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# **Sustainable Practice in China** The Olympic Forest Park, Beijing

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MAN	follows	EARTH
EARTH	follows	HEAVEN
HEAVEN	follows	DAO
DAO	follows	NATURE



Natural Considerations:	Culture Considerations:	
Natural Resources     land, climate, soil, vegetation, water, landform, .	• Local Traditions and Lifestyle	
• Energy Resources solar, wind,	• History	
<ul> <li>Materials enduring, harmless, re-used, …</li> </ul>	Design Culture	
• Flora, Fauna & Local Existing Patterns	Development of New Lifestyle Patterns	
How do we negotiate between the human-social needs and the ecological considerations in every part of the design?	Our conviction in the planning & design of the park is that in order to attain sustainability, we would need to find a way for the human and the ecological systems to find a certain harmony on site, and to do so, we must recognize what each can actively contribute to the relationship on the ground.	













## Sustainable Development Should Consider:

# > Nature





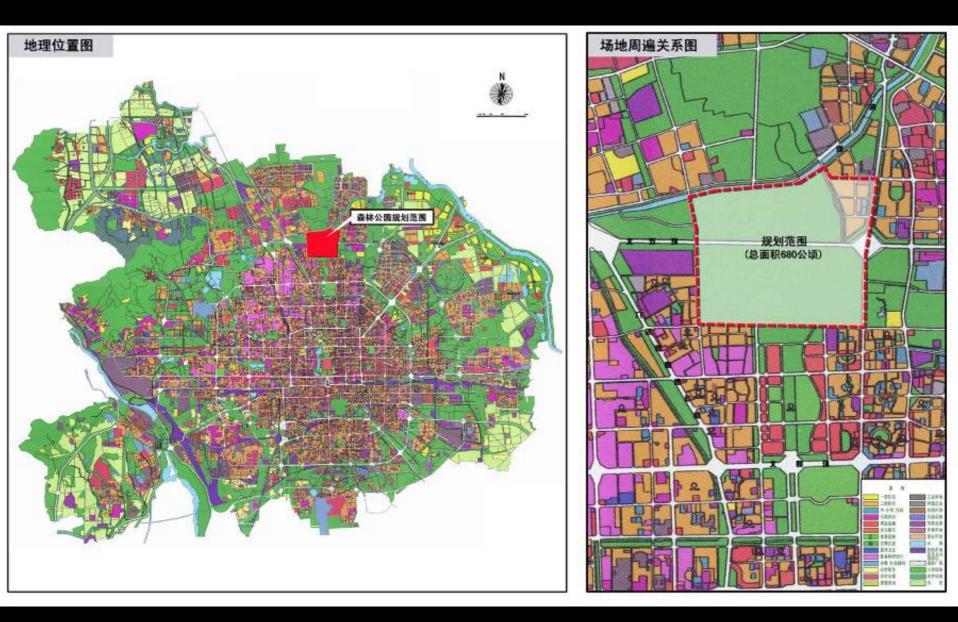
2008 Olympic Games has extraordinary significance to fast developing China.

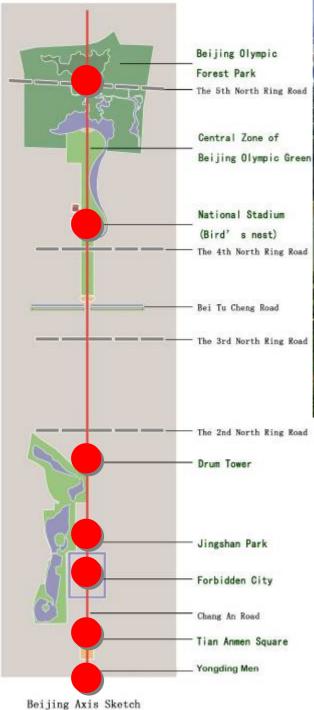
It is a stage for Beijing to show itself to the world, and the center of the stage, is the **Olympic Green** located on the Central Axis.





# Location



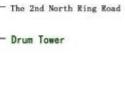


### **Olympic Green**





The 3rd North Ring Road









# In 2002,

the Beijing Municipal Commission of Urban Planning

organized an international competition for

conceptual planning and design

of

**Beijing Olympic Green** 

The Plan of Sasaki Associates, Inc. (USA) won the competition.



In 2003, the A02 Plan, designed jointly by Sasaki Associates, Inc. and **Beijing Tsinghua Urban Planning & Design** Institute

won the competition.



