

BEST GREEN LIBRARY PROJECT IFLA 2022

« A participatory garden at the library
to develop biodiversity »

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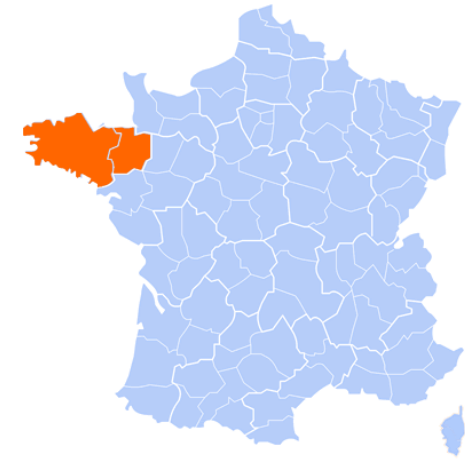


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CONCARNEAU CORNOUAILLE AGGLOMERATION DISCOVER OUR TERRITORY

An attractive territory

- 371 km²
- 50 975 inhabitants (INSEE)
- 9 cities : Concarneau, Elliant, Melgven, Saint-Yvi, Tourc'h, Nevez, Pont-Aven, Trégunc, Rosporden
- Between Quimper and Lorient, two big cities
- Facing the Atlantic ocean
- Favorite region of the French



A network of 8 libraries created in 2018

- A single adherent card
- 113 200 documents (books, newspapers, magazines, CD, DVD, videogames...)
- 10 418 members
- 274 000 loans
- 14 000 inline reservations
- **7 library construction or renovation projects by 2025.**
Tourc'h is the first of them.



TOURC'H PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED IN JANUARY 2022

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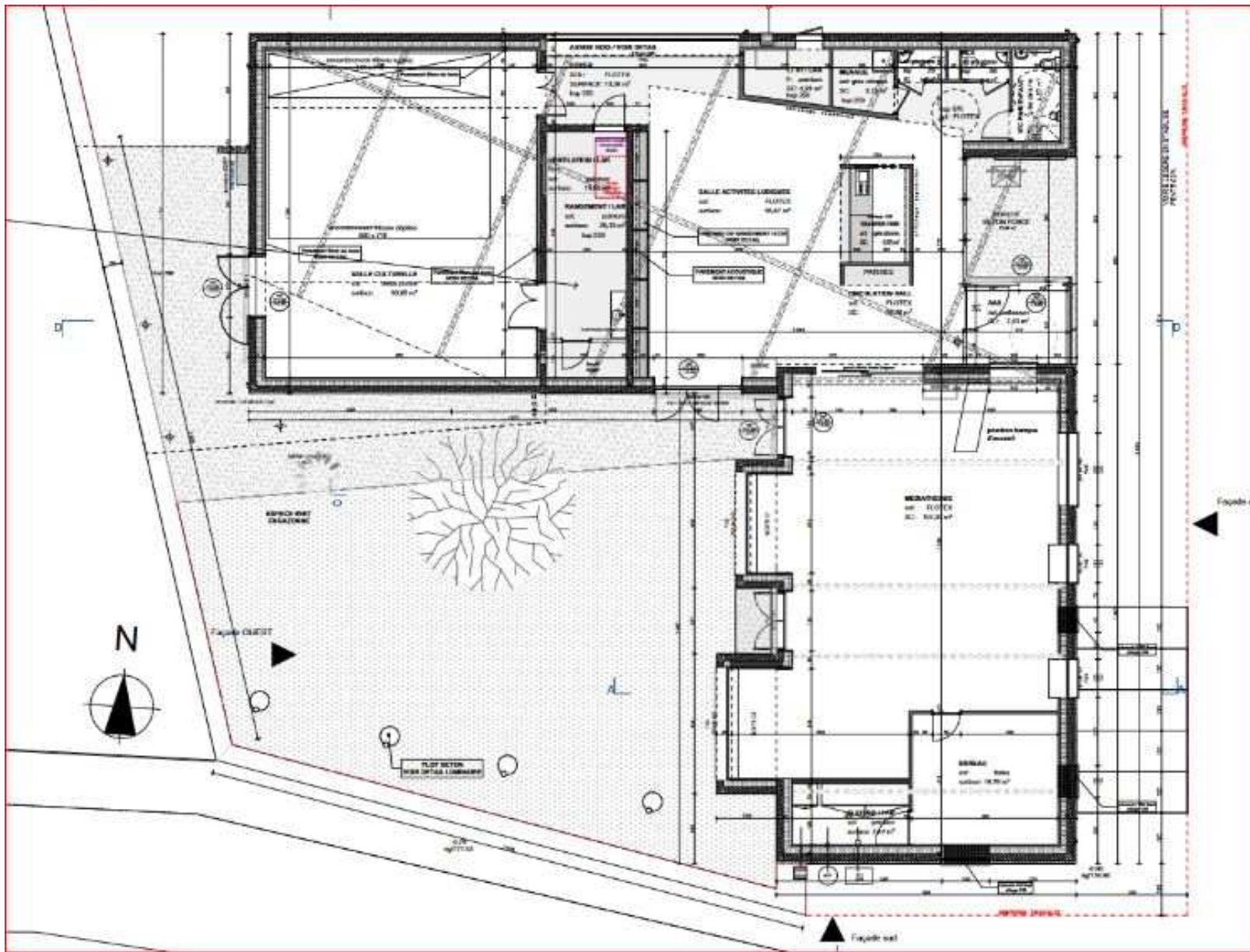


