

# Health Village, Kortrijk

## A Picturesque Landscape

**Client** | City of Kortrijk, Belgium

**Architecture** | B & E Baumschlager Eberle GmbH, FDA  
architecten & ingenieurs n.v., I + B Itten & Brechbühl Inc.

**Period** | 2000–2005

**Work stages** | design and execution planning

**Area of design** | 2' 734' 000 m<sup>2</sup>

The future Health Village is to be developed on a site to date used for agriculture along an expressway. A type of landscape for whose remodelling there are no historic examples to draw from. The enormous potential of this site is not balanced by any adequate claims to utilization. First of all, the programmes for this redesign will have to be written and the respective models developed.

To define this place, Flemish landscape paintings, in which the strange and the familiar interact and balance each other, will be used as a starting-point. The design is to be based on simple types of landscape elements. The topography, vegetation, development, and water management will create points of reference and define the depth of the landscape to be. The goal is to generate a new landscape by picturesque means.



plan view

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