

Antwerp Regatta >>>



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1st prize invited competition

project
design recreational park area

location
Antwerp, Belgium

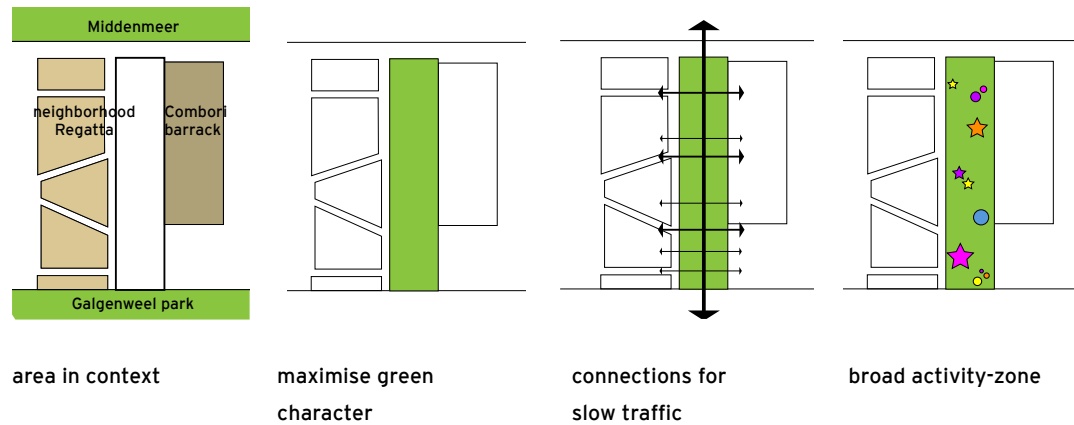
designers
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partners
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client
City of Antwerp

size
approx. 2,5 ha

year of design
2013



The neighborhood Regatta is situated on the left bank of Antwerp's river Schelde. The eastern part of the neighborhood is intended for community facilities: two community schools, a Centre for Child and Family Welfare (CKG), various sport and recreational facilities in a green, urban setting.

The winning design, by Geurst & Schulze and HOSPER, consists of a lively park zone with the community facilities placed therein. All possible design tools have been deployed to transform the area into a place with a good atmosphere, where there is a strong relation between the various facilities and the surroundings and where people like to stay and pass their time.



Masterplan

In the award-report the jury expresses appreciation for the design as a whole that, from an urban design point of view, forms a clear and robust framework. The community school is positioned in the vicinity of the neighborhood. The playground stretches out to the west of the school building and is delimited by a height difference. The CKG is situated at a distance to the public community

functions and surrounded by green. The positioning of the building volumes allows for good social supervision. Routes for slow-traffic pass through the area and connect the various facilities and spaces with each other and the surroundings.



Lively park area

The area is meant for various target groups. The park-like character connects to the surrounding green areas and offers an extra value to the adjacent neighborhood. The area is designed in such a way that it stimulates a variety of uses. The different facilities, but also the multitude of informal play and recreational opportunities, ensure a tremendously lively, flexible and

multifunctional public space.

Economically sustainable school

The community school is situated along the Pernathlaan and positioned in a north-south direction. The versatile center has a flexible structure and connects both to the playground with sports-facilities on one side, and to the Regatta housing neighborhood on the other side. The flexible structure of the

building enables it to respond to several changing conditions such as educational revolutions, changing conditions in the collaboration between the schools and even to a complete change of function.

