Peeing in Public

Planning and Norming the Network of Inclusive, Safe and Clean Public Toilets in Lausanne

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A Short Guide to the many euphemism for "toilet"

Using definitions from the Marriam Webster Online Dictionary.

Bathroom
"A room containing a bathtub or shower." 1789.

Bog (UK, slang)
"Wet spongy ground." ~1789.

Can (US, slang)
"A container (or of litplates) in which products (such as perishable foods) are hermetically sealed for preservation until use." Early 1900s.

Cloakroom (UK)
"A room in which outdoor clothing may be placed during one's stay." Early 1900s

Commode
"A low chest of drawers." or "a bedside structure holding a chamber pot under an open seat." From the French commode, "adjective suitable, convenient." ~ 1686.

'Crapper (vulgar)
From Thomas Crapper's toilets. Has come to be literal. 1927.

Facilities
"Something (such as a hospital) that is built, installed, or established to serve a particular purpose." ~1940s.

Gents' / Ladies'
Gendered terms, from "Gentleman" and "Lady". 1800s.

John (slang)
Probably from Sir John Harington, who invented the flush toilet. 1800s.

Latrine
"French, from Latin latrina, contraction of lavatrina, from lavare to wash." 1642.

Lavatory
"Middle English lavatorie, from Medieval Latin lavatorium, from Latin lavare to wash." 1800s.

Loo (UK)
Probably from the French "lieux d'aisances," meaning "place of ease." 1902 or 1940.

Powder Room
A place (for women) to powder their nose (apply makeup). 1927.

Restroom
Literally: *a room to rest in.* 1899.

'Shitter (vulgar)
Literal. Unknown, appears written in 1920s.

Spend a Penny
From the 1p cost of George Jennings public toilets in the Crystal Palace for the Great Exhibition. 1851.

Toilet
From the "French toilette cloth on which items used for grooming are placed, from Middle French, piece of ballote, from diminutive of telle, cloth." 1800s.

'Urinal
A place to urinate. Gendered term, because they are often designed for masculine bodies. 1800s.

Washroom
Literally: *a room in which to wash.* 1806.

WC (Water Closet)
Literally: *a small room with water.* 1736.

* = Litteral terminology

Current Legal Recommendations

According to the Loi du Travail:

which shows two important things:

1. toilet gender segregation is upheld in law, even with non gendered toilets (through obligation to have urinals).

2. men have more infrastructure and space for urination, but less privacy.

According to the recommendation of "Inclusion Handicap" there should be an accessible public toilet every 300m in dense urban areas and along main streets. Today, this is not the case in Lausanne.

