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URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT MUIDE MEULESTEDE MORGEN



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MUIDE MEULESTEDE MORGEN?

In 2013, local residents saw their neighbourhood changing, but they needed an overview. They approached the City of Ghent to collaborate on the Muide-Meulestede neighbourhood of tomorrow.

The architectural firms ndvr and Architecture Workroom were ordered to conduct a preparatory (concept) study. They conducted interviews and organised workshops with residents, organisations and entrepreneurs in the neighbourhood. In their final report the firms proposed, among other things, 12 agenda items that formed the guideline for the urban renewal project Muide Meulestede Morgen.

On 29 September 2016, the residents and the City of Ghent launched the first projects. The next years saw the start of Moeskopperij, neighbourhood initiatives in railway carriages at Voorhaven and traffic counts by local residents. The residents also planted the Vikingbos woodland. Makelaarspark, Voorhavenpark and Kapitein Zeppospark were laid out. Innovative housing projects were prepared and implemented, such as co-housing for seniors and the community land trust project.

Those first projects were only the beginning, as the residents and the City of Ghent subsequently launched new ones. Het Atelier, a neighbourhood platform by local residents, provides an overview and is based on the initial agenda items. Muide Meulestede Morgen invests in green space, new housing forms, central meeting places, new economic activities in old harbour warehouses and sustainable mobility solutions, among other things.

In 2017, the companies BUUR and EVR started working on a neighbourhood structure sketch. It is a spatial structure in current and new projects to interconnect green and blue zones, streamline traffic flows and develop new places in a qualitative way. It constitutes the future image of the neighbourhood. Het Atelier closely monitors the study.

In addition, other studies and projects were started too. Local residents keep playing an important role in monitoring and executing the projects.

SPRING 2013

In 2013, local residents asked the City of Ghent to collaborate on a project for their neighbourhood.



JANUARY 2014

At a neighbourhood fair, the residents, the City of Ghent and other partners exchanged information about different projects. After the neighbourhood fair, the initiators collected information from children, organisations and professionals from the neighbourhood.



NOVEMBER 2014

The Flemish government approved the concept study for Muide-Meulestede, which was a first. It was also the first time that the residents themselves applied for such a study.



MAY-SEPTEMBER 2015

The initiators and the City of Ghent commissioned nvdr and Architecture Workroom to conduct the study. The architectural firms explored the neighbourhood and got to know current and expected projects. They also interviewed residents, entrepreneurs and organisations from the neighbourhood.



OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2015

At a first meeting in the neighbourhood centre, the firms presented what they had collected during the summer months. Local residents responded and added to that information. Three workshops followed in autumn. Local residents, neighbourhood organisations, entrepreneurs and municipal services debated mobility, housing and living as well as the economy in the neighbourhood.



6 FEBRUARY 2016

Residents had another opportunity to listen and respond to the insights from the workshops and the conversations in an intermediate presentation in the Teresa of Ávila Church.



29 SEPTEMBER 2016

Local residents and the City of Ghent launched the urban renewal project Muide Meulestede Morgen together and presented the first projects in the Meulestede cultural centre. They called on the neighbourhood to participate. A number of working group meetings followed.

SPRING 2017

Residents conducted their own traffic count. The neighbourhood garden Moeskopperij was launched, and local residents created a design for Makelaarspark together with the Parks & Gardens department.

AUTUMN 2017

The works for the construction of Houtdokpark and the redevelopment of Voorhaven started.

AUTUMN 2017-2018

Local residents planted the Vikingbos woodland. Architectural firms BUUR and EVR worked on the future image of the neighbourhood (structure sketch). Workshops and plant actions were organised, which evolved into new projects later on.

2019

The development of Makelaarspark was started and homeowners had the possibility to join the Wijkwerf project for renovation and insulation.

2020

Several parks were finished. Studies were conducted and new projects were launched.

AGENDA ITEMS

What do we want to achieve with Muide-Meulestede?
12 agenda items indicate the direction:



2.

