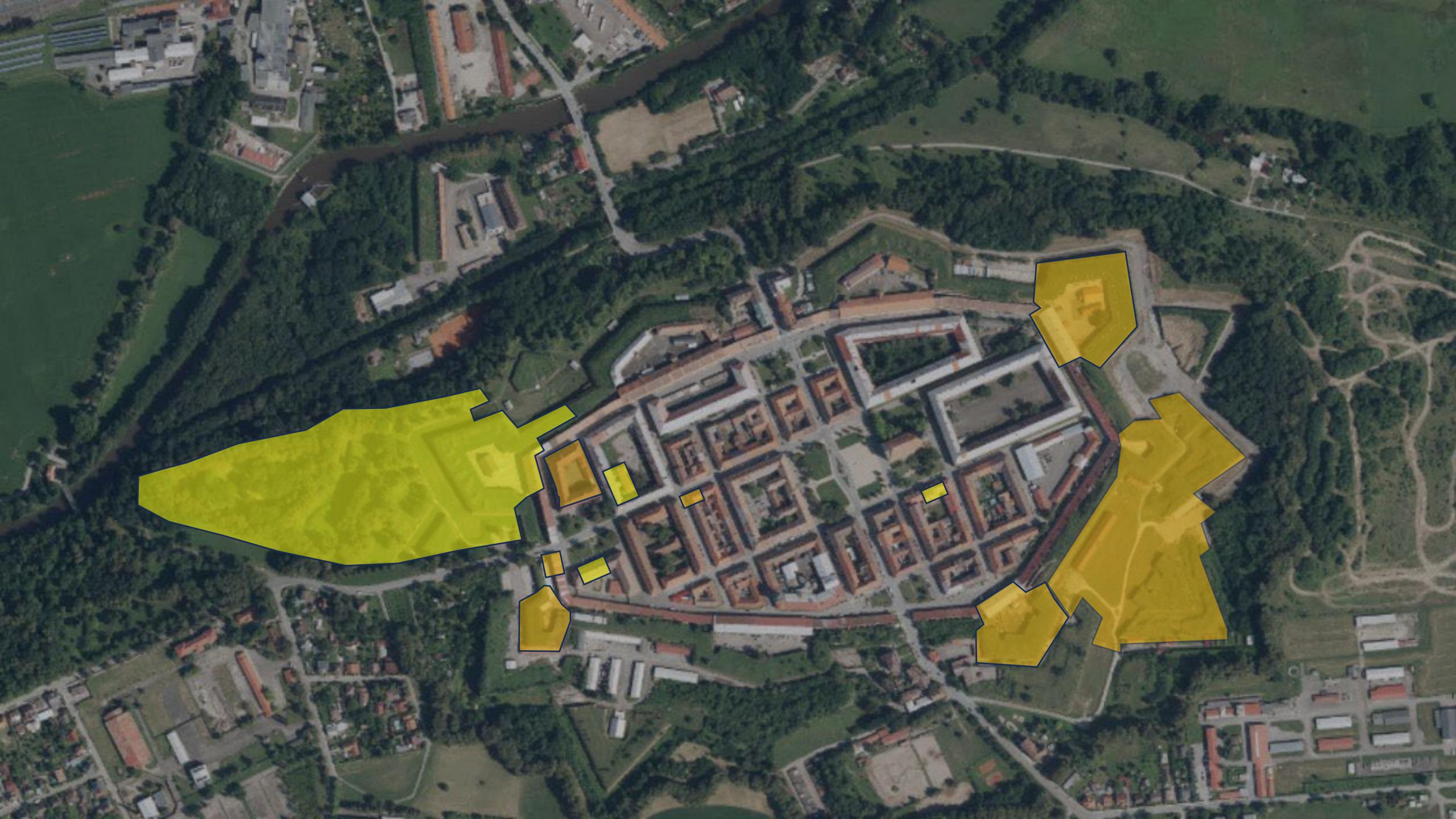
# Stakeholder Analysis





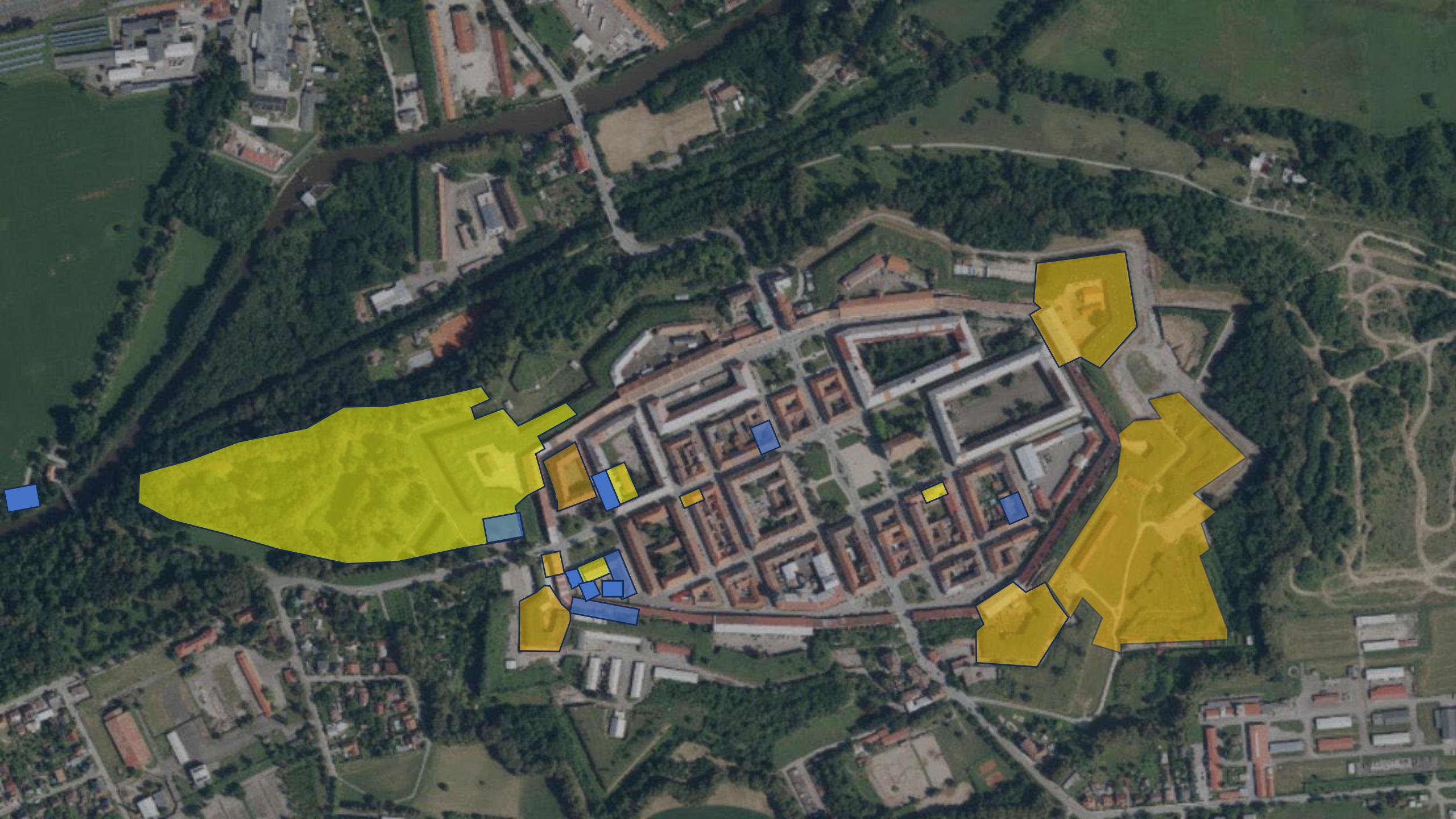
# Municipal tourist destinations

- **Bastion I and the Underground** – The main tourist destination managed by MKS Jaroměř (a municipal agency): [Turistický areál Bastion I a podzemí](#)
- **Permanent Historical Exhibition in Josefov** – Museum managed by the Municipal museum (a municipal agency): [Stálá historická expozice v Josefově](#)
- **Former Casino Hall** – A conference hall: [Sál Důstojnické besedy](#)
- **New Townhall** – A conference hall: [Nová radnice](#)



