

An urban forest garden in Lille
in a community garden

Let me introduce myself: Violaine Mussault, landscaper,
gardener, trained in agro-ecology.
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First association project :
Growing oyster mushrooms with the children of a neighbourhood.



Genesis of the project : a study tour to Detroit and
Montreal

2012 / A study tour in Detroit and Montreal to discover urban agriculture's facets and practices

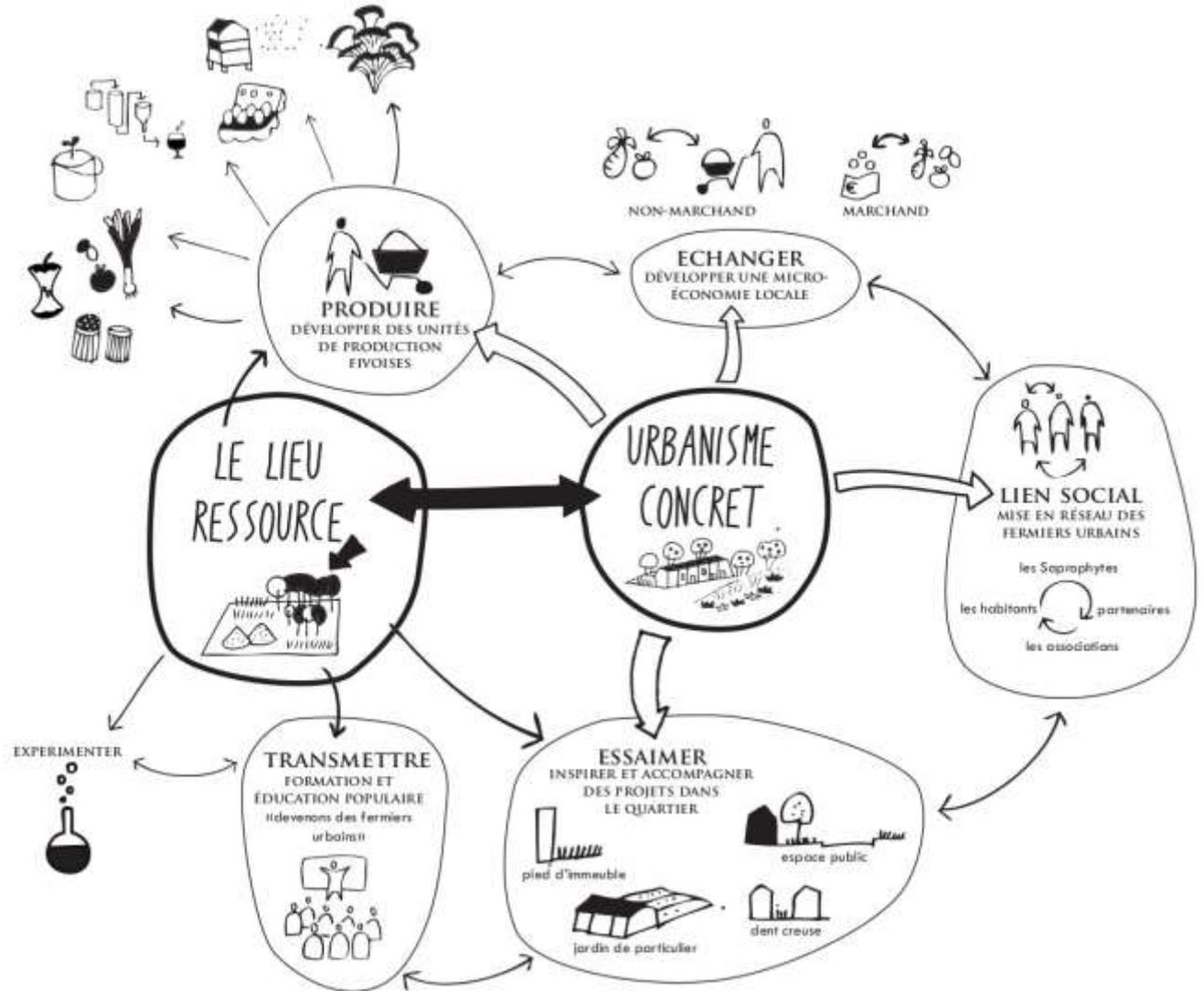




Fives district in Lille



2013-2014 : Time to build and write the objectives of our urban agriculture project : production, exchange, transmission, creation of social links.



