

# CONNECTING GREEN

The strategy of “Connecting Green” focuses on Bordeaux’s limited existing green infrastructure. Using the existing urban green spaces we want to create a new ecological and social network across the city. Instead of seeing existing green spaces as isolated, the project sees them as active connectors, linking neighborhoods, improving mobility and expanding recreational and ecological functions.

The two riverbanks of the Garonne are transformed into continuous green boulevards that offer recreational spaces to the residents and visitors of Bordeaux. New bike lanes, pedestrian pathways and places to rest invite people to spend time close to the water, while providing opportunities for activity and recreation. A new pedestrian bridge strengthens this system by linking the two sides of the river. Positioned along the axis from Place des Quinconces to the Botanical garden, the bridge creates a connection between previously disconnected districts and urban spaces without disturbing historic structures.

The redesigned Garonne riverbanks form a central and accessible green loop which becomes the core from which a “necklace” of existing green spaces radiates. The existing urban green spaces are linked through two types of new connectors:



## GREEN PATH

Green Paths are created, where access for cars is restricted and pedestrian and cycling infrastructure is prioritized. These paths also become new green spaces themselves and connect nature.



## GREEN STREET

Green Streets are created by adding greenery to sidewalks, planted edges and protected bike lanes to existing streets. This enhances the accessibility of the green network while maintaining important infrastructure for public transport and cars.