From Jan. 2004 to Oct. 2005,

# Beijing Tsinghua Urban Planning & Design Institute

finished the implementation plan of **Olympic Forest Park** 

Olympic Green

**Olympic Forest Park** 

**Olympic Central Area** 

**Olympic Sports Center** 

# **The Olympic Green under Construction**



# **National Stadium**

# "Bird's Nest"



# **National Aquatics Centre**

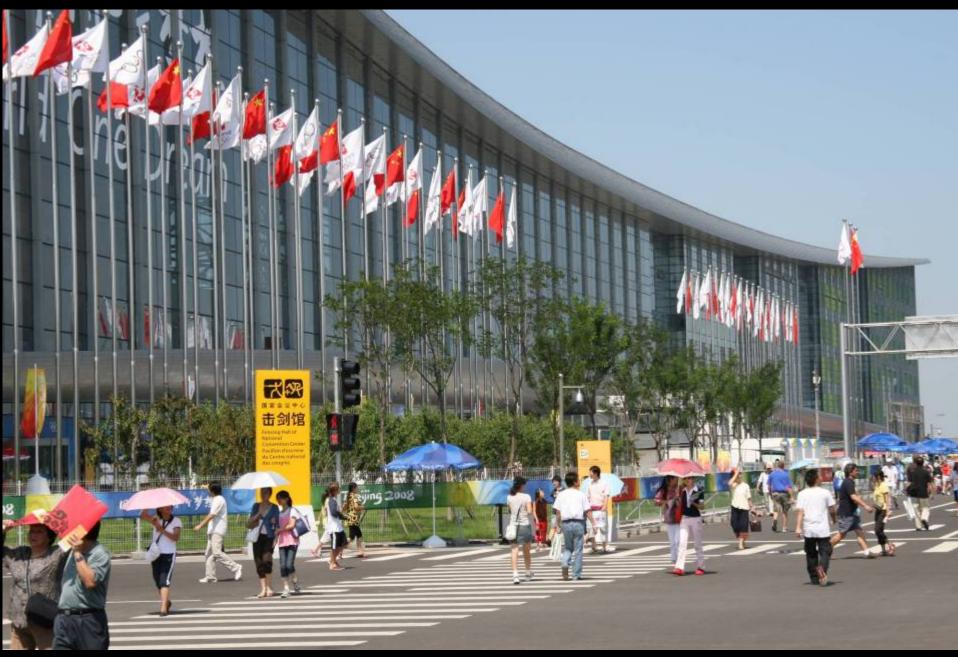
# "Water Cube"



# **National Gymnasium**

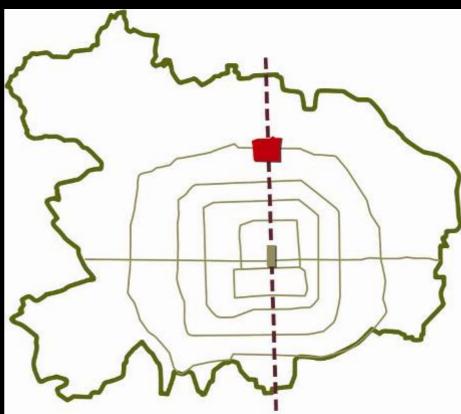


# International Conference Center



# **Olympic Forest Park:**

- Is 680ha
- Located in the north of urban Beijing
- Is on the historical south-north central axis
- Is in the north of the Olympic Green





Olympic Forest Park Master Plan

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# Olympic Forest Park is the largest green space ever to be built in Beijing.



- The urban planning and construction of Beijing are outstanding achievements in human history.
- The historical south-north axis is the greatest axis in urban construction history. The ancient structures such as Tian An Men Square, the Forbidden City and Jingshan Park are situated on the axis and establish great importance to the axis.
- The axis has witnessed the changes in the history of Beijing and has carried the symbol and memory of history, culture and politics.
- How to continue history and culture of central axis on the Olympic Forest Park site is the first tremendous challenge that we are facing.

- Green Olympics, Hi-tech Olympics and People's
   Olympics are the three themes of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.
- With BOCOG Green Commitment to the world, we as landscape architects are challenged to create a Green Olympic based Olympic Forest Park with the application of new environmental protection and energy saving technologies, as well as new materials.



# **Axis to Nature**

# **1. Culture Considerations**

# **Urban Contexts:**

- Rapid Urbanization
- Increasing Population Density
- Large-scale Construction & Development
- Upsurge in Traffic Volumes
- Aging Urban Infrastructure
- Water Shortage
- Diminishing Open Green Space

We have attempted to resolve these issues through modern technological application.

This new green infrastructure is public recreation & leisure environment to benefit all residents and visitors of Beijing.

Olympic Forest Park merges traditional Chinese landscape arts with contemporary design concepts and ecological techniques.

# **Functions**

- Urban Green Lung & Ecological Buffer
- Leisure Park for Olympics
- Healthy Forest for Local Residence



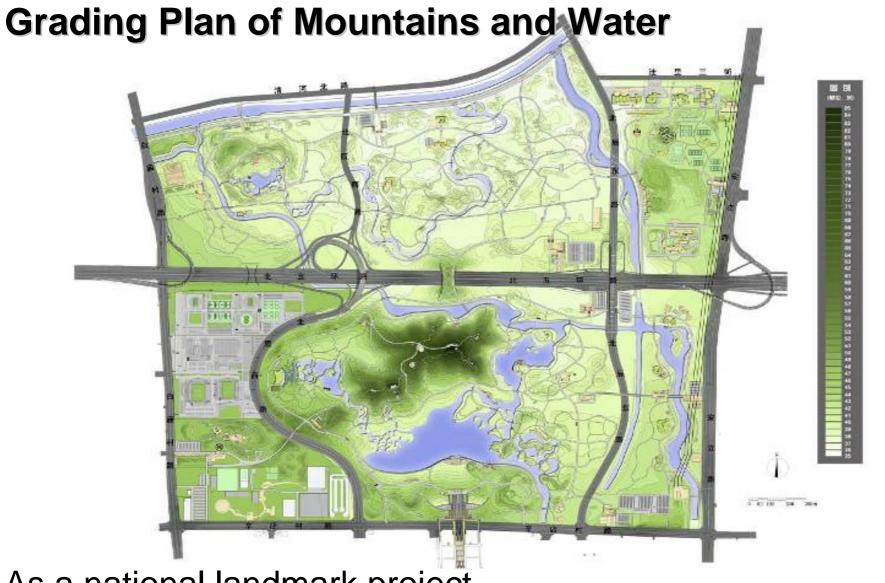
### **Scenic Spot Views of Axis**



Located on the ancient imperial Central Axis of Beijing, the site's importance and cultural significance has a great influence on the Feng Shui of Beijing.

Our study therefore began with an in-depth historical study and traditional analysis of the Central Axis.

