

AMSTERDAM H-BUURT MAKERS

ZIPPER SYSTEM

A STEPPING STONE ON THE SOUTH-WEST AXIS



The proposed development envisages an individualized stepping stone in the sequence of diverse encounters along the metro-line and the adjacent soft south-west axis. Composed of a diverse mix of middle-income housing, sitting atop a set of affordable incubators of circular economy production, in an enfilade of differentiated productive landscapes, the strip can become a new brand name in Amsterdam - THE BUURTMAKERS - synonymous with local production in H-Buurt.



Capitalising on the potential of the Bijlmermeer stacked traffic system, two story boxes are built directly against the broadened embankment, creating a filter and a car-oriented access interface towards the elevated road. Their other three sides face the neighbourhood on the lower level. By spacing the boxes, the interface with the buildings and between the levels themselves is enriched. The public space contracts and expands, cutting out a series of specific spaces from the non-differentiated landscape. Moreover, the pedestrian areas continues into the interiors, functionally embedding the new structures into their surroundings. The plinth of the adjacent housing slabs is also activated with public amenities, making the Bullewijkpad a true venue that amplifies local culture, fostering local initiative and bridging the social divide.

MODULARITY - A DIVERSITY OF PHASING SCENARIOS



A base module with all the ingredients allows for the development to be phased organically. The project can also function as a precedent for the future development of the broader area, in particular the other buildings of the strip, on both sides of the project. Today some of Amstel III's commercial structures are transformed into housing. By adding productive spaces retroactively to them, the identity of the Buurtmakers strip can be strengthened and its role as a bridging device maximised.



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CO-HOUSING

ATELIERS

FROM MONO-FUNCTIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD TOWARDS THE PRODUCTIVE CITY

Buildings of diverse proportions and typologies allow for a maximum variety of use and support the coexistence of living and working. The middle class apartments and co-housing units would enhance the housing stock of the Bijlmermeer dominated by social housing, therefore increasing the social mix, attracting students, middle class people and entrepreneurs from outside and allowing local people that shift to higher incomes to stay.

The parking needs (250p) are incorporated on the ground floor under the embankment entrance platforms.

SCENARIOS OF OCCUPATION









Large glass sheds made of cheap adaptable structures provide space for clustered individual production units. Surrounding the free-standing clusters are the areas for distribution and consumption, employed by residents, people from the neighbourhood and Amstel III. On mezzanine level, the sheds unfold themselves as greenhouses allowing daylight to enter the deep interiors, offering the possibility to grow crops, flowers and plants. The existing community centre, the carwash and other local businesses currently located in the aged garages all find a natural home in the sheds.





CLUSTERING . AFFORDABILITY . CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The development can accommodate affordable start-up cells, low-end productivity units ran by locals, but also larger spaces for common use with leisure facilities and shared equipment to make small businesses profitable. In the vast interiors individual units aggregate into clusters, becoming a breeding ground for cycles including production, distribution, waste management, recycling and upcycling.