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project
design public space

location
Antwerp Borgerhout, Belgium

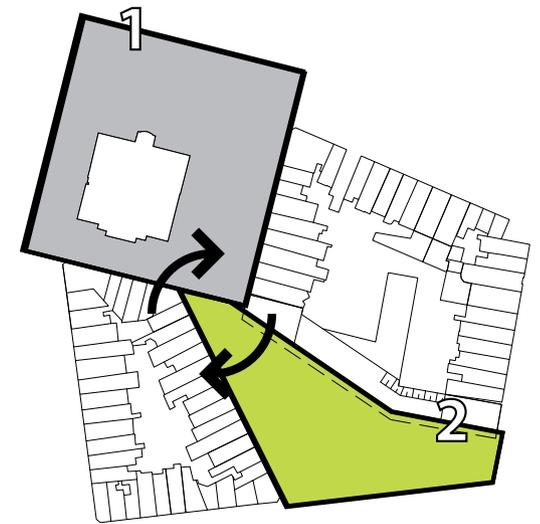
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client
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size
1,1 ha

year of design
2011



A place which brings people together

The district Borgerhout has a unique location in the centre of Antwerp. The area coincides with Antwerp's historic heart. At present there is too little public space in this part of the city to accommodate the diverse population and the many young families. The demolition of the existing district offices, police station and some adjacent buildings creates space for a new high quality green area in the city. Together with the adjacent Moorkens Square, with its historic district house, this neighbourhood park will become a large space that will bring people together and can be used in a large variety of ways.

This new space provides a balance between the neighbourhood character of the place and the function that it has as a part of the city centre. A balance between the character of a square and a park, liveliness and tranquillity, formal and informal use. It will be a place to stay but also to view in passing, for both the young and the old. A space that always feels comfortable and that can become of great significance for the neighbourhood and the environment.



terraces

water sprayers

tree grid of Gleditsia trees

historical district house

abstract giant

semi-public courtyard

flat floor in multicultural pattern

elevated sitting edge, decorated by inhabitants

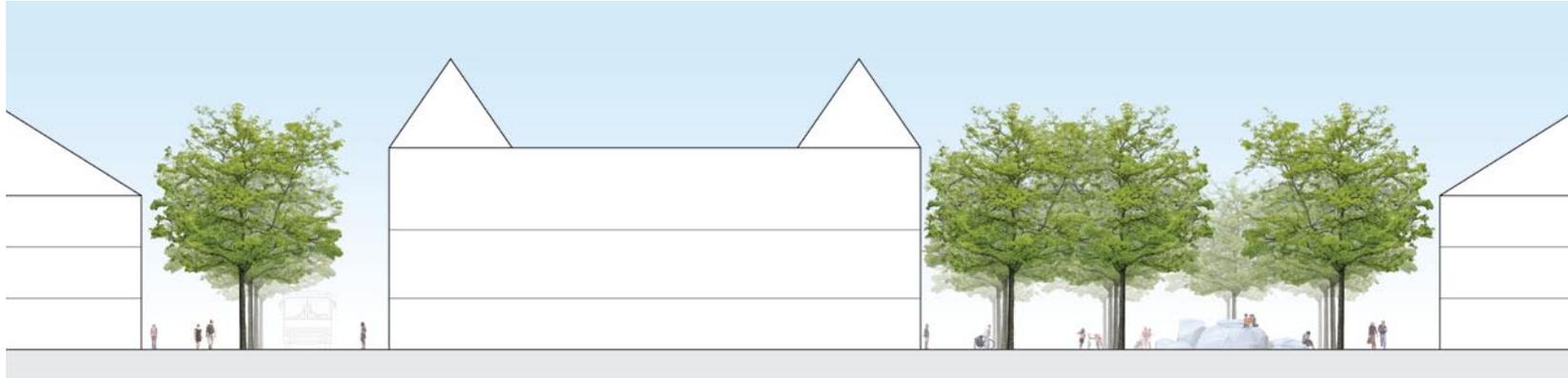
new administrative centre

colonnade

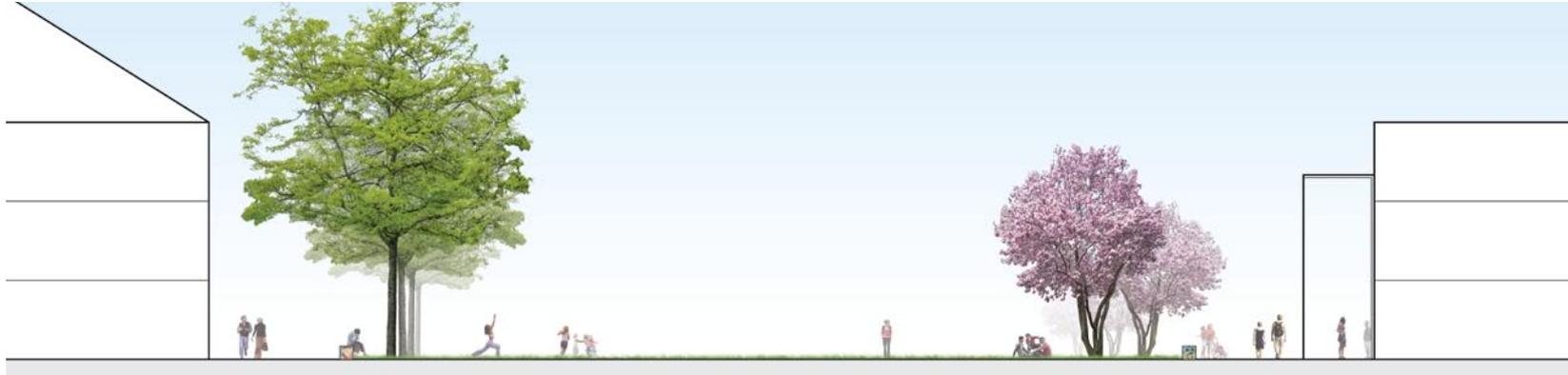
multifunctional grass field

various flowering trees

row of Gleditsia trees



section of the Moorkensplein square with historic districts house (mid)



section of neighbourhood park Borgerhout with new administrative centre (right)

Square and park

The design consists of a flat floor from wall to wall, with various elements contained therein. The floor has a multicultural pattern that symbolizes the diversity of the population.

The atmosphere on the square is determined by the historic district house with its ceremonial function. The historic district house will be

surrounded by a grid of trees, water sprayers, terraces and an abstracted giant that refers to the tradition of 'Borgerhoutsestraat Reuskens' which also operates as a play element.

The atmosphere in the park is determined by the multifunctional grass field with trees and the adjoining new administrative centre with colonnade. The unity between the square and the

park is ensured by a continuous floor and the use of the same lighting and furniture.