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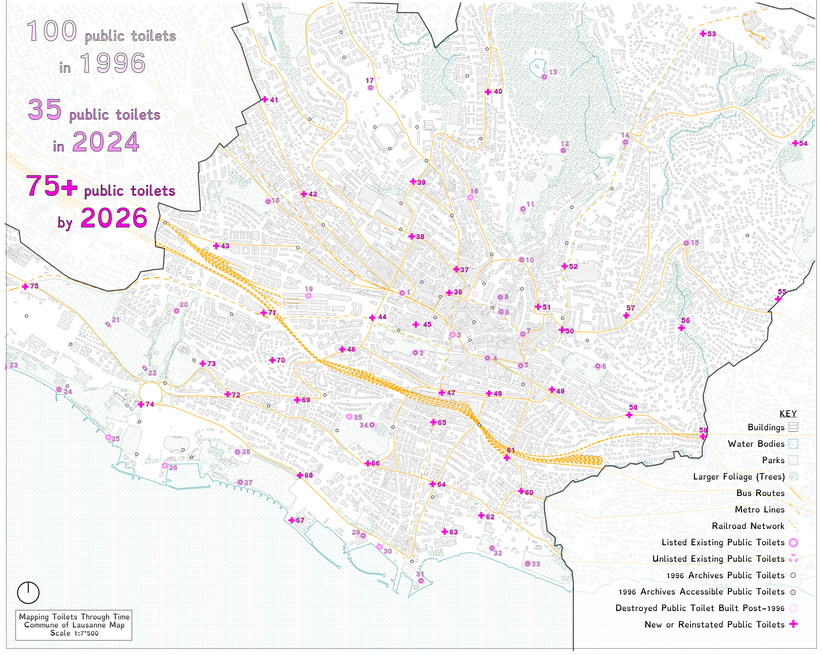
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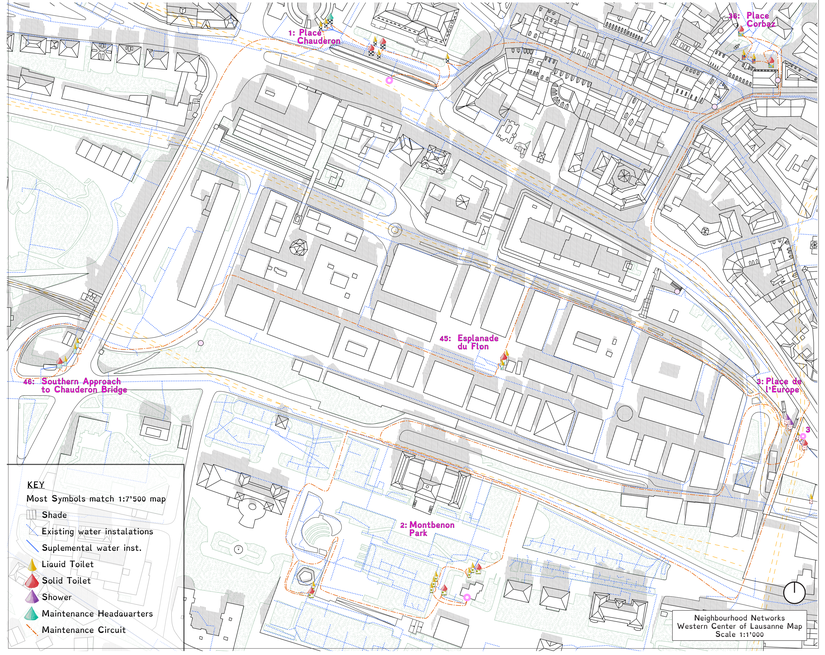
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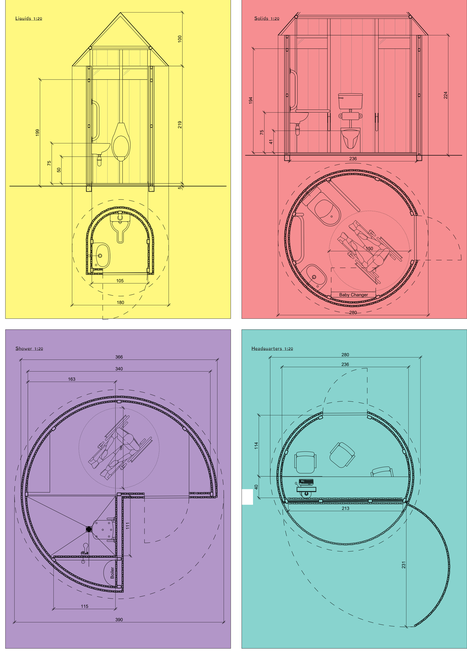
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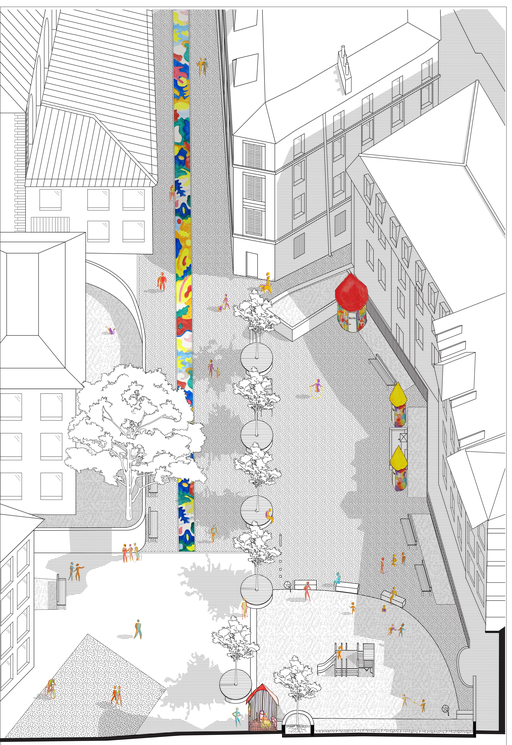


