SPORTS AND CULTURAL COMPLEX

Sainte-Hélène, France

Construction of a sports and cultural complex in Sainte-Hélène

Simplicity in Service of the Project

The landscaping approach is rooted in simplicity and attentiveness to the environment. The project aims to enhance this typical atmosphere by integrating the facilities into a bucolic and rural setting. Like the land of the Landes region, we propose a space where the edge of the forest creates a clear, inhabited glade, punctuated by identifying elements. Water is a major feature of the site. Drainage will be crucial for the long-term durability of the various sports facilities. Therefore, we incorporate different methods of soft water management on the site. Two ponds will serve as both a backdrop for the future cultural building and as irrigation for the fields.

Adaptation to the Terrain and the Osmosis Between the Built Environment and Space

The buildings, including the Airial, the cultural space, the covered tennis courts, and the grandstand, will blend into the landscape as though they have been there for many years. Their seemingly random placement is actually dictated by function, climatic orientation, and vehicle and pedestrian access. These buildings are served by parking areas located along the northeastern wooded edge.

Their volume integrates seamlessly into the canopy, never exceeding 13 meters in height. The roofs are pitched, reflecting the local architecture and the airial spirit, yet designed with a focus on contemporary aesthetics. The use of textured, cast-in-place concrete with integral color enhances thermal inertia, promoting good summer comfort. The addition of crushed Alios stone in the concrete mix will give the material a hue that (...)

Client
City of Sainte-Hélène

Program
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Surface
2,386 m²

Cost of Work
€7,750,000 ex-tax

Status
2018 competition

Environmental Quality
Environmental approach of the HQE type implemented throughout the design process

Sports park