



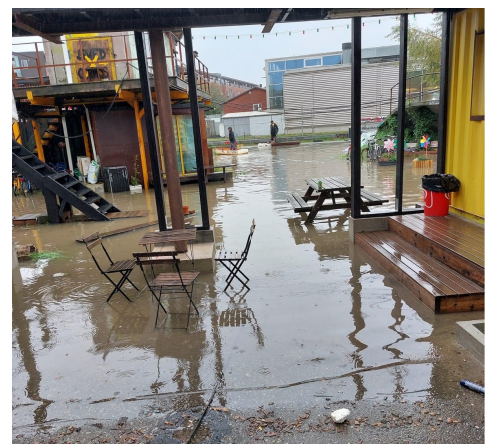
BECOMING A FOREST

What if puddles were also an opportunity to welcome the diversity of life that we usually push away?

Here we are in Aarhus, Denmark, at the Institut for (X), a small spontaneous city at the back of the abandoned railway station.

The 'real city' rises more than a meter to push the water it doesn't want elsewhere. But isn't it here, where the Institut for (X) is located, where the city of the future is born? Amphibious, welcoming and open to change?

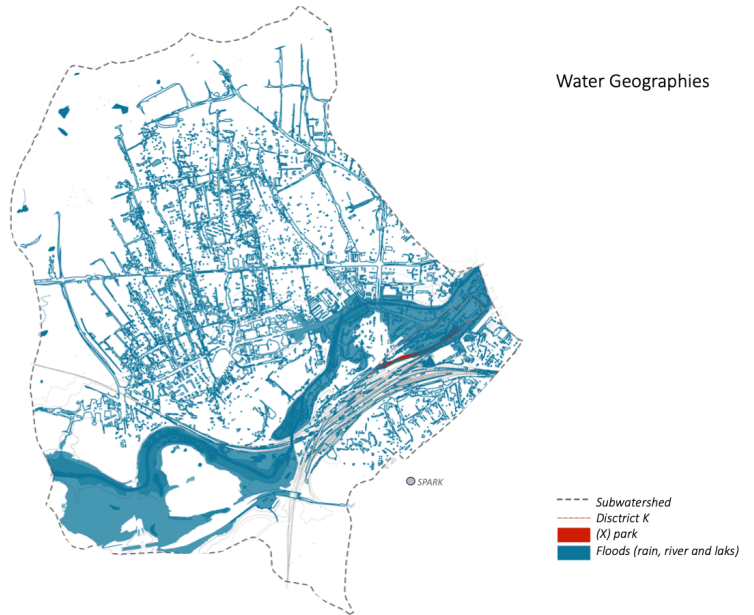
Here we will answer these questions and see if we can take advantage of the water that comes here from all corners of the city to cultivate new forms of life and create a shared space for all living beings, making the forest come back to us.



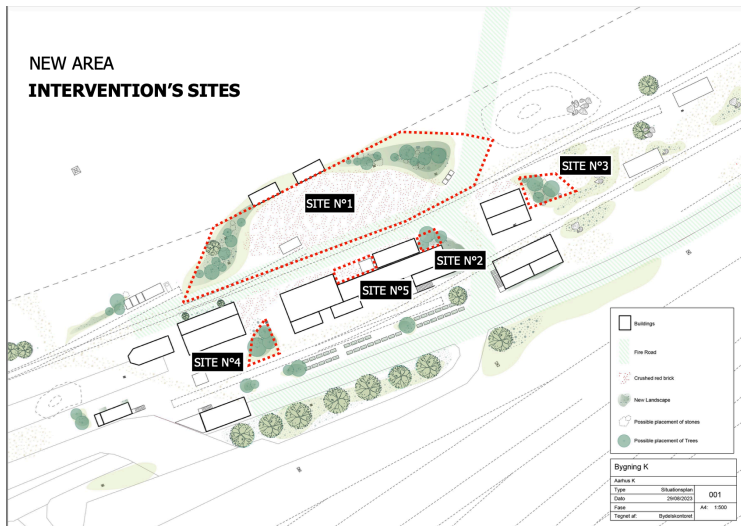
WATER AND CONCEPT OF INVISIBLE GARDEN

Since the dawn of time, water and life have been deeply connected. Dense with biological presence, water shelters profoundly heterogeneous ecological conditions.

Historically hidden/expelled for hygiene purposes and covered under layers of landfill, water still accumulates in the city. Water often accumulates in 'urban lowlands' and secretly cradles new coexistence and life there, away from public eye. Institut for X lies in one of such lowlands and as part of our intervention, we also tried to trace potential creeks where water comes closer to the surface, allowing for new forms of life to flourish.



WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?



We have started by mapping out the whole territory of X and potential intervention sites, taking into account water flows.

We decided to plant 100 trees as a symbolic action but also as a way to work together and explore the area and its potential.

HERE ARE THE MATERIALS WE USED

We also did inventory of the materials that we had at our disposal. We didn't need much as we could always do with what we have!

Soil



Stones



Trees



Wood

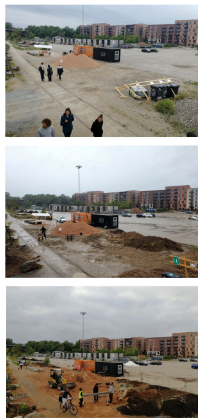
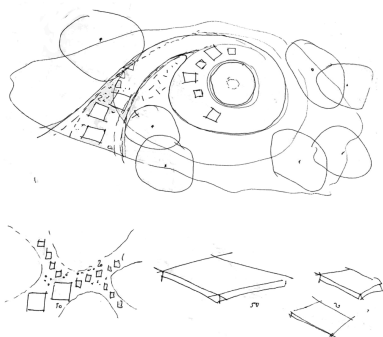


WORK DONE DURING LAST INTERVENTION

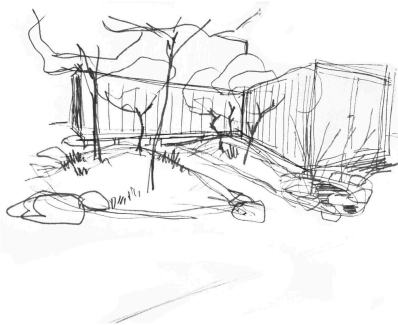
We have started by planting the forest we intend to grow on the territory of X. For each site that we have mapped, we came up with a plan on how to turn it into a micro garden – heaven of vitality and coexistence. We built with water flows in mind, making sure our forest will always stay nourished. We allowed plants to take over the roofs as well as the ground.

Below are just some example of the garden sites, the fountain and the green roofs:

SITE N°1 - VIKINGS' PLAZA
PRINCIPLE OF VULCANO



SITE N°2 - CONTAINER'S GARDEN
PRINCIPLE OF THE GARDEN



FUTURE OF THE FOREST

Join us for the spring workshop, during which we intend to tend to the trees we have planted and facilitate the growth of our forest, including collectively sowing seeds and playing with water and local plants. We will cultivate more gardens on the roof of the containers, allowing our forest to spread from top to bottom.