Mapping Toilets Through Time
Commune of Lausanne Map
Scale 1:7'500

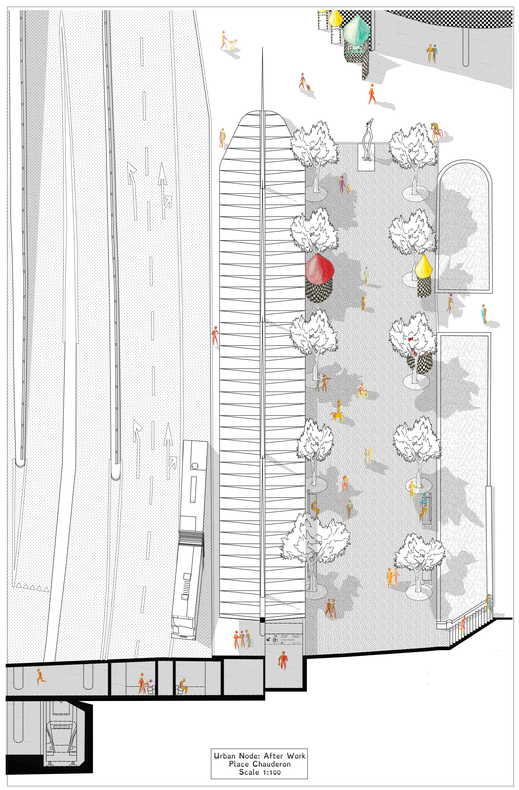


Neighbourhood Networks
Western Center of Lausanne Map
Scale 1:1'000





Urban Node: Play
Place Aloïse Corbaz
Scale 1:100



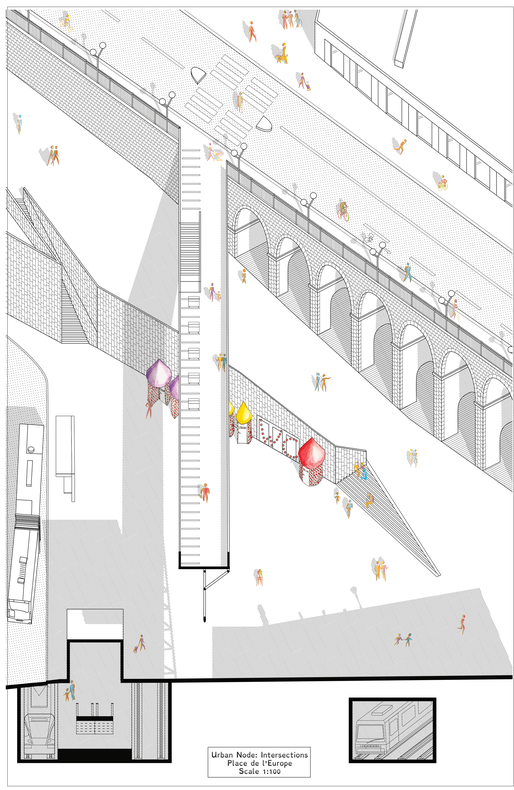
Urban Node: After Work
Place Chauderon
Scale 1:100



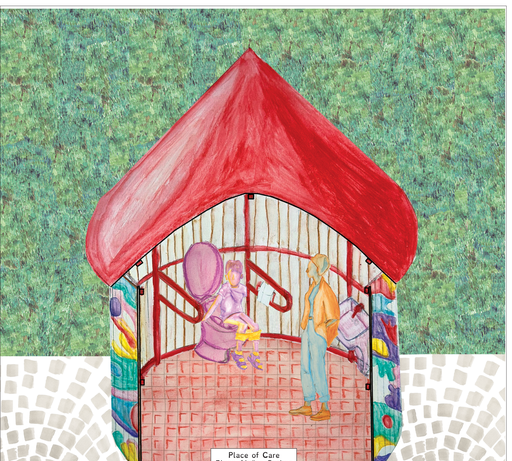
Urban Node: Transit
Southern Approach of Chauderon Bridge
Scale 1:100



Urban Node: Leasure
Montbenon Park
Scale 1:100



Urban Node: Intersections
Place de l'Europe
Scale 1:100



Place of Care
Place Aloïse Corbaz
Scale 1:10



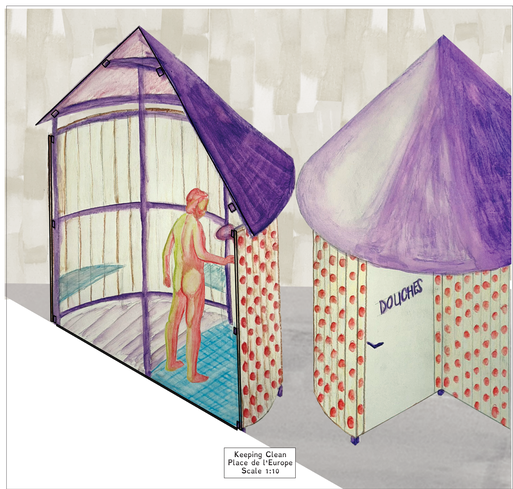
Headquarters
Place Chauderon
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A Passing Need
Southern Entrance of Chauderon Bridge
Scale 1:10



Outputs
Montbenon Park
Scale 1:10



Keeping Clean
Place de l'Europe
Scale 1:10