



LOCATION MAP

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| Client : | TOULOUSE COUNCIL |
| Landscape architecture: | MICHELE&MIQUEL |
| Project cost : | 3 110 000 € |
| Project area: | 21.000 m ² |
| Design : | 2011-2012 |
| Construction : | 2014-2016 |

The "Niel" public garden occupies the parade ground space of the former "Caserne Niel" military barracks. It is located on the south of Toulouse city centre, at the junction of the West isolated post-war "Empalot" neighbourhood and the "Sainte-Agne" neighbourhood.

The 21.000 sqm garden is both urban scaled and neighbourhood scaled.

It's about the same size of two other Toulouse well-known "Jardin du Grand-Rond" and "Jardin Royal" public gardens. In fact, the "Jardin Niel" will be a part of Toulouse green network along with Le Canal du Midi, Garona river green spaces.

It is the main space of a new urban development of 500 housing, an elementary school and commercial area.

Niel garden is one of the main city's park, and aims to be a new major link between these 2 districts as well as an defining image for the new development.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW: current state

REVEALING THE SITE'S HISTORY

Our project deals with the site's history, and first with its geography. The natural configuration in high relief overlooks the Garonne River. It's flood safe, and has been a particular place since far back in the history.

Archaeological works on this site recently discovered an Iron Age graveyard and early roman era forum. For the next centuries it became a military stronghold and was an observation point for the 1814 Toulouse Napoleonic war battle.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW: previous state

A TOPOGRAPHY : SHIMMERING SHROUD

Our project is a proposal for recording this promontory situation. It covers the precious archaeological site for the next generations, for it has been impossible to excavate the entire area. The project also reinforces the military axial configuration.

Furthermore, our proposal highlights the promontory situation, taking granted that the archaeological remains presence forbids all action and plantation at the actual ground level: **the garden's shape is an undulating shroud covering the buried treasures.**



ENTRANCE: current state



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