- The principles of traditional Chinese landscape art emphasize on the artificial to appear natural and in which mountain piling and water forming are among the most crucial elements.
- These principles were all examined and interpreted for the planning and design of the Olympic Forest Park.
- In accordance with these principles, an artificial mountain has been planned, with its highest point on the Central Axis line, and just south of it, a dragon-shaped body of water and winding system flowing along the axis, has been designed.



- As a national landmark project
- Olympic Forest Park must respect the balance and integrity of
- the axis and the other monuments situation along it.

# **Classic Feng Shui Diagrams**



- Ancestral Mountain Minor Ancestral Mountain Major Mountain 3 Black Bragon 1

02 | Feng Shui

- White Tiger Guardian Mountain
- An' Mountain Chao Mountain
- Water Source Mountain
- Dragon Pulse House of Dragon 11



Located at the Northern-most point of the ancient imperial Central Axis of Beijing, the site's importance and cultural significance has a great influence on the Feng Shui of Beijing, a fact that influenced the formation of the new landforms.



Beijing's Central Axis













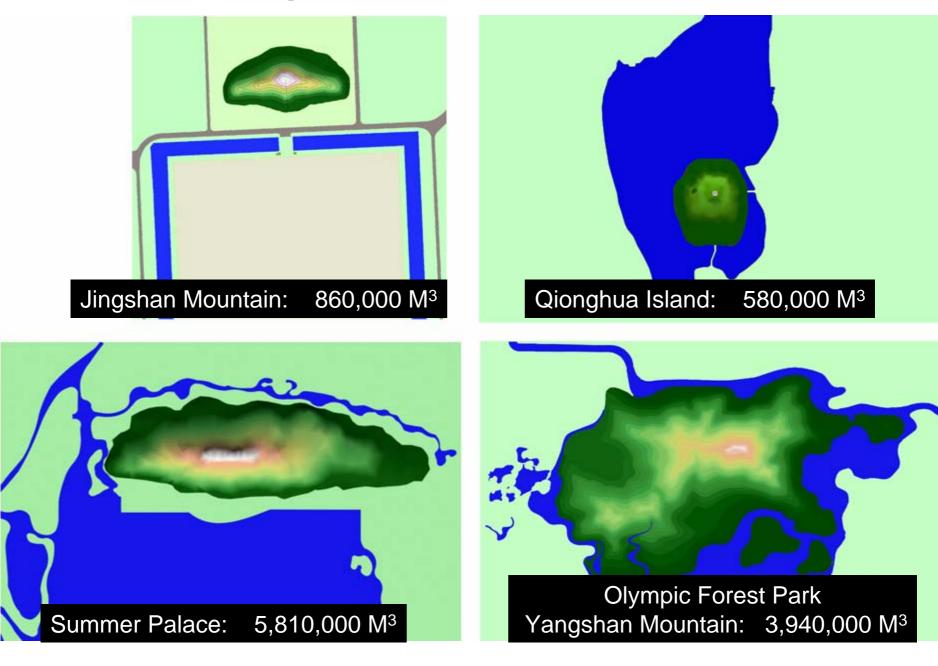
# Olympic Forest Park Main Mountain—Yangshan Mountain

The analysis of other important mountains in Beijing helped to establish the location, orientation, dimensions and design of our new landforms.

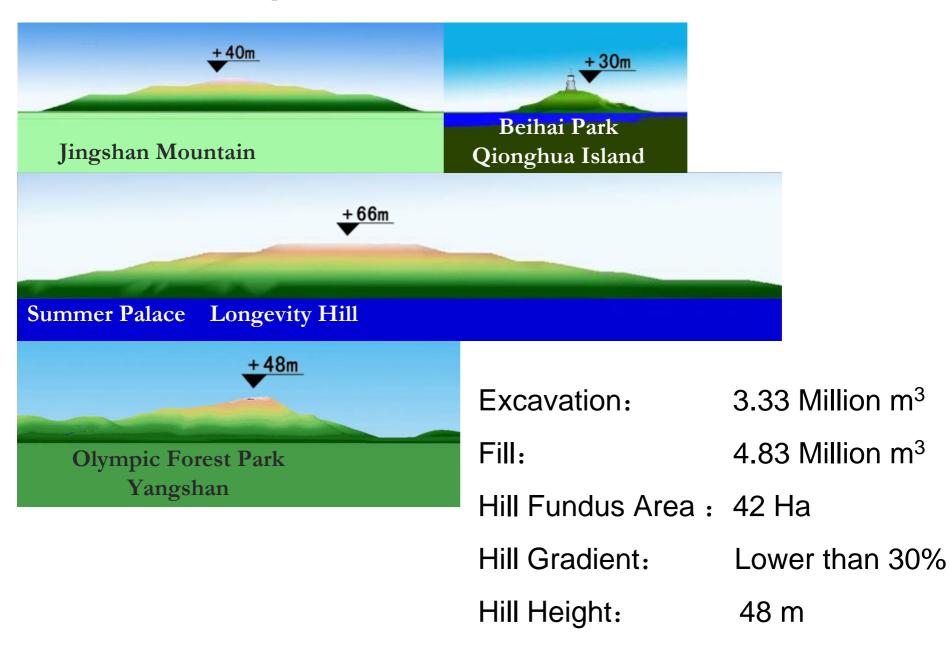


The Shape of Yangshan Mountain

# **Earthwork Comparison with Other Ancient Parks**



# **Elevation Comparison with Other Parks**



# Why we build an artificial mountain here:

- The mountain was constructed with the construction and excavation for the Olympic Subway, Olympic Avenue and adjacent development area.
- No new soil was brought into the Olympic Forest Park site to construct the mountain.
- The mountain is a new landmark in the north of the city.



