

THE ONJOUÉ PROJECT

Employing a decolonial approach, the project we propose consists of creating an urban horticultural green-space as a communal initiative in the borough of Anjou by establishing and maintaining a cooperative community centre that tends to community-specific food security needs while mitigating urban heat island effects within the region.

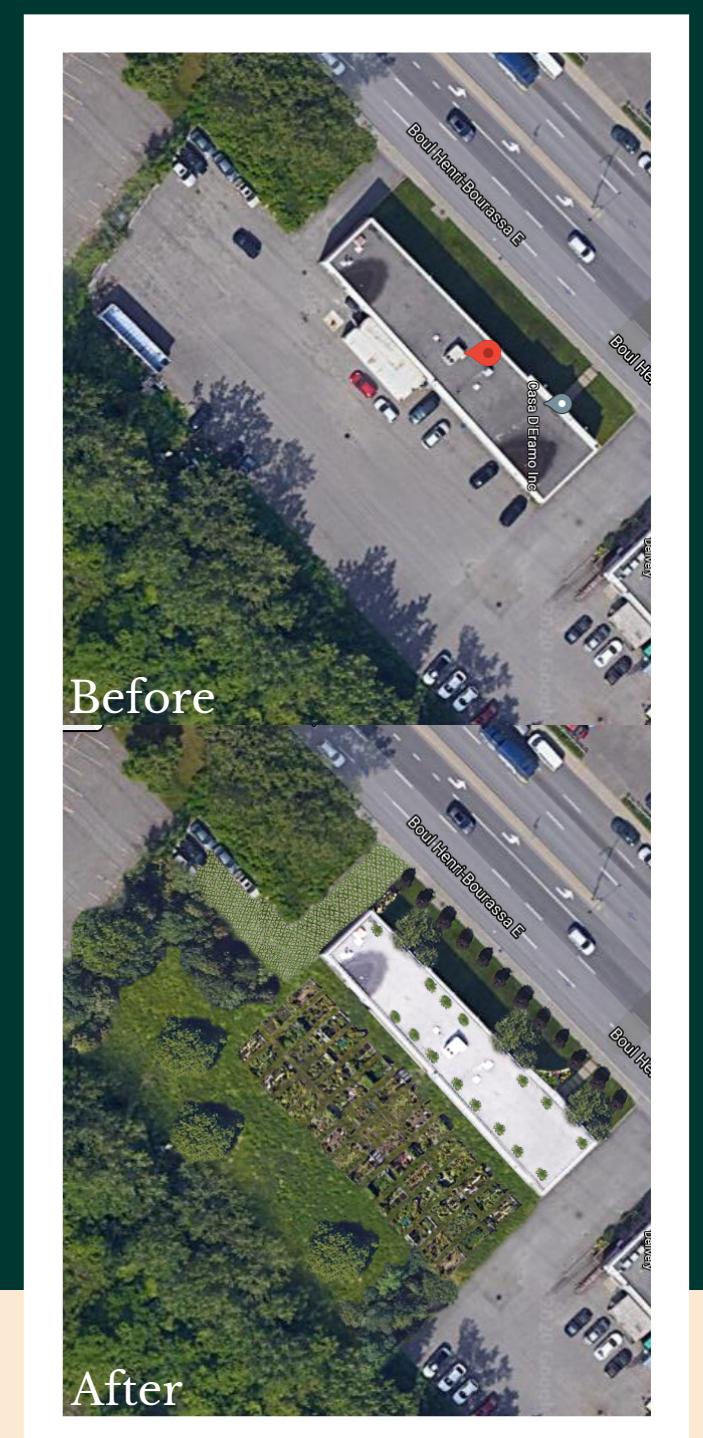


THE APPROACH

There exists a multitude of different issues within the borough of Anjou: food insecurity, heat island effects, a high degree of industrialization, as well as a lack of public transportation and community resources, to name a few. Given that Anjou hosts a large population of non-white ethnocultural groups, dealing with these issues requires adherence to decolonizing principles, whereby commercial interests are sidelined and the needs of racialized, marginalized and/or historically colonized people are prioritized.

THE PLAN

In order to address issues of food sovereignty, OnJoue proposes the creation of a community garden with raised beds for accessibility, a community fridge, a communal kitchen, and pop-up fresh food markets. The proposed white rooftop, vertical gardens, and transformation of a concrete lot into green space through the planting of grass, native perennials, pollinator gardens, and trees, aim to mitigate the effects of the urban heat zone. Additionally, OnJoue would offer both indoor and outdoor community gathering spaces as well as skillsharing workshops determined by the needs and desires of the local community.



THE OUTCOMES

The project we propose has the creation of environmentally-friendly and sustainable food production practices, the reduction in urban heat island effects, the achievement of food sovereignty, and the empowerment of local communities as its envisioned outcomes.