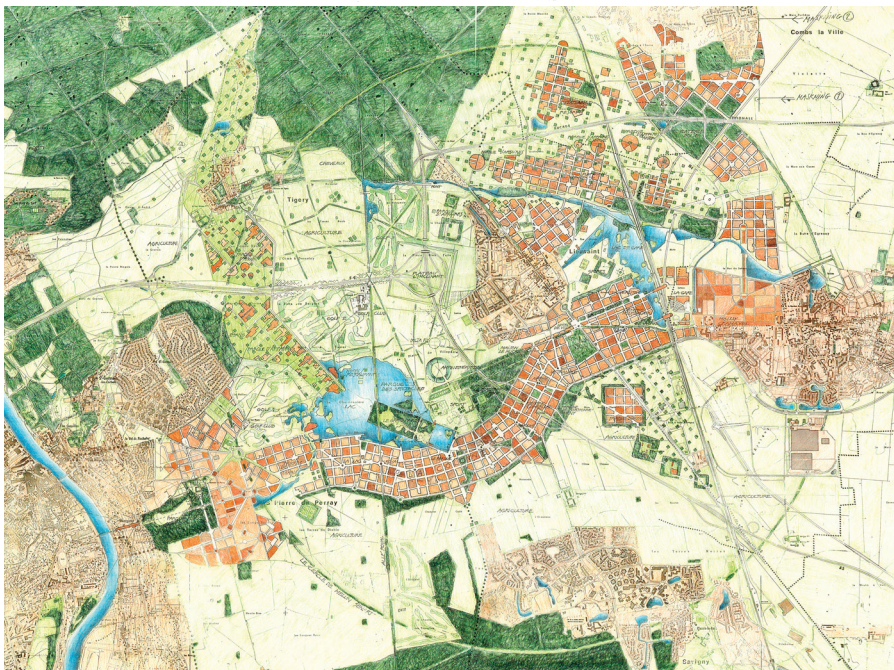
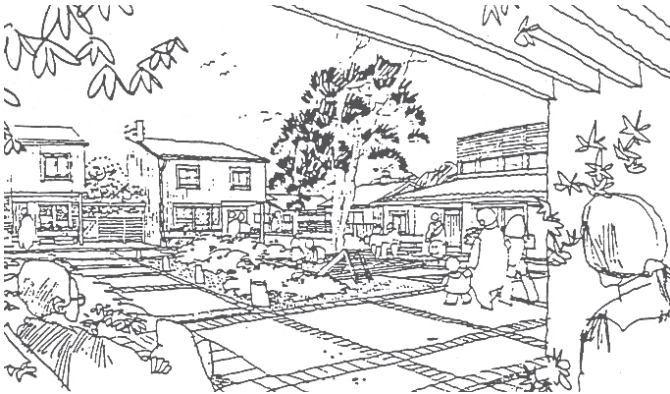


Melun Sénart



LOCATION: Paris, France

CLIENT: Paris town

TYPE: Master planning,
invited competition

STATUS: Planning Complete

DATE: 1986-88

International invited competition about one of the five "villes nouvelles" of Paris.

ARKEN's idea was a linear urban corridor along a tram line connecting two important south-going trunk rail lines towards the south of France and the then newly introduced TGV line. The urban corridor connects five original communities into one structure, a bend helps create a central lake and park area.

The concept emphasizes the valuable legacy of traditional grid structures.

The landscape of groves and tree rows was enhanced as a pre-cultivated pattern to support the growing linear structure.

Tram stops give a sequence of squares along the central core of the urban corridor.

Landscape features of hills and ha-has were used to mitigate the effect of the major circular highway around Paris adjacent to the site.

