

Restructuring of the site & garden, Hôpital Necker Enfants Malades , Paris, 2004 / 2018

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This project favours mixed uses in the city and prevents single-function spaces.

THE CHILDREN IN THE CITY, THE PASSER-BY IN THE HOSPITAL : Transforming a hospital by doubling the surface area while offering one-hectare park to the city. Located right in Paris, Necker Hospital for Sick Children (19th c.) was suffocating inside an enclave that was shut in on itself. By eliminating certain dilapidated buildings, the new plan puts the Mother-Child centre at the corner of a strategic urban intersection. This approach gives the hospital a genuine opening to the city while freeing up within it a vast right-of-way transformed into a landscape space.

Finally, this project saves ground space by offering, in the very heart of the site and the district, a landscaped park of almost one hectare in natural ground, after having built twice as much surface area as was demolished.

In the middle of the park, a fresco 30 m high, painted by Keith Haring in 1987, was preserved and restored. It is a fire escape of one of the two demolished Infantile Private Clinics, creating a monumental signal on the alley pedestrian connecting the streets of Vaugirard and Sèvres.