

Project

JARDIN DE POCHE - INSTALLATION

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Programme

Installation of 5 transportable urban terraces

About

"Pocket gardens" are transportable public terraces installed on city streets. Wooden platforms surrounded by safety nets are placed atop collection containers, and equipped with pool ladders for access; this creates a terrace that overlooks the traffic, offering a different vision of the street. Each "garden" becomes a temporary miniature multi-use public space, a sort of testing ground of what can be made of such micro-spaces, as well as a laboratory for experimenting with light, simple structures. In late summer 2004, the gardens were placed at ten locations near the Cité Administrative in the Brussels and Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode neighbourhoods.

Streets and sidewalks are spaces of locomotion, but the concept of "parking" was literally appropriated to deposit an object for the pleasure of the city's inhabitants. No events or organised activities were planned for the containers; they simply appeared, each bearing a sign that read: "Open to All".

The point of their use was in fact nothing other than a reflection on ? pushed to an extreme, even to the point of parody ? the ongoing daily life of a neighbourhood, creating a sort of reflective standpoint over the natural spontaneity of public spaces.

OTHER PROJECTS :

Generis - Residential towers
- 2010-2011
- Chengdu

Reine Astrid - Public square
- 2009
- Visé

Ecole Hôtelière - Hotel boarding school
- 2009-...
- Namur

Waterloo - Housing and commercial
space
- 2011-...
- Uccle

Typology

Landscape, urban areas

Status

Built

Conception

2004

Delivery

2004

Client

Fondation Roi Baudoin, Shanks Waste Solutions, Vlaamse Gemeenschaps Commissie, Ville de Bruxelles, Commune de Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode, Lichten & Germeau

Total budget

6200 ?

Area

5x12 m²

Stability

AIB Vingotte

Others

Bricoleurs Sans Frontières

Others

City Mine(d)



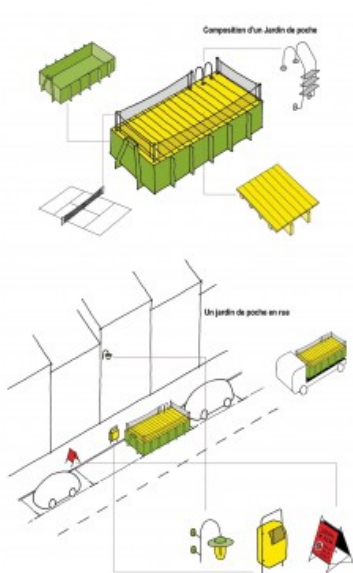
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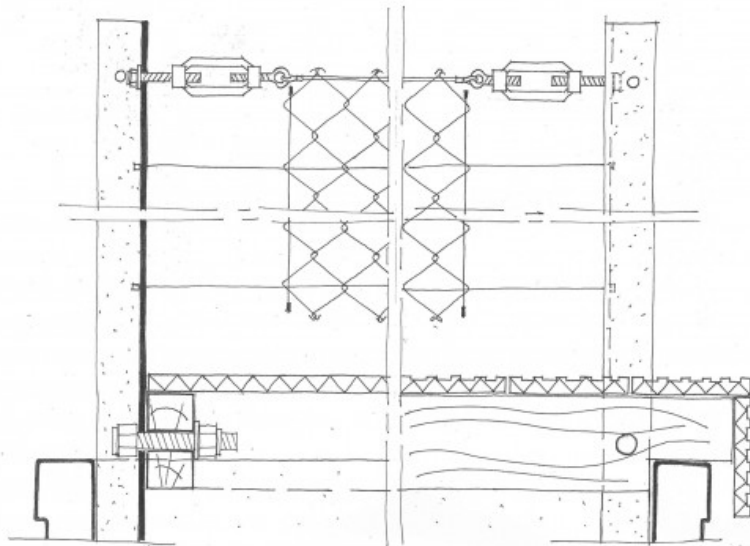
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