Make current housing units more sustainable, liveable and safe.



1.

Cherish and enhance the presence of different housing types by integrating diversity in new housing projects as well



3.

Provide neighbourhood functions and public space in new housing projects



4.

Create the possibility to move and stimulate moving within the neighbourhood so that residents can stay there their whole lives



5.

Maintain, use and enhance the potential of warehouses, sheds, hangars and workshops as space for the manufacturing economy



6.

Create central spots: Roerstraat, Manchesterplein square and the roundabout in Meulestede, for example

7.

Make use of the presence of companies, entrepreneurs and schools, and launch neighbourhood learning-internship-work projects



9.

Make sure that the major infrastructure works on the outskirts of the city create advantages for the neighbourhood



11.

Make Muide-Meulestede the leader in achieving the aims of the City of Ghent's climate plan



8.

Connect the inner-city areas and create safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians



10.

Make the Pauwstraat – Muidepoort and the Meulestedebrug bridge area more liveable for the neighbourhood



12.

Use the space available to develop and test concrete climate measures



Urban renewal in co-creation

Local residents and the City of Ghent are looking for a new way of collaborating in the urban renewal project Muide-Meulestede.



Atelier

Residents, entrepreneurs, neighbourhood organisations and the City of Ghent commissioned the Muide Meulestede Morgen project together. They launched a neighbourhood platform: Het Atelier. Het Atelier provides an overview of all the projects. It is also a place to develop new projects and to compare them with the agenda items from the beginning.

Resident working groups

The residents themselves will also come into action in working groups. Together they will prepare actions.

Working group on Greening

Local residents make their neighbourhood greener in consultation with the Parks & Gardens department. The Vikingbos woodland in Pauwstraat, the front garden of Victor Carpentierschool, 50 façade gardens in Meulesteedsesteenweg and tree borders are some of this working group's projects.

Working group on Mobility

Local residents and the City of Ghent are looking for mobility solutions together. On the basis of the principle 'to measure is to know', 30 local residents organised a traffic count at the end of January 2017. The scale of this project was unique. The working group on Mobility and the City of Ghent have made efforts for an axis shift from New Orleansstraat to Port Arthurlaan.

Working group on railway carriages

On the new green square and in the neighbourhood garden next to the shipyards, local residents use old railway carriages as places where people can be creative, organise workshops, have meetings, organise family parties or just enjoy each other's company.



Central spots

greening buffer

Mobility solutions

Vision of the future for Muide-Meulestede



The outlines of the vision of the future for Muide-Meulestede are a green zone in New Orleansstraat, more green spaces that are interconnected in a loop, central spots in the neighbourhood, a mix between housing and industry on the island and in the harbour, and short-chain systems on the island.

The vision of the future, or the structure sketch, is a coherent spatial vision that connects current projects with new ones, develops green and blue zones, streamlines traffic flows inside and outside the city and allocates places to new activities.

The architectural firms BUUR and EVR designed this vision of the future in consultation with local residents and city services.



STEP BY STEP

The urban renewal project Muide Meulestede Morgen is a multiannual project. After the preparatory study (concept study) and the vision of the future (structure sketch), the first projects have been launched, but a lot of other projects are on the agenda as well. A thorough study is often required before a project can be launched. An overview of the studies that are currently being conducted:

- Muide-Meulestede fossil free: The City of Ghent examines whether and how the island can function without gas
- Temporary southern harbour ring: the provincial government examines how to improve traffic flows at the temporary southern harbour ring, pending the so-called Siferverbinding. That study included the shift of through traffic from New Orleansstraat to Port Arthurlaan
- MUV Mobility Urban Values is a European project that maps people's movements and wants to formulate recommendations for sustainable mobility
- Warehouses and workshops: Bulb Werkhuis examines how existing workshops and warehouses can be used better and more often
- The City of Ghent and Ghent University examine the means of transport that people use

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