





# Paris Acting for biodiversity

Biodiversity in Greater Paris: Building together a metropolitan grid to restore living organisms habitat

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#### Context

# **The City of Paris: Figures**

- 2,270,000 inhabitants
  - 21,000 inhab/km<sup>2</sup>
- 1,700,000 jobs
  - 8,2 % rate of unemployment
- 100,000 buildings
- 32,000,000 visitors
- Paris size : 100 km<sup>2</sup>
- Parks and Gardens : 2,600 ha
- <u>Urban biodiversity accounts for 16% of</u> <u>Paris land (and the 2 forests)</u>









### **Different Habitats – Rich Biodiversity**



Pond at Observatoire Parisien de la Biodiversité 5 arrondissement.



Montmartre cemetery



Park of Buttes Chaumont (19 e)



Green facades



**Street plantations** 



**Old Railways** 



Bois de Vincennes (12<sup>e</sup>)



## Inventory of fauna and flora in Paris



1 600 species of animals
31 species of mammals
Including 10 species of bats
7 species of reptiles
10 species of amphibians

#### 830 species of local plants observed (2010-2020)



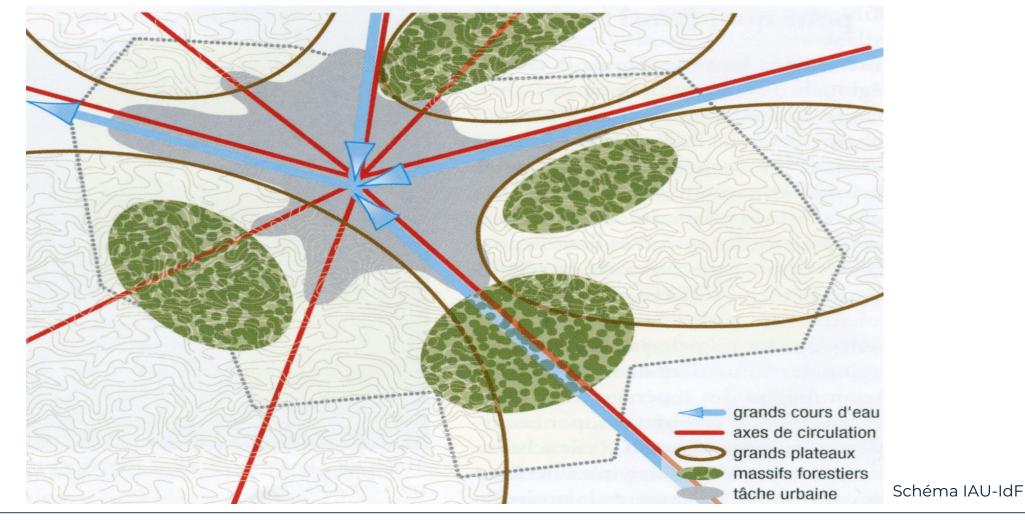






60 species of breeding birds48 species of butterflies and mothsidentified over the last 5 years

# Paris Region (île de France) is at the center of a biogeographic crossroad







# **Objectives: involving stakeholders to restore nature everywhere.**

# **Consultation for a holistic strategy**



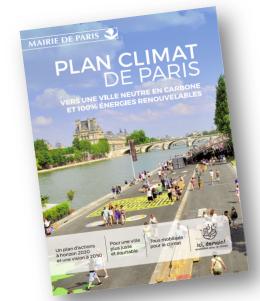


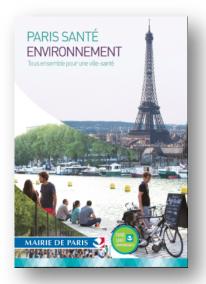


#### **Paris environmental Plans**

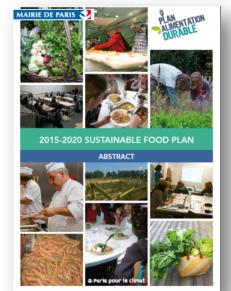
National regulation to support our efforts: Biodiversity law (August 2016) French Biodiversity Plan (July 2018)...

#### and international...











### Reinventing the city, combining Nature and urban life







#### Actions

### Mayor's objectives for the mandate (2020-2026)

- Ground greening (+100 hectares)
- 30 ha of new public gardens
- 170 000 additional trees
- Green roofs and facades : objective of 100 ha
- Improving urban agriculture
- Bees and insect pollinators plan



#### **Inside Paris**

Measures to prevent biodiversity loss in Paris are included in the 2016 urban planning regulation (PLU) and the next Bioclimatic urban planning regulation



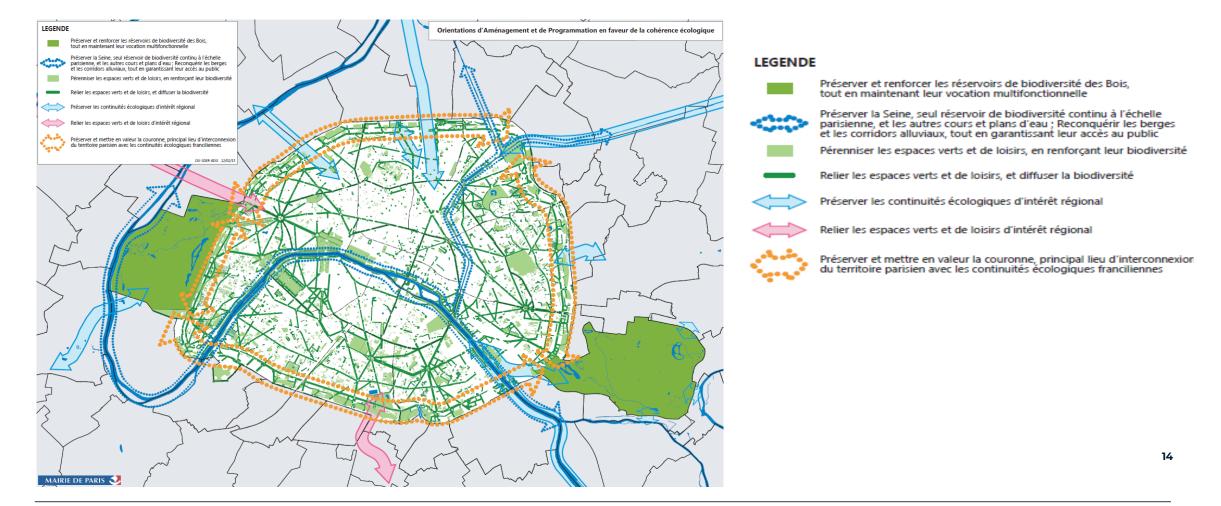
#### PLU of Paris (July 2016 version) : examples of « green» measures