# **Looking South along Central Axis**



# Looking South along Central Axis

### Jingshan Mountain

# **Taishan Stones on the South Entrance Plaza**



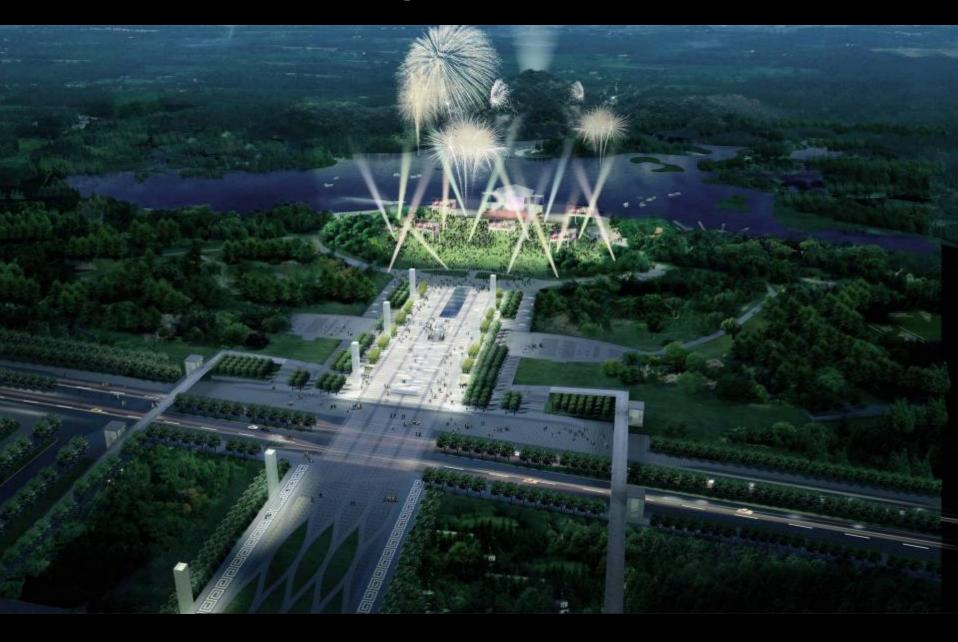
# **The South Entrance Plaza**



# **Amphitheater as Leisure Lawn**

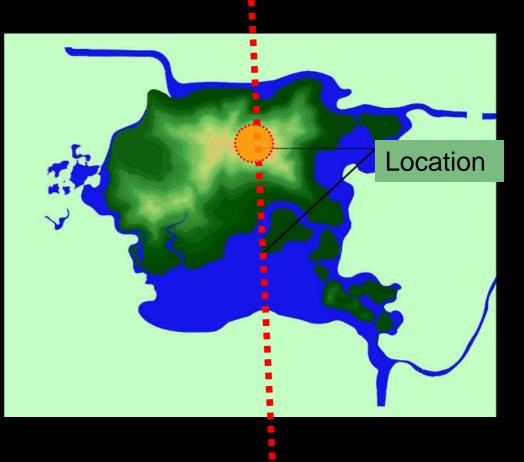


#### **Perspective Rendering of Amphitheater**



Tian Jing (Land of Heaven)

The Peak of Yangshan Mountain



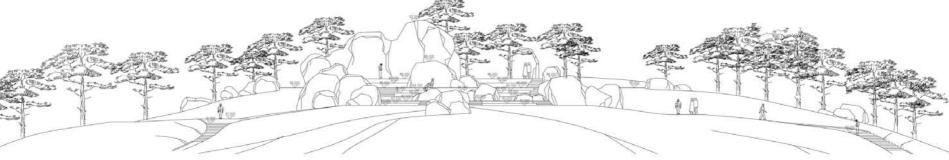
- To Consider Cultural Design Heritage
- To Refer to Chinese landscape Art
- To Express the Harmony between Man and Nature

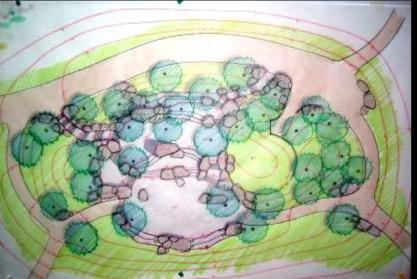
#### **Perspective Rendering of Tian Jing**



- Tian Jing is enhanced with tall Chinese pines, scenic stones and a sight-seeing platform.
- Visitors can pause here for a brief appreciation of the views of the Lake and central axis.
- Visitors can linger longer to enjoy the enchanting scenes.







