



## JARDIN HABITÉ 107 COLLECTIVE HOUSING UNITS

Bègles, France

On a former market gardening plot, the creation of an urban village with 107 housing units, integrated with greenery. In the heart of the Bordeaux metropolitan area, just a few steps from a tram stop, the project pays tribute to Bègles' agricultural past and offers a living environment in harmony with nature.

The project site is the last agricultural wasteland in the Biranbits market gardening district, just a stone's throw from the Mussonville metropolitan natural park. The square boundaries of the old greenhouses, some rows of fruit trees, vegetable plantings, and a sealed well are still visible. It was clear to us that the challenge of this development project was to preserve the "countryside in the city" atmosphere.

Thus, we had to invent a new way of living in the city, in harmony with nature, just a few minutes from a tram stop and, therefore, connected to the heart of the metropolis.

The design strategy involved first creating open spaces consisting of meticulously designed shared and private gardens, and then placing the built structures: four U-shaped residential buildings directly linked to the gardens.

The landscape of these spaces consists of plant layers of varying scales, combining lawns, planted beds, and small copse trees, poetically evoking the site's agricultural past.

It is truly nature that infiltrates the inhabited fabric. The plant layers create intimate spaces for ground-floor private gardens and loggias on the upper floors. On the rooftops, garden terraces offer distant views towards the Mussonville park (...)

### Client

SCCV Bègles 52 Mussonville

### Program

Construction of 107 collective housing units and an underground parking garage with 123 spaces.

### Surface

Gross floor area (GFA): 6,300 m<sup>2</sup>

### Cost of Work

€8,525,000 ex-tax

### Status

Delivered in 2021

### Environmental Quality

RT2012 – H&E Certification, Profile A  
High thermal inertia walls with natural hand-molded brick cladding on 80% of the façades.

Wooden frameworks.

Greening of all private and communal outdoor spaces. The parking is buried 0.5 to 1.50 meters below the level of the soil.

### Housing