- Greening of roofs mandatory when :
  - Slope  $\leq 5\%$
  - Superficie in  $m^2 \ge 100 m^2$
- for green roofs, mandatory of growth media > 10 cm
- When the project requires the removal of existing trees, the trees must be replaced with new plantings
- ...



#### **Inside Paris**

#### Development and Programming guidelines to ensure ecological consistency. (already in 2016 PLU)





#### **RECLAIMING OPEN LAND** increasing the number of trees



Participatory planting of a native forest Lawn of Reuilly 12 arrondissement. South Linear Forest 19 arrondissement. An urban promenade among the essences of Paris Region







#### **RECLAIMING OPEN LAND** Reducing impervious areas



Oasis school playgrounds Charles Hermite Nursery School 18 arrondissement. Facilitate the restoration of gardens in Parisian schools, colleges and even nurseries

- 28 converted playgrounds in 2019
- 15 converted playgrounds 2020
- 27 to be converted in 2021



# WATER REHABILITATION IN THE CITY creation of wetlands



Four spotted chaser (Libellula quadrimaculata)



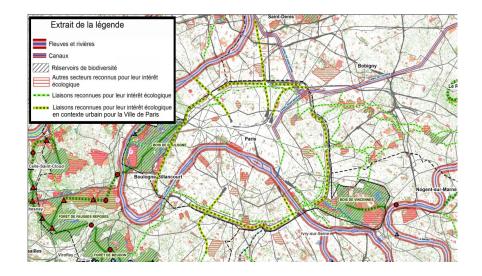
EcoQuartier Gare de Rungis 13 arrondissement. Partially planted rainwater collector



#### **In Greater PARIS**

#### Regional Plan of Ecological Consistency and green infrastructures





Regional Consistency Plan for Paris Region



#### Sustainable food strategy and Plan

#### **Resource management and sustainable agriculture at every level**

**Sustainable food strategy (2018)** is divided into 40 actions to achieve sustainable food consumption in Paris by 2030 :

- Reduce by 40% the carbon footprint of food production in the region
- Mobilizing Parisian actors to reach 20% of useful agricultural surfaces dedicated to organic farming (compared to 5.2% in 2019)
- Increase the proportion of food consumed in Paris that is produced in the Paris region to 50% (from 25% at present)



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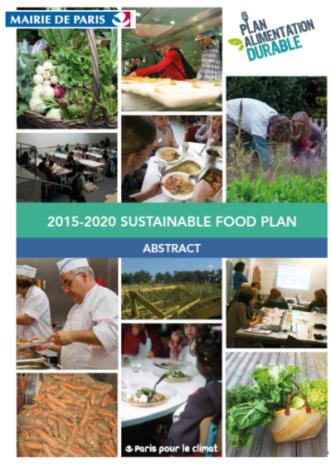
#### > Citizens' Conference on Sustainable Agriculture and Food (CCAAD)

50 Parisians and 50 residents of neighbouring departments answered the question "What does it mean to eat well in 2021?

#### > General Assembly of Sustainable Agriculture and Food (EGAAD)

Between May and November 2021, municipal services, other local authorities, government departments, all players in the food system, researchers, scientists, conventional agriculture and agroecology will meet in a series of 12 thematic workshops

- Consultation on the forthcoming sustainable food plan for school catering 2021-2026 Between June and September 2021, the study will be undertaken with all stakeholders of municipal catering (managers, decision-makers, city departments).
- Creation of AgriParis which focuses on the objectives of the mandate, to guarantee Parisians healthy, seasonal food at affordable prices, ensuring fair remuneration for farmers while reducing the City of Paris' environmental footprint.





## Eau de Paris approach: Water, Biodiversity and Agriculture

**Eau de Paris** : missions are collection, transport, treatment and distribution of drinking water.

With this contract, the City of Paris is contributing to the protection of biodiversity in the **1,300 hectares of natural areas outside of Paris, as well as to the protection of water resources**.





# Eau de Paris has also been working with farmers in catchment areas **for some thirty years to protect water resources**:

- technical support
- financial support
- development of upstream and downstream channels for sustainable production
- land action to buy and make available land under environmental rural lease for maintenance in grassland or conversion to AB.





#### EAU DE PARIS Protection of the resource: Eau de Paris launches its own agricultural aid scheme



In 2020, Eau de Paris initiated the development of a state aid scheme to protect water resources, based on the principle of **Payments for Environmental Services (PES) and validated by the European Commission.** 

> 49 farmers have already signed up with the company.
The objective is to engage between 100 and 200 farmers on approximately 25,000 hectares.

> A first in France.

Spring of Villeron feeding the aqueduct of Lunain (77)©Demaret







# Thank you