

Jules Guesde Garden, Alfortville

Located at the confluence of the Marne and the Seine rivers, Alfortville is three kilometres upstream from Paris. During the past 40 years it has been redeveloped for social housing. The garden Jules Guesde site is a leftover scrap of land between the new 10-15 storey housing blocks that overlook it.

The two main challenges to this garden were

the necessity to provide a large circulation path that allows access from the housing projects to the street and to compensate the immense difference in scale between the pedestrian areas and the towering buildings. It also had to provide an appropriate profile for flood control.

The project uses the large mounds of earth that had to be displaced for the building foundations, creating an intimate urban space around a path.

The hills are planted densely with 150 trees, conveying an exotic sense to the local neighbourhood.

Design:
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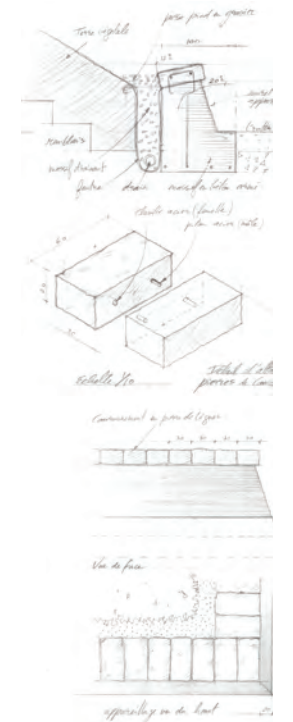
Client:
City of Alfortville

Surface:
0.7 ha

Selected Projects

Dates:
Competition 1998
Construction 2000

Budget:
300'000 Euros



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