# Non-municipal tourist destinations

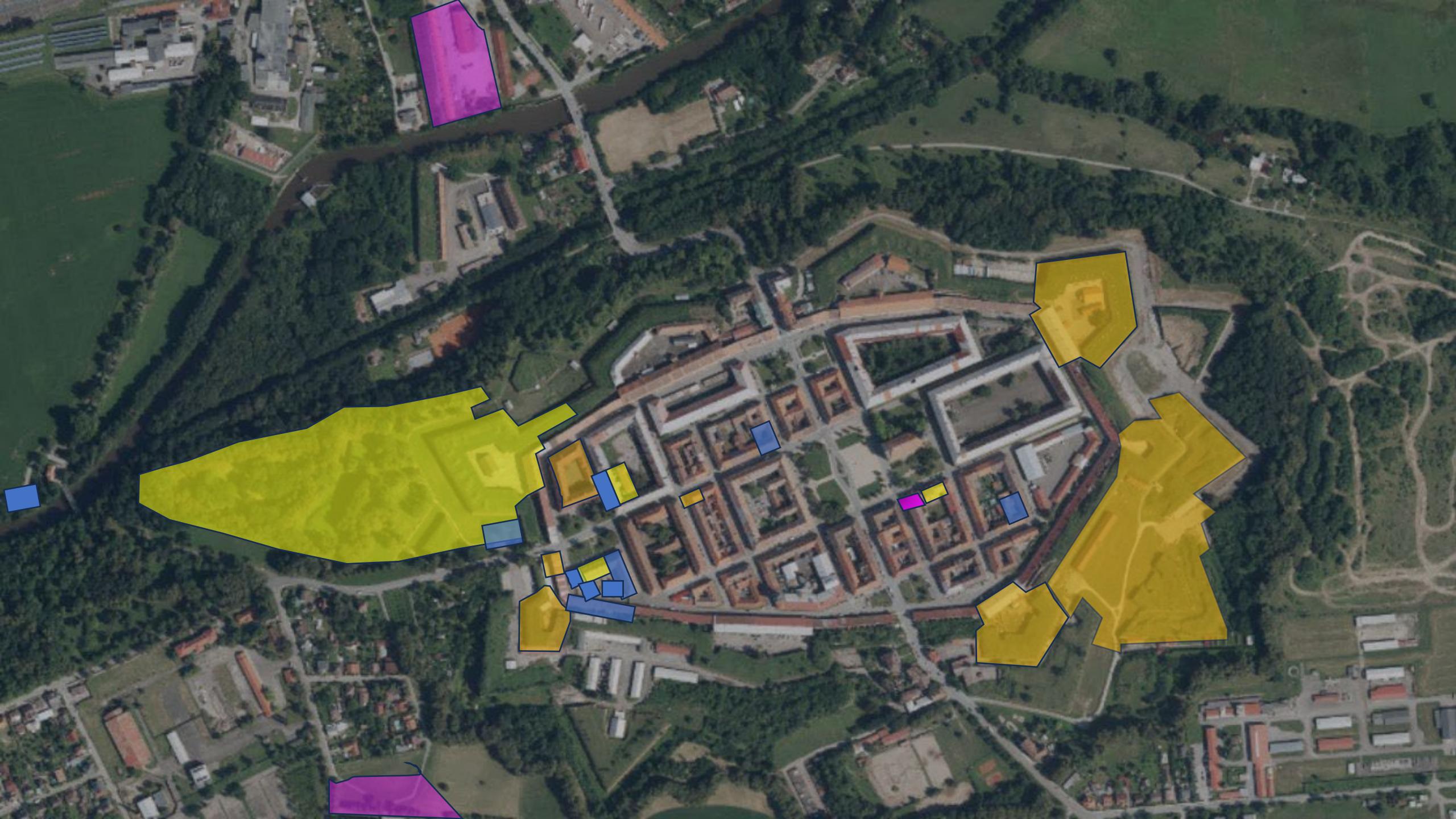
- **Bastion IV** – An art colony managed by the NGO: [Umělecká kolonie Bastion IV](#)
- **Ravelin XIV, Bastion IX** – A tourist area focused on fortress history managed by the NGO: [Ochránci památek pevnosti Josefov – Ravelin No. XIV, z.s.](#)
- **Bastion X** – A medical exhibition managed by the NGO: [KVH Brendy – Josefov](#)
- **Bastion XII** – A fortress blacksmith managed by an individual: [Pevnostní kovárna Josefov](#)
- **3D Model of the Fortress** – A privately owned building managed by an individual: [Model pevnosti Josefov](#)
- **Legionnaire's Journey** – A WWI-focused NGO: [Cesta legionáře](#)



# Tourism bussiness

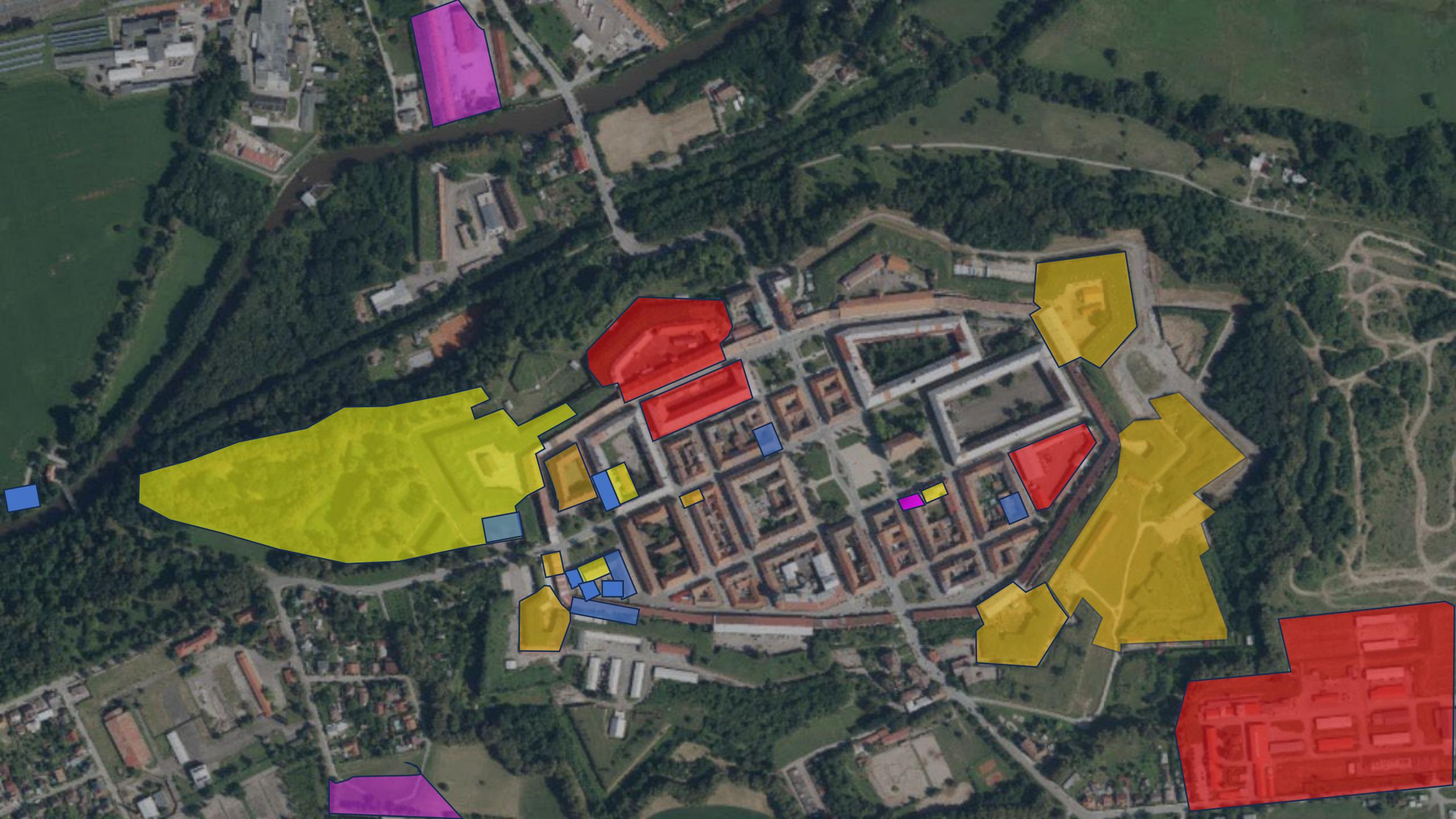
- Accomodation (privately owned):
  - Wunch
  - Ubytování No. 8
- Food
  - Občerstvení na Špalkách
  - Beseda restaurant
  - Café Josefov
- Culture
  - Gallery Josefov
  - Conference hall

