



ECOQUARTIER DU PARC PRINCESSE

LE VÉSINET, FRANCE

The eco-neighbourhood of the Park Princesse is the last land development opportunity for the town of Le Vésinet, allowing the creation of a new residential neighbourhood and facilities. On this site, the imposing historical monument of the Vésinet Hospital (imperial asylum inaugurated in 1875) becomes a central element for the future neighbourhood. The site is almost entirely planted with trees, giving the hospital an emblematic status at the heart of this garden city, designed and developed since the mid-19th century by the French landscape gardener Paul de Lavenne, Count of Choulot.

Our objective for the eco-neighbourhood of the Park Princesse is to successfully integrate new development into this constrained site. A housing typology is proposed which respects the founding concepts and design principles of the town, whilst meeting the objectives of urban densification. In accord with the 'Vesinet Ideal' of inhabiting nature, this typology seeks an alternative high quality model, where the characterizing principles of the typical Vésinet mansion inspire and inform collective residential buildings with visually permeable ground floors, and views from the upper storeys and inhabited roofs oriented towards the landscape.

By retaining the maximum of the remarkable trees and valorizing the existing woodlands and natural environments, the project reinforces the landscape structure. Buildings are positioned in the clearings of the woodland, where the soil is less fertile, or on the site of former constructions. The project encourages stakeholder implication with customized consultation and a programme of neighbourhood study groups focusing on the public space/private space interfaces and a peaceful, low nuisance construction site. Finally, environmental goals are crucial, shown through a systemic and transversal approach of the different parameters of sustainable development.

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DESIGN OF AN ECO-NEIGHBOURHOOD IN THE FORMER IMPERIAL ASYLUM

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Client AFTRP

Design team

Agence Ter Landscape Urbanists (lead consultant),

Agence Ter Architectures,

SODEREF, Les ENR, Gauthier Bicheron

Budget 12 M€ tax excluded (public realm)

Program 455 housing units,

600 m² commercial units, a retirement home

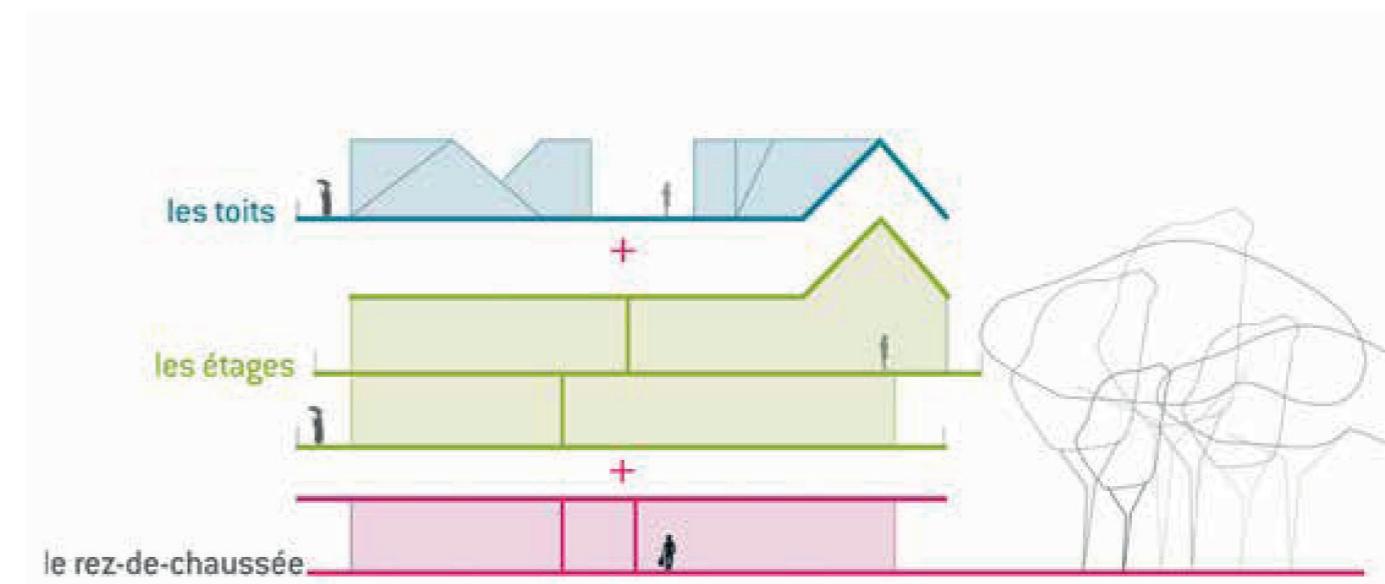
Area 18,5 ha

Timing 2016-2020





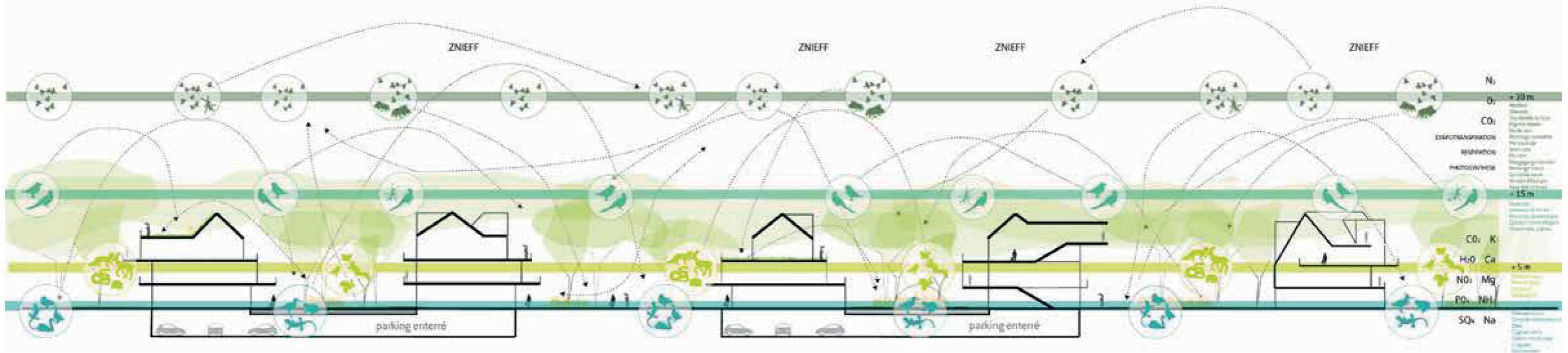
The serpentine as a green corridor within the site



A different landscape for each height



Development of a digital model in Infraworks used for the coordination of all of the stakeholders



To preserve, valorise and reinforce the landscape heritage of the site to strengthen and enrich ecological corridors



The Vesinet Hospital seen from the esplanade