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TOURC'H : 1 012 inhabitants, 19,7 km² A TINY CITY BUT AN AMBITIOUS ONE



The associative library was in the old presbytery of the municipality of Tourc'h. This building with an area of 70 m² was dilapidated and cramped.



The municipality initiated the project in 2014.

The intercommunality, at the time of the creation of the network of libraries (2018), took it over and made it concrete in 2022.

The roof is composed of solar panels. Particular care has been taken with the insulation.





Now there is 400 m² of surface area, for 3 spaces of more than 100m² each (library, toy library, cultural creation room).

**The library is open 20h/week.
3000 documents are included.
2 salaried librarians work there : a mixed team fully involved in the project.**





HOW ABOUT IT ? THE LANDED GARDEN

As we live in a magnificent territory where nature is our strength but also the concern of the inhabitants and elected officials, the idea of the shared garden naturally emerged. The garden was the "blank page" of the architectural project and allowed us to imagine the idea of a participatory garden.

One of the goals of the library was also to develop collections, mediations and actions around biodiversity and the environment.

We wanted to be careful to develop a project based on the recovery of materials. We have paid attention to the places where materials are searched in order to limit travel and carbon footprint.

Since we wanted each inhabitant to feel welcome and take over the place, we imagined letting them create their garden with a collective of landscapers :
« Atelier Bivouac ».

"No one educates, no one
educates himself alone, men
educate themselves
together through the
intermediary of the world"
Paulo Freire

THE CONCEPT OF THE LIBRARY GARDEN

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SOME INFORMATIONS

MORE ABOUT IT

FINANCING OF THE PROJECT

- State subsidy « Contrat Territoire Lecture » : 2000€
- Region : 16 000€
- Own resources : 6118 €

EXPENSES

- Service : inventory, drawing, workshops for the public : 4 900€
- Site preparation actions / workshops for the public : 12 950€
- Materials : 4 700€
- Communication : 1568€

DURATION

- The preparation of the project started in december 2020
- Between january and june 2021, librarians have research partners, landscapers and grants.
- The project with landscapers started officialy in decembre 2021.
- The garden will open on May 6th 2022.
- The library could not be officially inaugurated because of the covid, it will be inaugurated as well as the garden on July 1st 2022.



RESOURCE INVENTORY

DISCOVER OUR TERRITORY



The landscapers met, on the recommendation of the librarians, with various local companies in the way to collect reusable materials. They also visited work sites in the municipality to recover old stones and woods.

Flat stones that will be used to create a driveway inspired by japanese gardens and beams of the old presbytery to create planted boxes

Pruning of chestnut trees and hazel trees to fix birdhouses in the garden

WORKSHOP WITH THE SCHOOL

DISCOVER AND IMAGINATION



Children of the public school were invited by the librarian to meet landscapers. They were asked to imagine what will they do on a raft floating in the garden. The majority of them imagine themselves reading lying down.

They mimed a cabin that can accomodate 3 children to imagine the size of it and the way they want to use it.



In the garden, most of them would like to read, play, take their snack and rest. They also visited the garden and were asked to say what where the best and the worst place in the garden. They stick a red and a green autocollant on a map to show it.