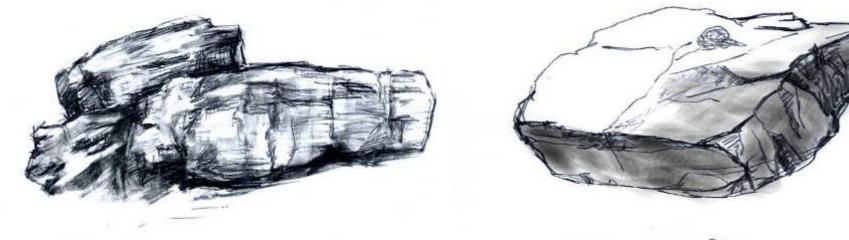
#### **Sketch of Tian Jing**

## Model of Tian Jing



#### **Selecting Rock Material at Taishan Mountain**





2810× 300×6000

## **Loading Progress**







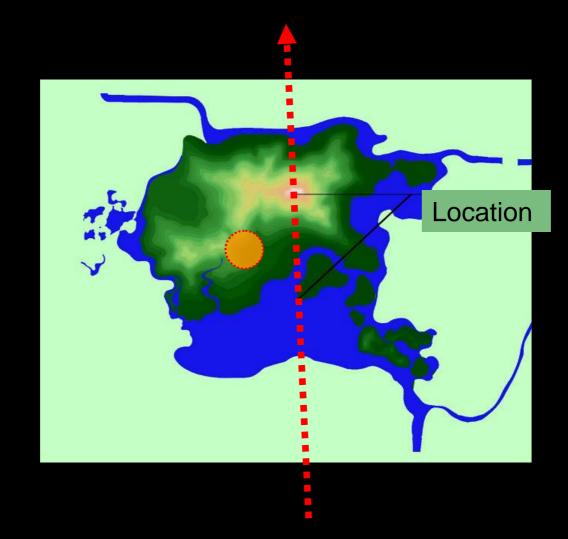




# **Olympic Volunteers at Tian Jing**



#### **Brooks Running down the Forests**



Situated at the Southwest of Yangshan Mountain

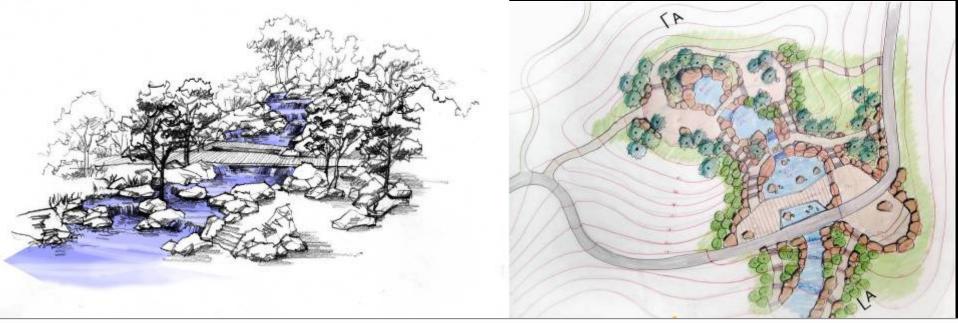
# Perspective Rendering of Brooks Running down the Forests

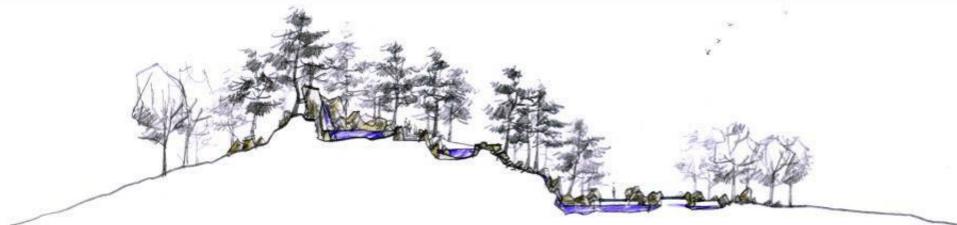


Water falls from the mountain to form brooks that flow through forests to the main lake.

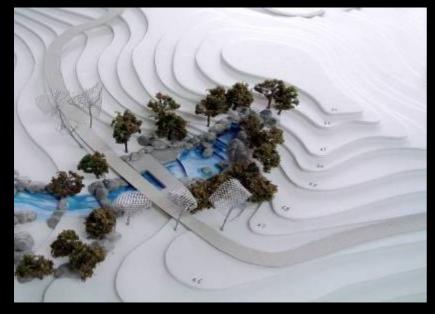
A series of scenes are designed around the brooks which progressively pass through ecological plant communities of mixed woods, grassland, and lakeside wetlands.