and others...



# Public educational institutions

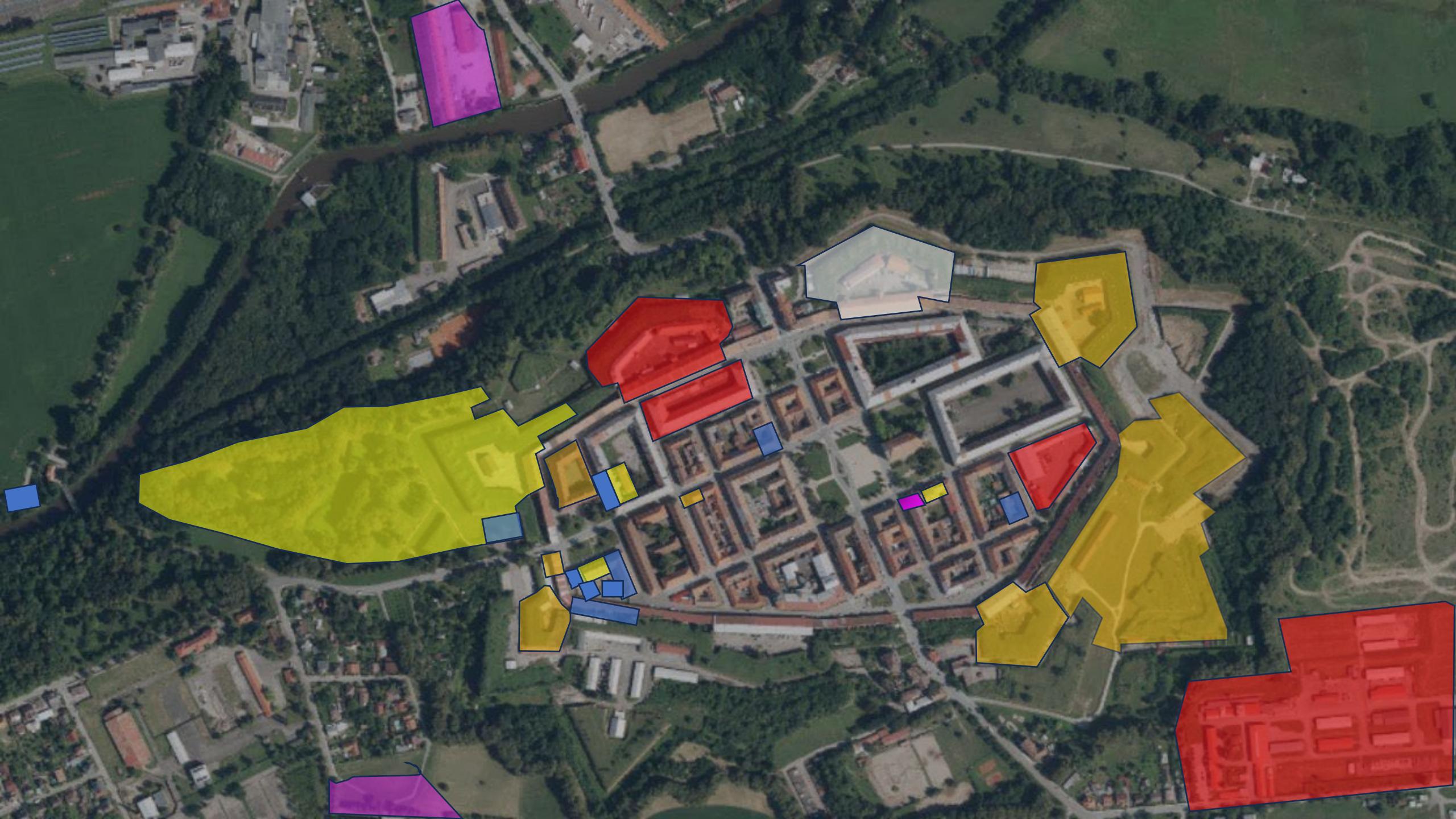
- Schools
  - [Primary school Jaroměř-Josefov](#)
  - [Secondary school of crafts](#)
- Library
  - [Municipal Library](#)



