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## Little wilderness

2015 - 2020

bdla, Germany

Project Name

Realised in (year)

Country/National Association

Contact details and email

Website

Type of vulnerable/disadvantaged  
group

Description of the project

### Big City – little wilderness

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Neighbourhood with few free, always open public spaces, access for all, nature conservation

The little wilderness (Kleine Wildnis) is a 3 ha area in Hamburg-Osdorf which was more or less left alone for many years. This was welcome to many citizens as well as to the district administration because it favoured biodiversity on the site. On the other hand side access was not easy for those people who had difficulties with walking on uneven ground or in a wheel chair. It is a designated public park and part of the second green belt in Hamburg. Therefore the planning process had to consider issues of safety, accessibility for all, nature conservation and recreation. The area was supposed to remain rather “wild” in character, with only few interventions. Also it should retain its function of conserving nature.

So the planning phase for the Little Wilderness in Osdorf set out to bring together biodiversity and recreation in the green space.

A concept for the distribution of uses on the site was then developed. Play and recreation areas were created as small “nests” integrated into the existing vegetation. Wild areas are protected by hedges made from dead wood (Benjeshecken), man made elements create contrasting accents. Many paths are now accessible for all.

The project was developed in collaboration with landscape architect Berthold Eckebrecht from Hamburg.

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