#### **Sketch of Brooks Running down the Forests**





# **Models of Brooks Running down the Forests**









# **Model of Brooks Running down the Forests**

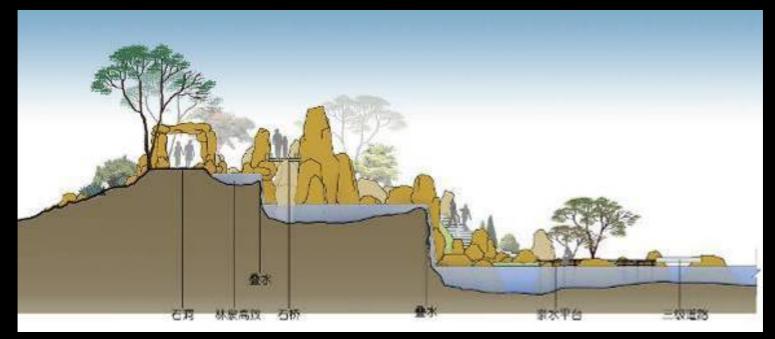


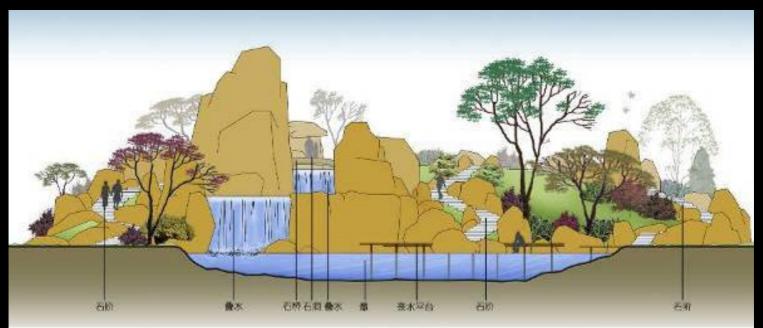


#### **Plan of Brooks Running down the Forests**



## **Section of Brooks Running down the Forests**

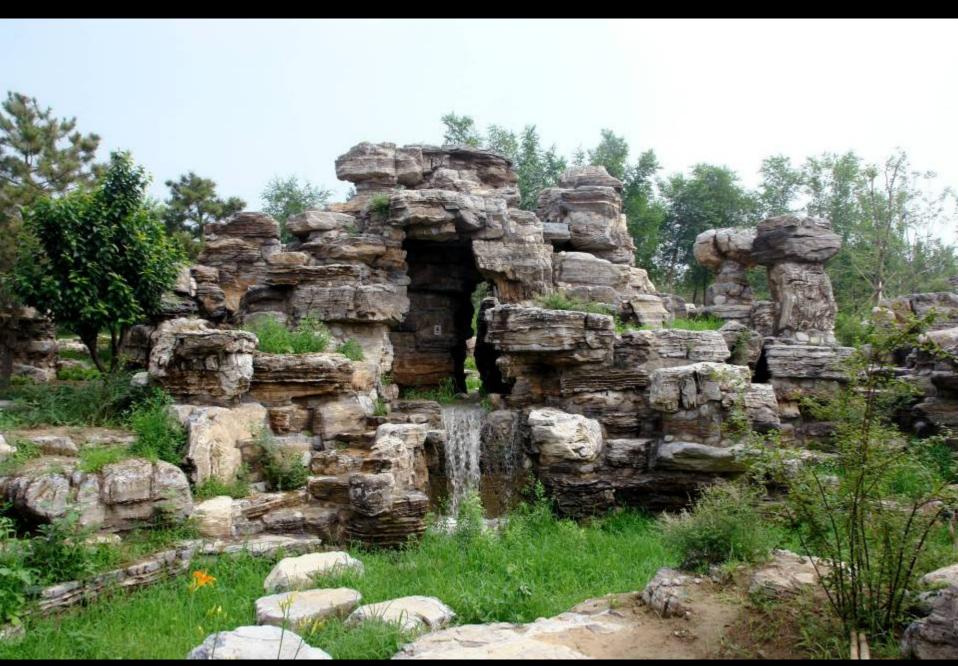




# **Brooks Running down the Forests**



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To create a Long-Term Sustainable Eco-System that through research and analysis, can develop a model where tradition meets contemporary ideas and technologies to simulate a natural ecosystem, maintaining regional biodiversity, conserving energy, reclaiming water, and relying as little as possible on municipal services, facilities and resources.



Rich landforms - mountain chain, islands in the Lake, downhill streams and a variety of waterfronts - offer opportunities for diverse eco-habitats to be created.

The analysis of their characteristics set the foundation for identifying plant communities and animal habitats as part of the design.

Offer attractive platforms for traditional activities such as group dancing and tai chi.



We analyzed the effects that diverse terrains and landforms - hilltops, sloping banks, valleys, lakes and wetlands, ecological forests integrated with other landscape types – have on the city in sheltering it from wind and sand, tempering humidity and temperature, increasing storm water detention and collecting precious rainwater.

Located on the central axis, the Olympic Forest Park with its Green language and the grand Shan Shui pattern gives new extension of the axis, and becomes a new landmark in Beijing.

In the future, The Olympic Forest Park along with the growth of time, will bring more benefits for the city of Beijing.



# An Axis To The Nature 2. Nature Considerations



To balance Urban Ecology with the incredible strain upon the inner city's resources and open spaces resulting from mass development, and an upsurge in population over the last decades.

# Water System Planning

#### **Total Water Surface**

Water Surface of the Main Lake Constructed Wetland Surface Municipal River Surface Existing Water System

#### 67.7 hectare

20.3 hectare 5.71 hectare 25 hectare 16.69 hectare



- The largest technical challenges of Olympic Forest Park involves construction of a self-sustaining and self-regulating water body.
- Require solutions to problems associated with dry climate and high evaporation rate.
- Necessary to ease ecological pressures on the city.



- Therefore, studies were necessary to evaluate
- how to best use the existing natural water on and around the site,
- how to collect and reclaim rain and flood water,
- how to plan an effective water purifying and maintenance system,
- how to optimize the water circulation and irrigation system through recycling waste water.



- Different patterns of water circulation have been analyzed and implemented to address the differences between the flood and other seasons.
- A hydrological and water quality simulation process (EFDC, WASP) was used to study water system maintenance.
- A compound water treatment system of hierarchical processes was established.



# **Constructed Wetland**

Olympic Forest Park is the first domestic urban park overall making use of reclaimed water as the source of water system and recharge for landscape water.

#### **Functions:**

- Increase the liability of the entire water treatment system
- Demonstrate a variety of water treatment technologies
- Integrate water treatment functions with scenic effects
- Construct a natural and ecological treatment system
- Provide an educational center for ecological education

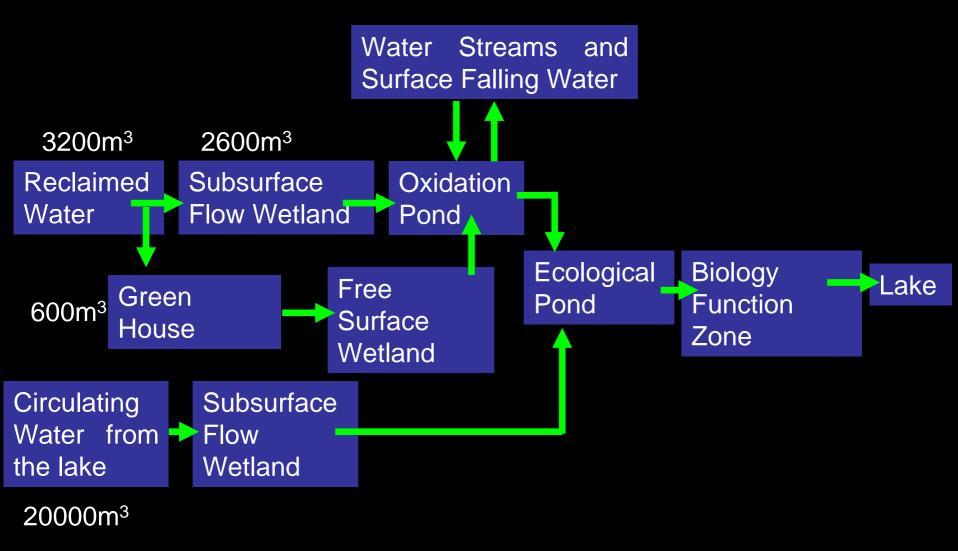
The constructed wetland can dispose reclaimed water 2,600 cubic meters a day, circulating water from the Lake 20,000 cubic meters a day.