# Army of the Czech Republic

- Army of the Czech Republic owns several buildings in/next to the fortress



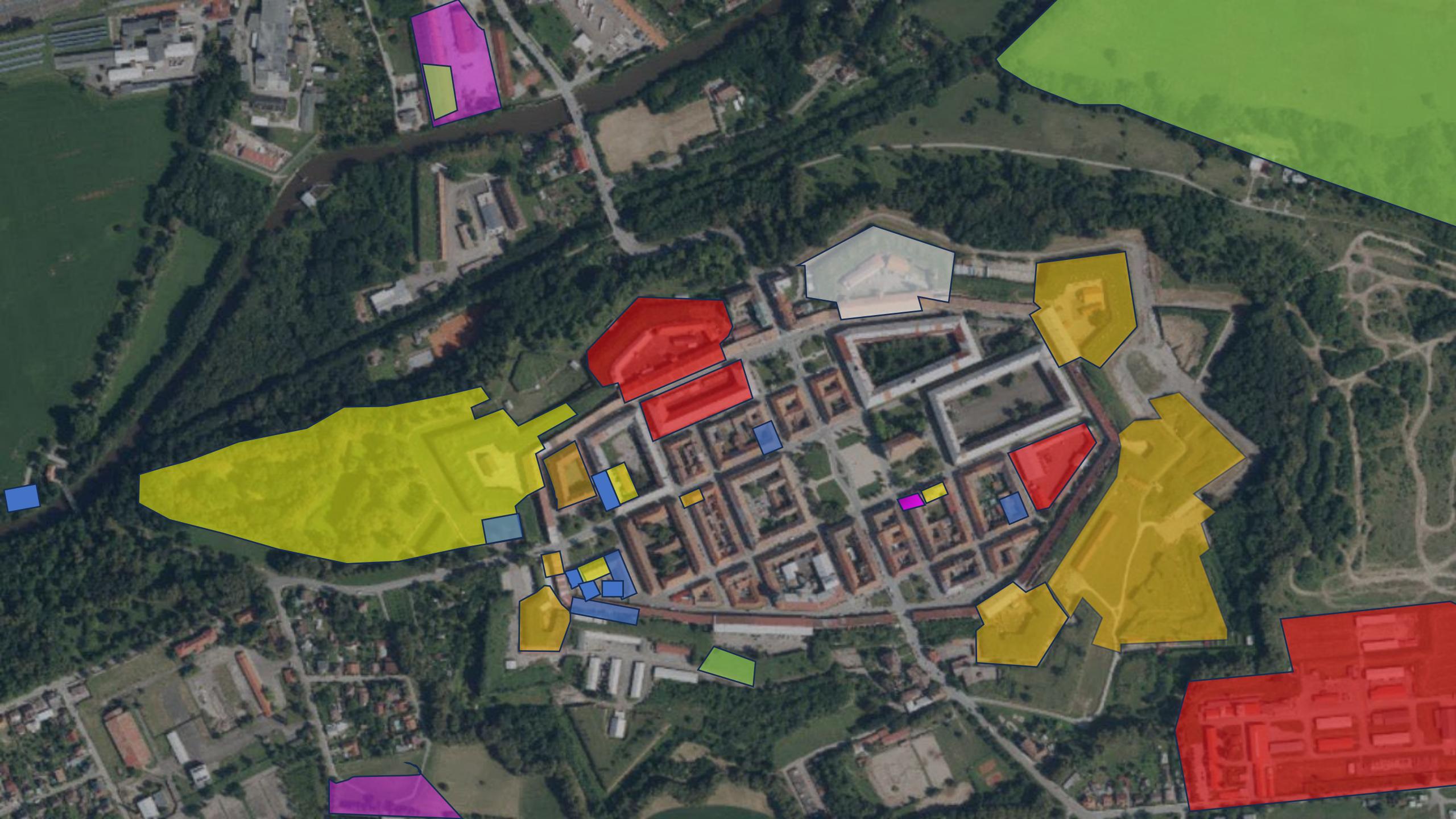


# National institutes

- National Heritage Institute – The only national agency with office in Josefov: [Národní památkový ústav v Josefově](#)



NÁRODNÍ  
PAMÁTKOVÝ  
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# Environmental stakeholders

- **Technical Services** – Responsible for public space/greenery:  
Technické služby města Jaroměř
- **Ornithological park Josefovské louky** – Managed by the nation-wide bird-focused NGO: Česká společnost ornitologická
- **Bastion XI** – This and also other parts of the fortress partly nursed by the nature protection NGO: ČSOP Jaro Jaroměř
- **Strangebikes Josefov** – Workshop focused on re-use of bikes managed by an individual: Divokola Josefov
- and others...