WORKSHOP BIRDHOUSES

MANUFACTURING WITH

BRETAGNE VIVANTE





A member of the association « Bretagne Vivante » presented the birds in the garden, how to take care of them and welcome them in the best possible way. Participants of all ages made birdhouses in naturally wood. Birdhouses will be fixed at wooden poles.



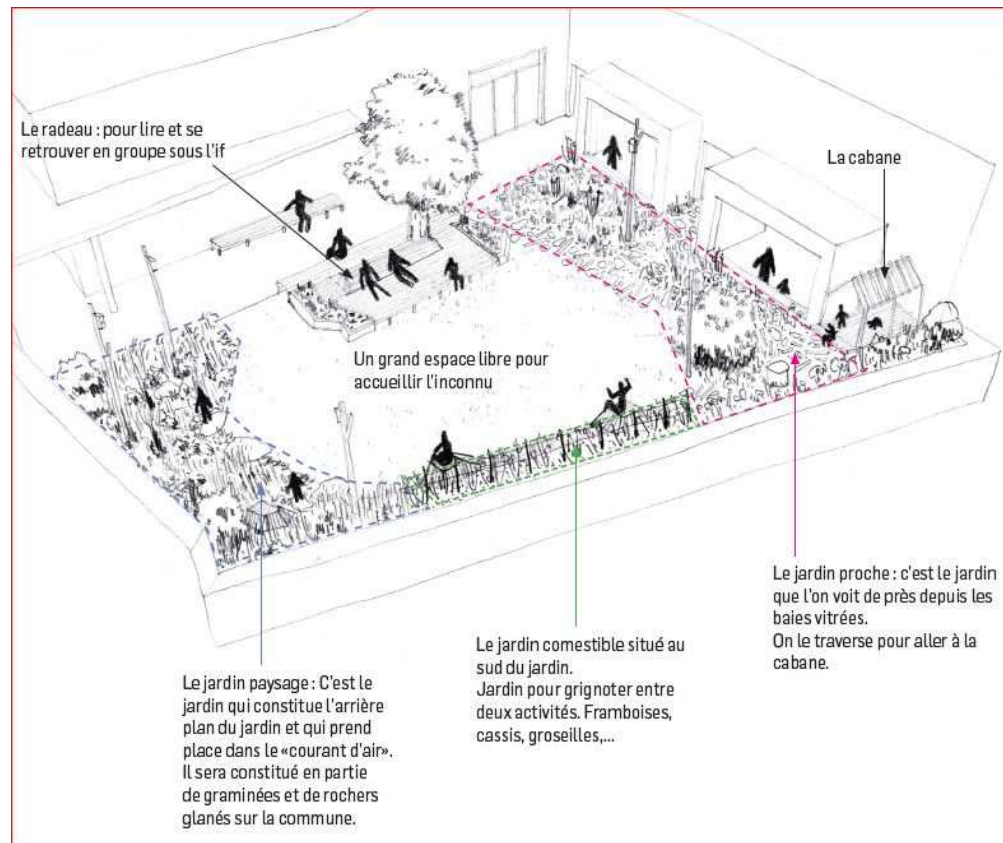
The next step will be to prepare the soils, to create micro-architectures around the tree and to plant shrubs and flowers.

A composter and a water collector will soon be installed.

Some plants will be purchased from a local nursery and others will be brought by the population.



Once completed, this garden will make it possible to carry out actions such as eco-gardening, composting, pruning of fruit trees, wildlife shelter garden...



HOW DO WE SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMENT GOALS ?

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UNITED NATIONS – AGENDA 2030

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1-No poverty : activities are free !

2-Zero hunger : every user of the library can learn how to build a garden, read books about agriculture or eat produces from the garden

4-Quality education : library membership is free and allows you to borrow books but also to access the internet

5-Gender equality : as you can see in the pictures of this set of slides, women tinker as well as men !

11-Sustainable cities and communities : this green library project is a hopeful way to create a community in the library. Inhabitants are also glad to meet each other and have activities together : knite, drink a coffee or read the newspaper.

12-Responsible consumption and production : we loan our collections, our shedule also limitate carbon footprint for library users and landscapers of the garden have collected materials in an environment close to the library.

13-Climate action : Younger generations who live in our territory grow up in a remarkable living environment. Those who were at workshops are ready to take care of the garden in future years.

15-Life on land : we create a quiet place for birds. Each year we will count birds in the garden to evaluate the animal activity. We also hope to see bats because they are protected ! A hive will also be installed on the roof.

THANK YOU !

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