Neighbourhood composting





CRÉATION DU COMPOST



EPLUCHURES

COQUILLE
D'ŒUF



petite quantité

UN
PEU

petites
pièces



10cm

COMPOST

OUI

en quantité

CEI
de
BOIS



CARTON
PAPIERS

en aucun cas
NON

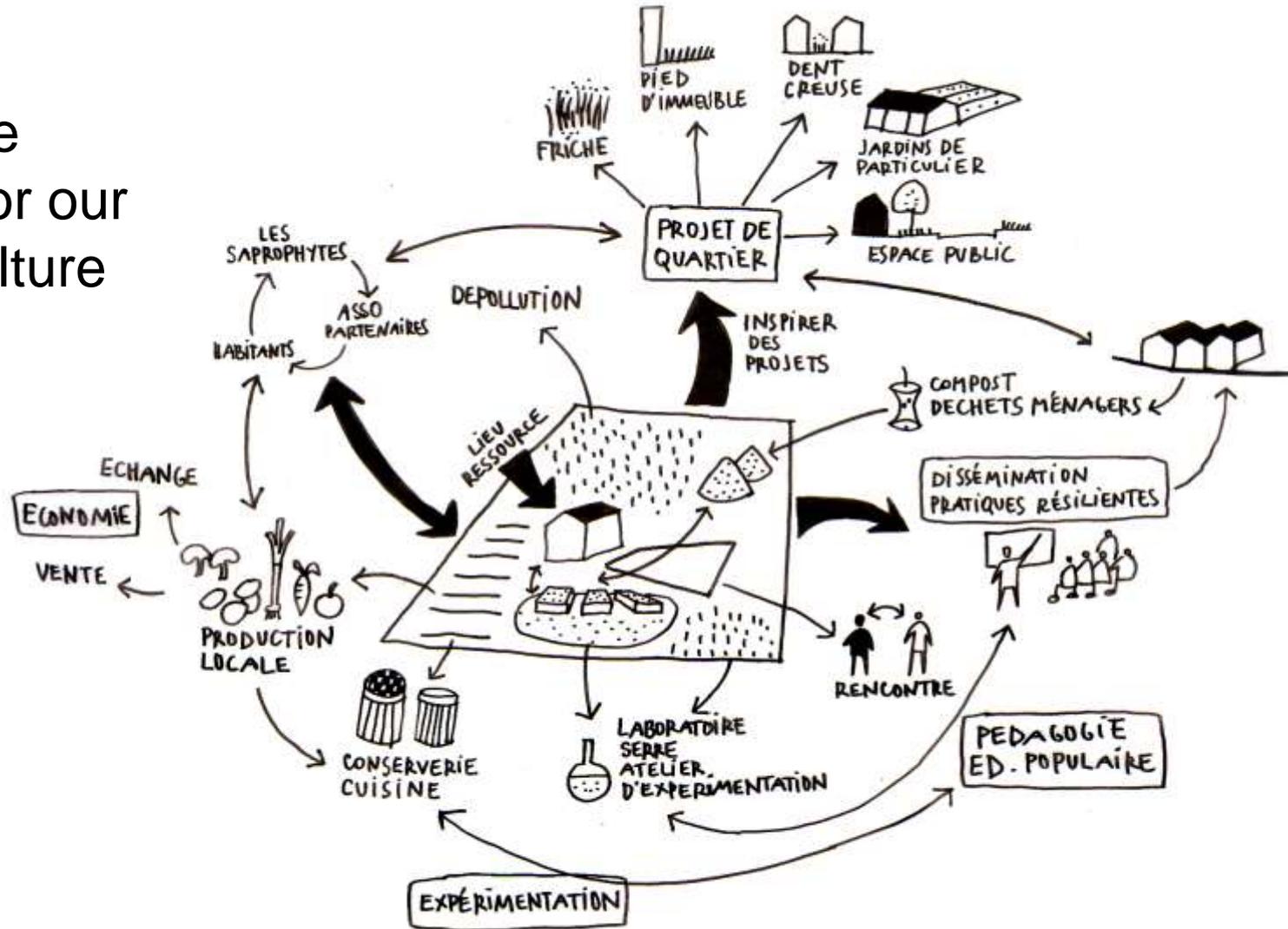


Meetings we organised with local residents to tell them about the project.

The land we started to occupy by the end of 2015.



The goals we formulated for our urban agriculture project



Autumn 2015: first gardening actions







- First spring !
(2015)







The Garden's design plan



The space
where we
decided to set
the forest
garden (in 2015,
before planting)



Winter 2015: trees' planting in the forest garden with the participation of children from the nursery









Trees and shrubs have been planted and paths have been laid out





First
spring of
the forest
garden in
2016 !



Winter 2017: Extension of the garden forest by cutting down prunus



First spring !





EPINARD
Frais

Broccoli
Frais

Spinach
Frais

Chicory
Frais

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Construction site
of the
greenhouse,
made of reusable
materials



Celebration of the first harvests, shared with the neighbourhood :
A way to exchange, discuss and get advices from different garderners !