# Volunteers

- **Ravelin XVI** – Managed by the history-oriented NGO: [Spolek přátele vojenské historie Josefov z.s.](#) ([Polní dělostřelci Josefov](#))
- **Retranchement XVIII** – Managed by the history-oriented NGO: [Spolek Pevnostní Dělostřelecké Laboratoře Josefov Retranchement No. XVIII](#)
- History-oriented NGO: [Klub vojenské historie – Josefov z.s.](#)
- Cultural NGO: [Klub přátele Josefova, z. s.](#)
- and others...

# Legend of the related stakeholders

- Municipal fortress-related institutions
- Non-municipal tourist destinations (volunteers or NGOs)
- Tourism business (private hotels, restaurants, galleries...)
- Public education institutions (library, schools)
- Army of the Czech Republic
- National institutes (NPÚ = heritage protection)
- Environmental stakeholders
- Volunteers (history-oriented NGOs, unusual destinations)
- brownfields reconstructed through the Emergency fund

# Municipal fortress-related institutions



Jaroměř  
Municipality



Municipal Library



Municipal  
Cultural Centre  
(MKS) Jaroměř



Municipal  
Museum



Tourist Area  
Bastion I and the  
Underground



New Townhall in  
Josefov



Former Military  
Casino hall



Theatre in  
Jaroměř  
(not in Josefov)

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Library main  
building (not in  
Josefov)