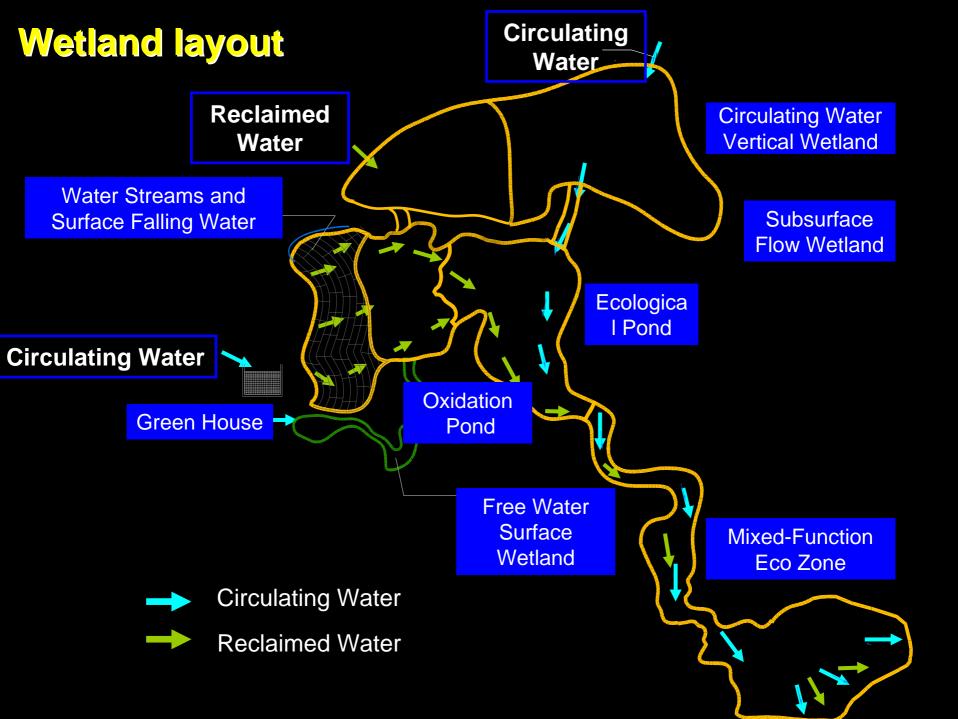
Treated Water shall reach the Standard of China for Landscape Water



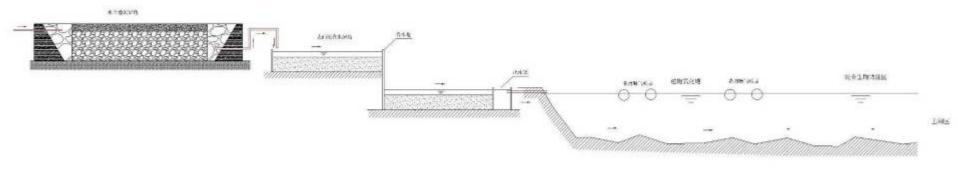


#### Process

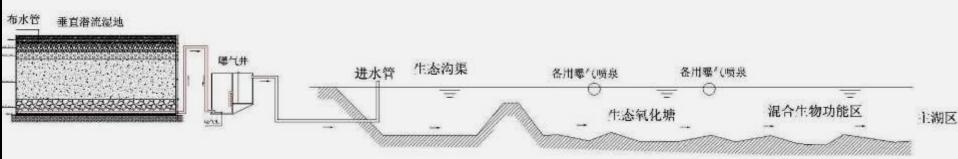




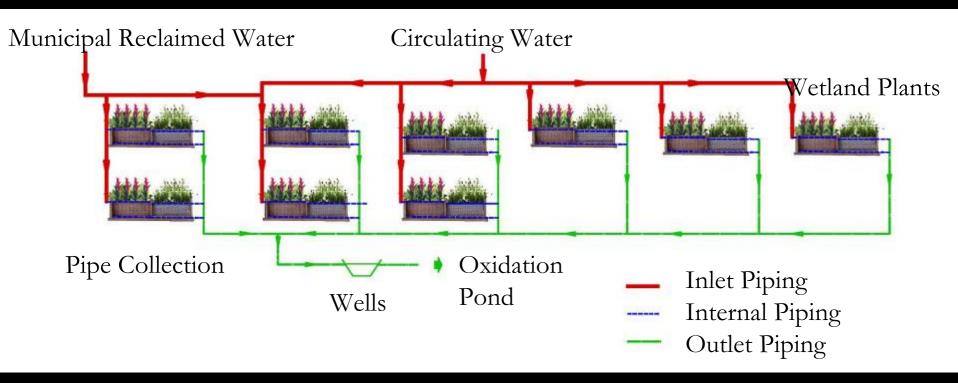
### **Wetland System for Reclaimed Water**



