

PARK MOULON AND THE CARRÉ DES SCIENCES

2015 ongoing, Saclay, Paris, France



The Parc du Moulon and Carré des Sciences (literally Science Square) is a four hectare public space project which will be built as part of the urban campus development planned on the Saclay plateau on the outskirts of Paris.

As an integral part of the urban grid, the park and square will connect adjacent programs, bringing together different populations, families, students and workers and providing a wide variety of possible activities and gathering places.

Park Moulon

Located in the heart of Moulon district, West 8's concept for the Park is rooted in the arboreal heritage and the natural topography of the site. The design creates a mélange of environments that together form a coherent whole. It features a series of comfortable pedestrian paths along the east and west edges of the park, which help animate the ground floor of the built fabric.

The center of the park functions as an intimate and contemplative space oriented around a pond in the north and a large meadow in the south, which surrounds 'Point F' and will support a wide variety of program.

The highlight of the park, however is the central "meander" which celebrates Saclay's hydraulic heritage and acts as reservoir. On the one hand, the 200 m long meander enables rainwater storage for the surrounding buildings, and on the other creates an iconic meeting point for the entire community.

Carré des Sciences

South of Moulon Park, lies one of the main squares of the campus, les Carré des Sciences. The square is an extension of the forecourt of the CentraleSupélec buildings and will become a pivotal gathering place to host events related to campus life. The square will connect through to the Park and the iconic 'Point F' pavilion, linking to Joliot-Curie Street and opening out onto the wooded edge of the park plateau.

Construction of Moulon Park and Carré des Sciences is slated to begin in mid-2016 and will be delivered in phases between summer 2017 and spring 2018.

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