Winter 2017: Extension of the garden forest

New spaces
have been
freed up :
new trees
planted !









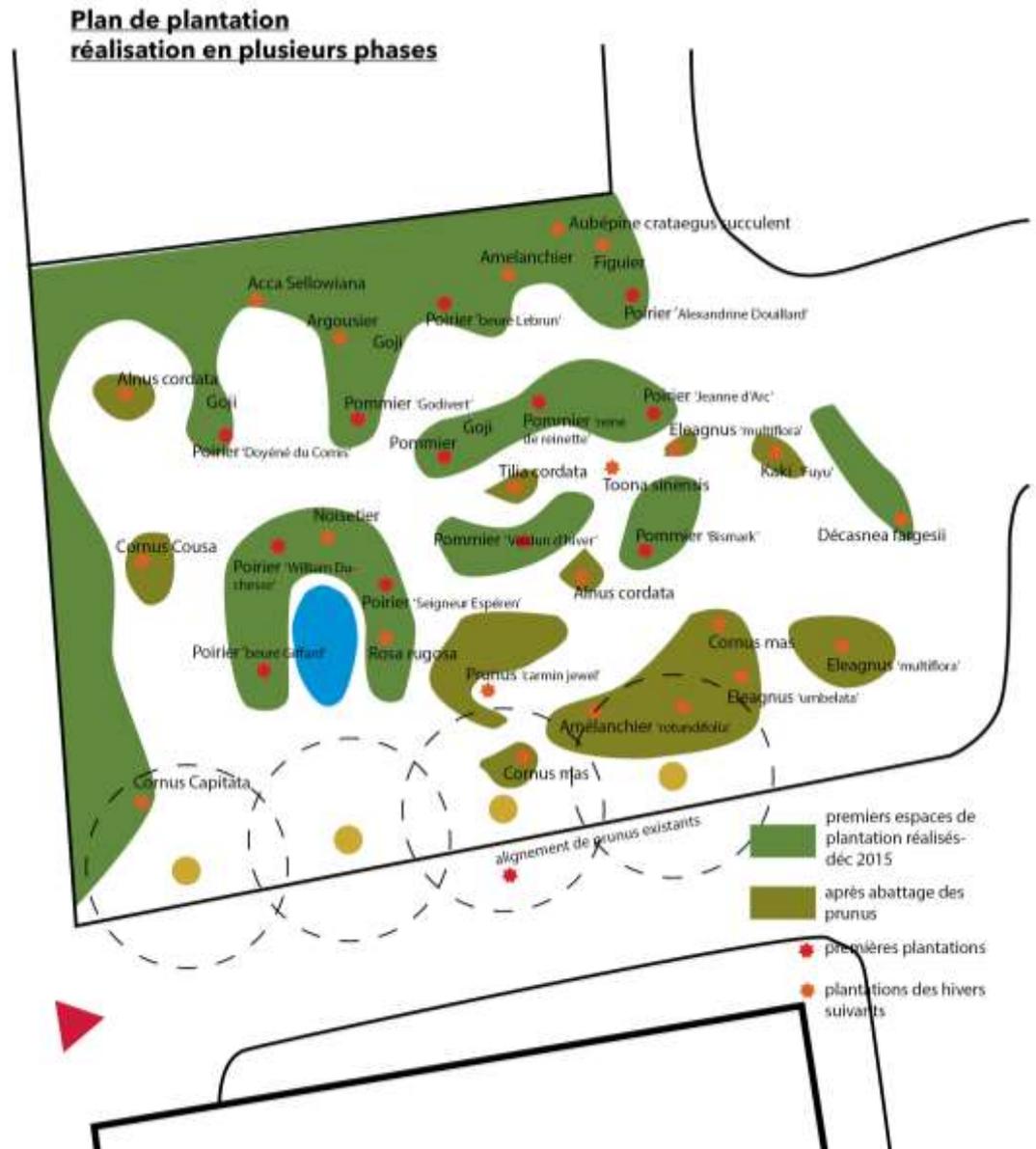








The current "design" of our garden forest.







Our current projects: we have started setting up a neighbourhood nursery with trees and shrubs from the garden forest.



With our
cuttings and
grafted trees !



After two years of experimenting with the nursery, we are now seeking to develop it and give it an economic dimension.





Since 2018-19, we have been developing short training courses in agroecology and forest gardening, in our garden.









And permaculture training...





We have also started to use the new place that our association has renovated as a training and office space "La Chaufferie".







The principle of the forest garden inspires our landscape projects.





In a social housing area near Lille.



Then, we are experimenting with simplified forms of garden forests that are adapted to public spaces.



Thank you !

