LAYOUT OF THE LYS' RIVERBANKS AND SURROUNDINGS

Project	
Architects	SUMPROJECT
Address	8500 Courtrai
Programe	The different projects led by Sum follow the adaptation of the rivercourse of the Lys to the new European norms for inland waterway traffic. This has resulted in damaged fragments of land on both banks of the river. The city choose to turn this harsh and radical intervention into a positive and uniting element by reconstructing the public space, the bridges and wharves along with the infrastructure works.
About	In the context of this masterplan, Sum was responsible for the design of the Albert Park, the wharves and the bridges crossing the park, specially the new bicycle and pedestrian connection (Collegebrug), with Ney & Partners. The flowing nature of the 209 meters long bridge means users do not need to overcome a steep climb (5%) and it is integrated as a sculpture into the landscaping of both banks. Regarding the Albert Park, Sum has conceived it as a valley park across which the Leie flowed diagonally. According to this concept, both banks were set up in the same style and the new park was given a unique character based on the valley's natural flowing relief. The various sections of the park were constructed as separate, defined spaces joined directly to the urban surroundings. Thus, on the right bank, the area between Groeningebrug and Dambrug was set up as space for youth with a skate and bicycle track. The peaceful arm of the Leie at the Buda island was set up as a grassy beach along the Leie, also known as the 'Buda beach'.
Typology	Landscape, urban areas
Status	Built
Conception	1997-2005
Delivery	2005-2010
Client	Ministère de la Communauté flamande
Landscape	Dirk Vandekerkhove
Others	Ney & Partners (pont du Collège)

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Saint-Cyr House
- 2006-2009 2011
- Bruxelles

Extension of the Brigittines Theatre
- 2001-2005 2007-2008
- Bruxelles

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- 2002-2006 2009
- Gent

Renovation of the old thermal springs
- 2010 -
- Spa



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