



GENERAL VIEW

**PREVIOUS STATE**  
Roquetas de Mar, south of Almeria, is framed between the Mediterranean Sea and the Alpujarra of Almeria. These landscape referents are bond by frequent ravines which go through orchards and fabrics channeling the occasional floods that characterize the climatology of the area. Near the sea, in the most depressed topographic points several salt mines can be found. One of these nowadays disappeared mines because of the urban growth y the urban growth, is what gives name to the environment of the "Low Lands". In its place, a sports center was built that, being surrounded along its perimeter by a concrete wall of three meters high, formed an impassable edge, an island which remained isolated from its surroundings without any kind of visual, urban and social or cultural relationship. It was a "no place".

**OBJECT OF THE INTERVENTION**  
In 2013, the Municipality of Roquetas de Mar along with the Chamber of Architects of Almeria which act as organizer, called an anonymous contest in two phases with the aim of regenerating all its urban territory. The scope of intervention that was initially set within the old sports arena was extended by extending its surface to the Cañuelo ravine, so that not only did it incorporate landscaping elements into the new park, but it also revalued several public facilities which existed until then with a rather marginal situation and poor accessibility, such as the Municipal Sports Pavilion or the Municipal Bullring. The adjacent streets are also redeveloped so that the park reaches the facades of several blocks of homes and retail spaces totaling almost 63,000m2 of the initial planned 30,000m2.

**DESCRIPTION**  
Society. A public space is the place where cultures are based, a space so as to favor and to ensure equality and social relations, a place so as to strengthen bonds with neighbors and with your own city. We understand "the Low Lands" as a completely open, accessible and flexible place, where all kinds of activities are mixed, where the collectivity but also individuality fits; covering a range of population as large as possible, from children to older people; because responding to diversity is how we can ensure the full development of society. City. Departing from the current fabric and aiming to rearrange it by means of a visualization system, routes and accesses that allow a continuous merging of the park and the city and vice versa are placed. From any perimeter street, the interior is accessed through a small square with a Jacaranda that marks the access to the interior through paths that split and melt in other squares that house the park areas that host sports and recreational uses. of leisure such as sports tracks, skate park, outdoor auditorium, games for children and seniors, table tennis facilities, work-out, pipi-ca, dog toilets, lawn bowling, etc.

**Materiality.** The project is built with few materials, economic, durable, and with reduced or no maintenance; with light gray concrete and hot galvanized steel. The first, finished by sandblasting, is used for floors and buildings; the galvanized steel used for locksmith's craft and street furniture. In other tones the siliceous sand typical of the place is used for the beds and Iroko wood in lattices, backs of benches and interior furniture of equipment. The choice of a reduced amount of materials involves items with a large measurement that results in a budget reduction that gives the whole intervention feasible. In addition, these raw materials and the way they are worked seek to escape from the perfection and immutability of manufactured products, in order to gradually age them over time.

In gardening, species adapted to local climatology are used, with little water demand.

**ASSESSMENT**  
On one hand, we transcribe the assessment that the jury made of the contest when publishing the final decission:  
"-The project emphasizes its intelligent geometrical design, quiet and at the same time subtly twisted that differentiates and at the same time articulates spaces of routes and static and dynamic areas.  
-Generates a successful meeting place between the bullring and the park endowed with urban and environmental qualities.  
-In this area, two longitudinal buildings are defined that make up a space with adequate urban scale and providing permeability between the bullring and the park. One of them houses the cafeteria and library and the other one houses the changing rooms and access to the sports courts. These tracks are successfully deepened with respect to the level of the terrain, delimiting the sports activities and generating views on them. The grid of circulation spaces successfully hits the midpoints of the three streets and emphasizes the intersection node.  
-This grid configures different areas with different uses according to the proposed program.  
-The general landscaping quality of the park is entrusted to a well-thoughtful implantation of trees, having studied in detail both the plant species as well as their chromatic assemblies. Certain species of trees are used to point and enhance accesses, routes and crossroads, thus acting as effective plant landmarks."  
On the other hand, it is important to say that far away from controversy between different political parties according to their interests during the construction works, citizens of all ages and conditions fill the park every day enjoying it and making it their own place. Moreover, new shops have been opened in the facilities of the zone. In addition the work has been carried out at a time and a cost that we qualify as successful.



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