

PEACEFUL AND GREEN LIVING ENVIRONMENT

→ 13 ADDITIONAL HECTARES OF GREEN SPACES FOR THE GEORGES-VALBON DEPARTMENTAL PARK

A project that particularly embodies the natural legacy of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games is the Terrain des Essences.

Close to the Aire des Vents, from which it is separated by the Dugny-La Courneuve T11 tram station, **the Terrain des Essences will undergo a major transformation thanks to the Games.** Formerly owned by the Ministry of Defense, the Terrain des Essences served as a hydrocarbon depot and has been an enclave within the Georges-Valbon Departmental Park. The Department had wanted to acquire it for many years, but decontamination costs hindered any development projects.

The arrival of the Games in Seine-Saint-Denis enabled the situation to be resolved, opening **the opportunity to not only decontaminate the site but also to develop and return it to residents.** In 2021, the Department became the new owner of the Terrain des Essences and is carrying out the works at a total cost of 13 million euros, fully covered by SOLIDEO.



The Department has completed soil and groundwater decontamination work, finished in 2022. The site's topography will then be reshaped to allow quick access from the T11 station to the new entrance of the Georges-Valbon Departmental Park. The renaturation phase began in June 2023.

After the Games, **this site will be integrated into the Georges-Valbon Departmental Park, expanding it by 13 hectares.** This new space will be divided into three sectors :

- To the north, a 3.65-hectare ecological reserve will serve as a **refuge for wildlife** and will be accessible to the public via an elevated walkway, closed during breeding seasons.
- In the center, a 3.6-hectare area will be developed for **educational activities and wildlife observation.**
- To the south, a **5-hectare area will offer amenities and landscapes for relaxation, play, and walks.** A new park entrance will be created, accessible by public transportation.

THE AIRE DES VENTS

Occupied by the future Media Village on 7 of its 27 hectares in 2024, the Aire des Vents will experience a new life thanks to the actions of the Department of Seine-Saint-Denis and the Games, eventually becoming a new park.

Initially a separate part of the Georges-Valbon Departmental Park, the Aire des Vents was designed to host large-scale events and is currently inaccessible to residents for an average of 130 days per year. It lacks amenities conducive to sports and leisure activities and is mostly paved with wide, impermeable alleys that do not offer any ecological benefits.

→ A NEW DEPARTMENTAL PARK ADAPTED TO RESIDENTS' NEEDS

The Paris 2024 Games represent an opportunity to accelerate the transformation of the Aire des Vents into a 20-hectare departmental park, more closely connected to the Georges-Valbon Departmental Park and the city, notably through the creation of new entrances.

The natural and landscape quality of the Aire des Vents will be enhanced with soil decompaction, the planting of 8,200 trees, and the creation of 5 hectares of urban meadows more suitable for walking.

Sports and leisure activities will be reinforced to meet the high existing demand, in harmony with the natural heritage of the Aire des Vents. In 2021, the Department also launched consultations with local stakeholders to discuss their uses and roles in the future park's animation, management, and protection.