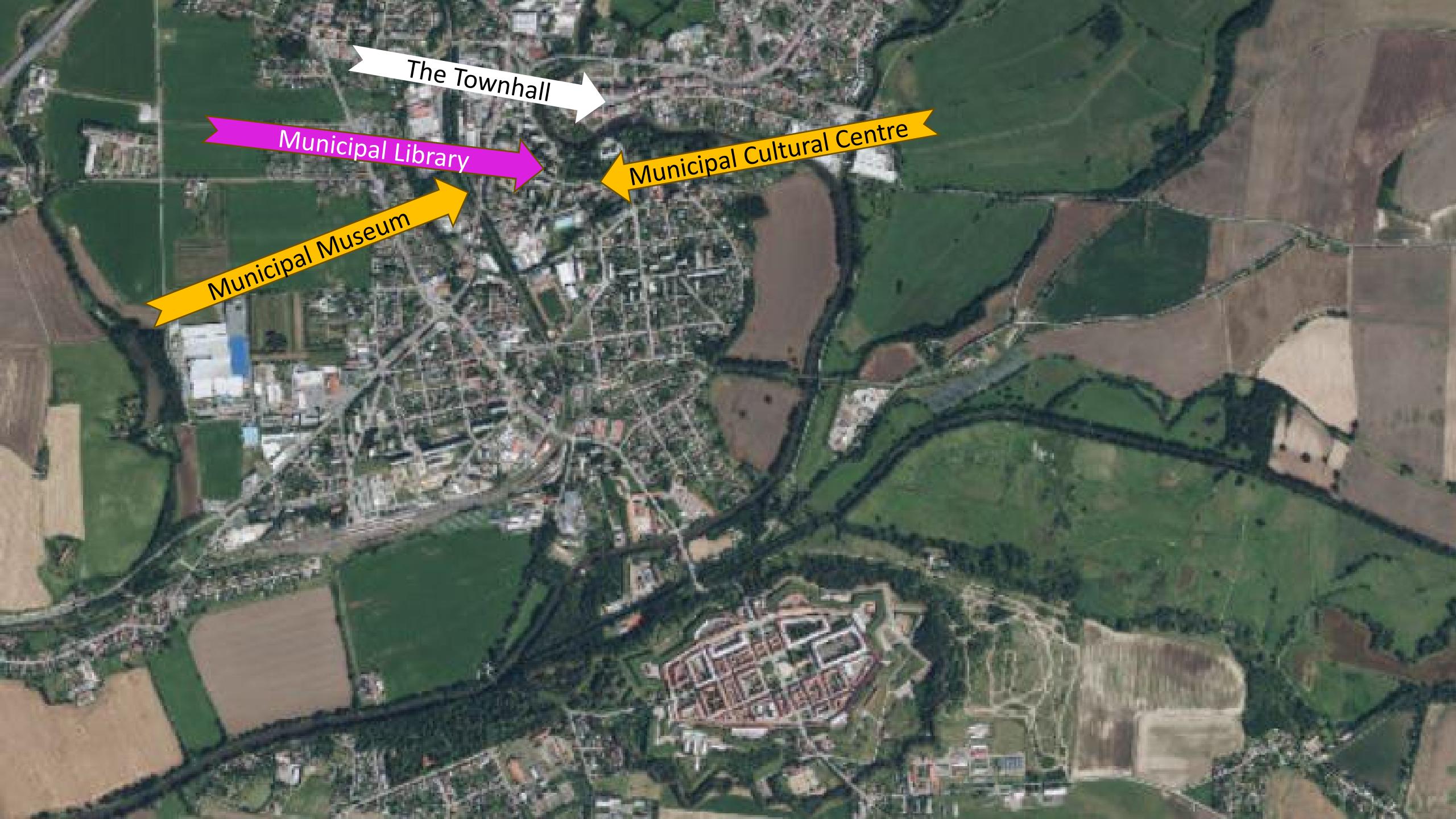
Library in Josefov



Permanent  
Exhibition of  
Jaroměř in  
Josefov



Wenke house  
(not in Josefov)

