

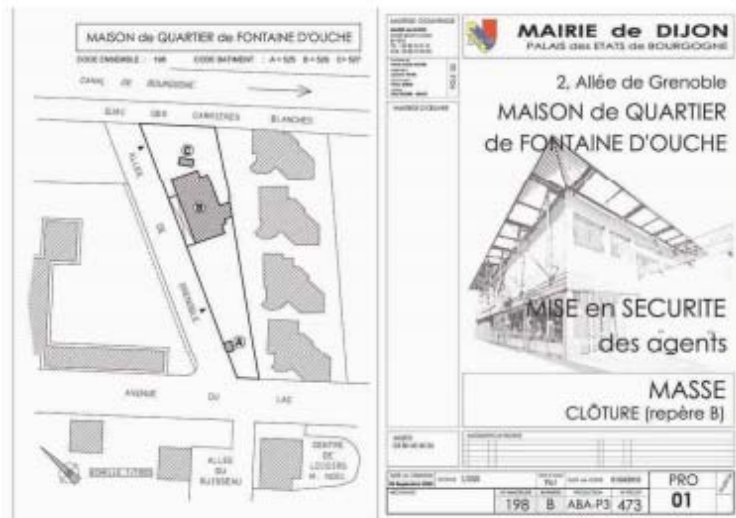
SQUARE GARDENS

FONTAINE D'OUCHÉ COMMUNITY CENTRE IN DIJON

Area to be converted: 600 m²



An unused green space of 600m² behind the Community Centre has just been allocated.



60 planters of 50cm tall by 1.5m wide and two raised planters for people with limited mobility have been set up on the site. A water point, a place for keeping shared tools, two tables and benches and the planting of trees and fruit-bearing shrubs completed the facility, which opened in June.

These gardens are intended for people and families in great financial difficulty or with serious health problems such as cancer and physical disabilities. They all live in shared accomodation and for them this small site is a new space to

live, breathe and socialise with their garden neighbours and the gardeners of the Gorgets site about 100m away.

The size of the vegetable planters allows even the weakest of people to easily grow some flowers and vegetables, and the quality of the soil placed in the planters yields impressive results. Compared with an area of the same size, the performance is 5 to 6 times better than in a traditional garden.

The families are required to invest very little. The neighbouring allotment gardeners donate numerous plants.

The spirits and health of a number of these new gardeners has significantly improved in just a few weeks.

The management decided to allocate space by family size:

- 1 planter for a single person
- 2 planters for a couple
- 3 planters for a couple with a child/children

OPENING DAY

(16TH JUNE)



The growing planters



Delphine planting radishes

Two disabled gardeners, Delphine and Olivier, and a woman battling cancer became friends with Gérard, the manager of the Gorgets site



The happiness of the new gardeners

LESS THAN TWO MONTHS LATER

(11TH AUGUST)



View from the site entrance



The vegetables are marvellous



Delphine's garden