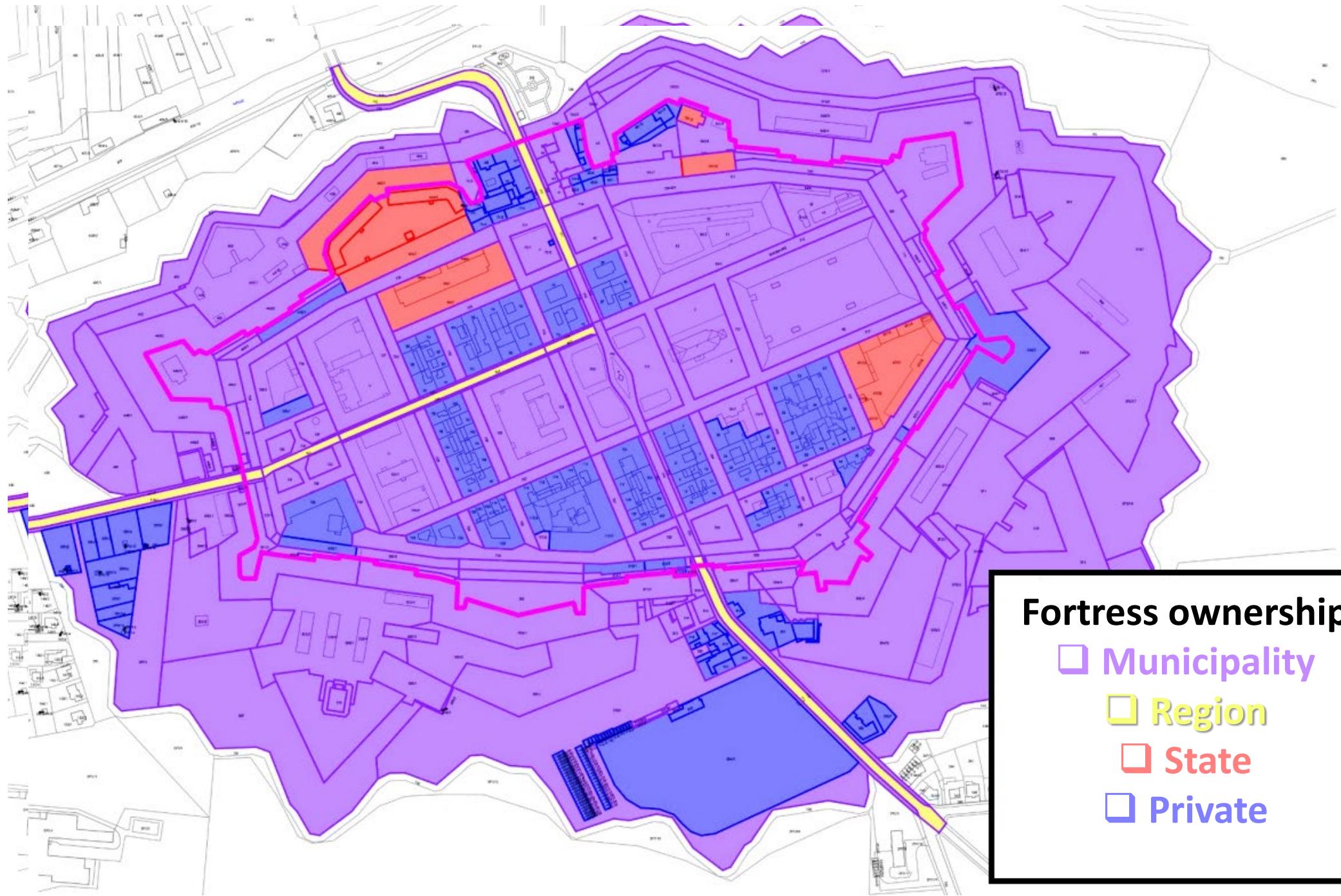


The Townhall

Municipal Library

Municipal Museum

Municipal Cultural Centre

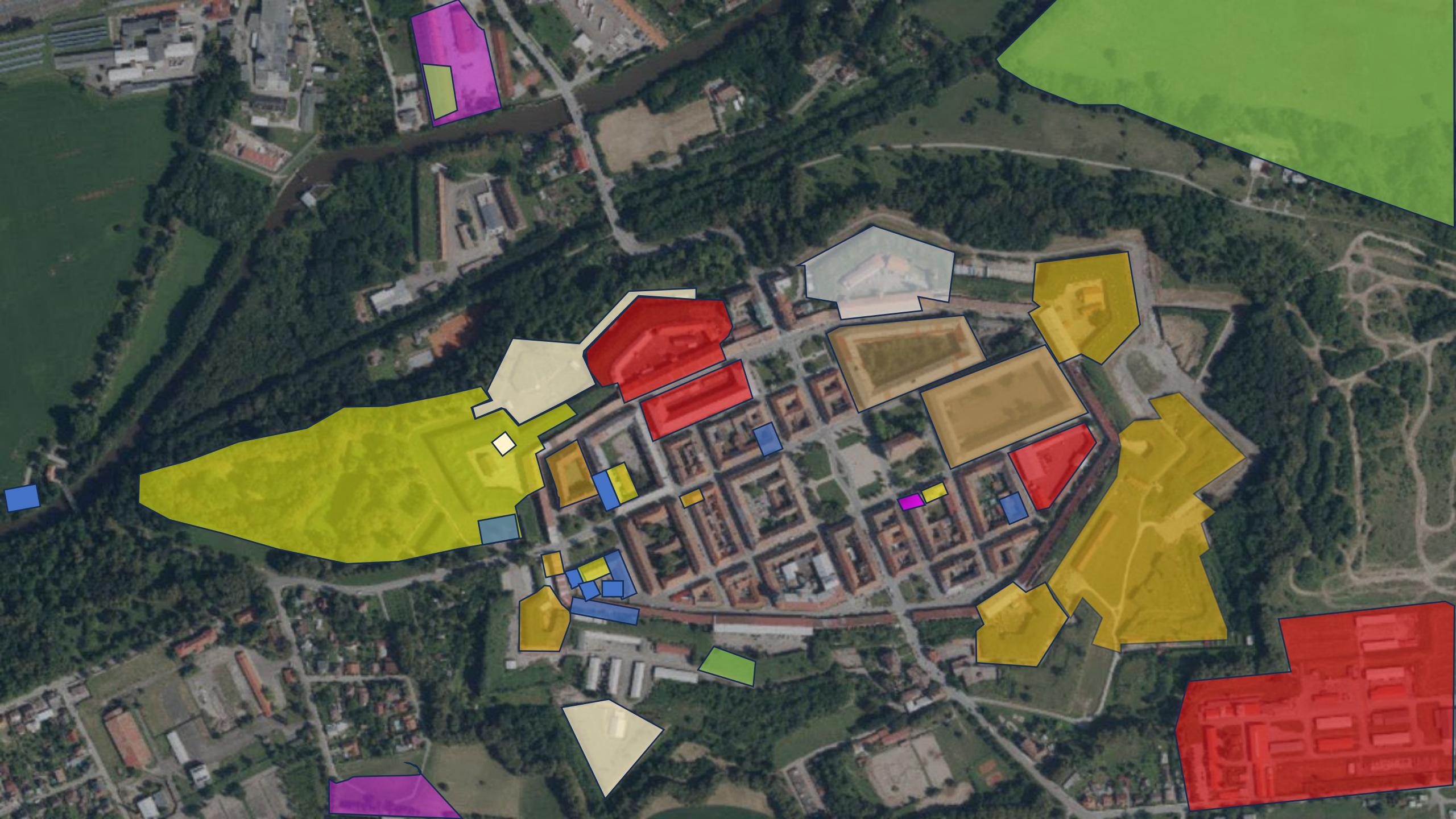


**Fortress ownership**

- Municipality
- Region
- State
- Private

# The local development part

- Total available funding for Terezín and Josefov amounts up to:  
**€143.58 million** (2024-2034)
- There is a high risk that the funds will not be used properly due to lack of expertise and administrative capacity, and misalignment between the original program objectives and municipal decisions. Information sharing among key stakeholders remain minimal.
- Local stakeholders in Jaroměř have very little involvement in the program's implementation, although the situation is currently improving.
- Unlike in Terezín, the strategy in Jaroměř remains evidently top-down.
- More info on the [Science Blog of Forte Cultura](#)



# Findings

- 1. Decentralisation** – No single organization oversees tourism, events, local development or even simple coordination of the rich field of stakeholders
- 2. No integrated management** – There is no unified strategy for the local development, stakeholders are rather excluded from decision-making processes.
- 3. Organic coordination** – Although there is no central body, coordination of stakeholders in tourism is efficiently managed through informal, ad hoc collaboration, relying on personal relationships.
- 4. Bastion I acting as a de facto representative** – While it externally represents the entire fortified city, its main responsibility is managing its own site.
- 5. Municipality's limitations** – It lacks expertise, is geographically distant, and lacks ad. capacity to manage EU projects and oversee the fortress effectively

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A photograph of a woman in a dark jacket and jeans pushing a blue and white patterned stroller across a grassy field. She is walking away from the camera towards a long, low brick wall that forms part of a larger fortification system. In the background, there are more buildings with red roofs under a cloudy sky. Large tree branches frame the top of the image.

Thank you for your attention.