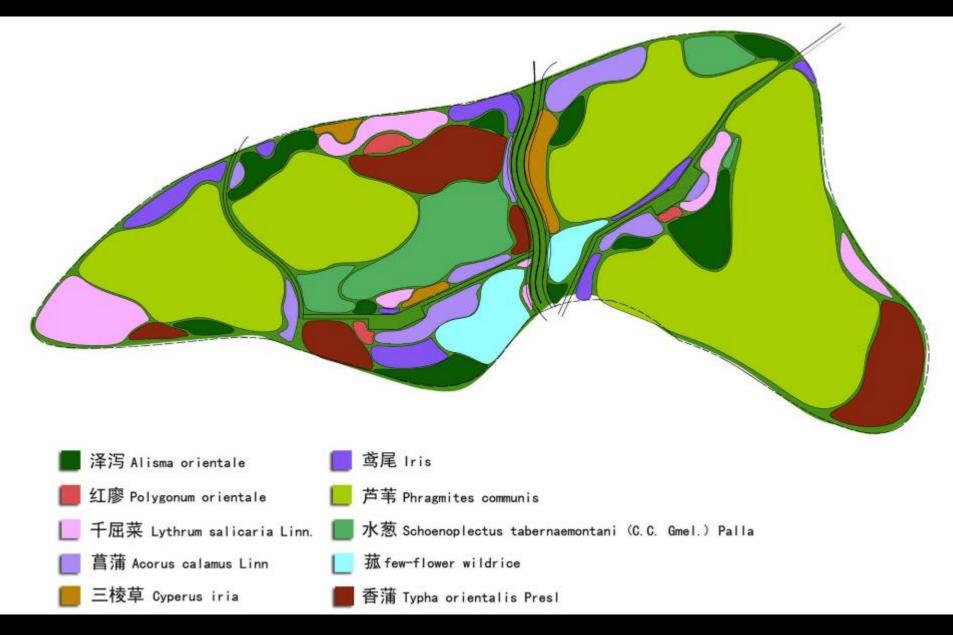
### **Wetland System for Circulating Water**



## **Wetland Section**



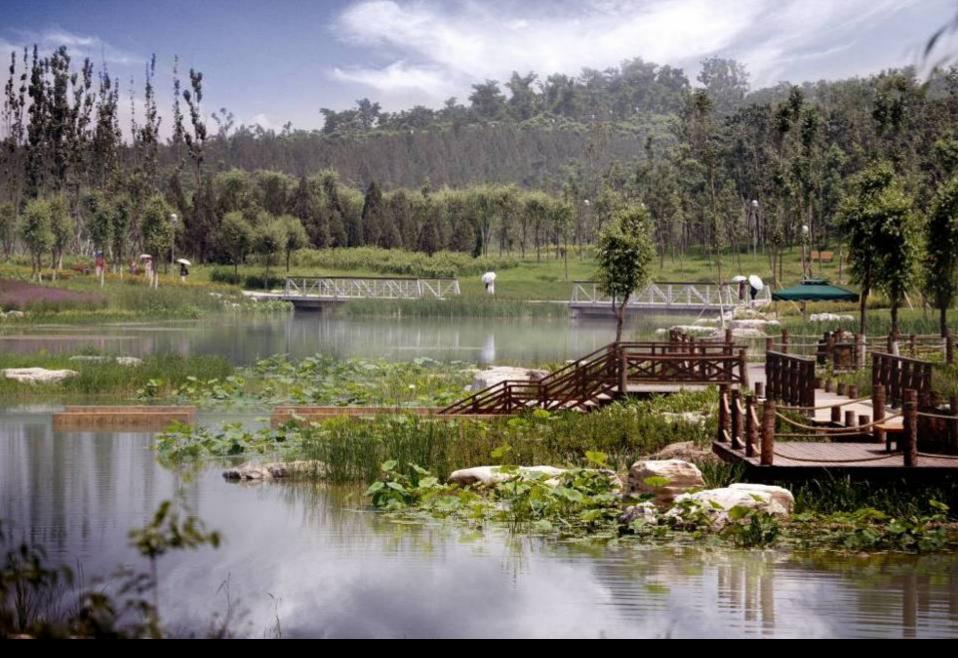
## **Subsurface Flow Wetland Planting Plan**



Subsurface Flow Wetland

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Subsurface Flow Wetland



#### Free Water Surface Wetland



#### Free Water Surface Wetland



#### Free Water Surface Wetland



#### Birds at Wetland

## **Underwater Corridor**

## **Functions:**

- Observation of wetland from a different view
- Education for the structure of wetland
- Block off water flow
- Slow water speed





#### **Underwater Corridor**

# **Flowers Terrace**

## **Functions:**

- Aeration
- Scenic Effects



# **Greenhouse for**

# **Ecological Purification of Water Quality**

## **Functions:**

- Reduce pollution content in the water and improve water quality
- Offer a scientific and interest scenic spots for the public
- Show a new and secure sewage water ecological treatment technology
- Provide a design demonstration of urban landscape water purification system







Total Construction Area: 2200m

Reclaimed Water Treatment Capacity: 600m<sup>3</sup>/day

Treated Water shall reach the Standard of China for Landscape Water.

According to the principle of "low cost and high efficient, ecological coordination, and environmental friendly", the greenhouse adopted All-weather eco-system for water purification.

#### **Treatment Process**

Enhanced Denitrogenation Wetland

Biological Units Providing Carbon

Inlet

Enhanced Solar Power Dephosphorization Units Water Plants Purifying Units

Outlet

Restraining Algae Units

Disinfecting

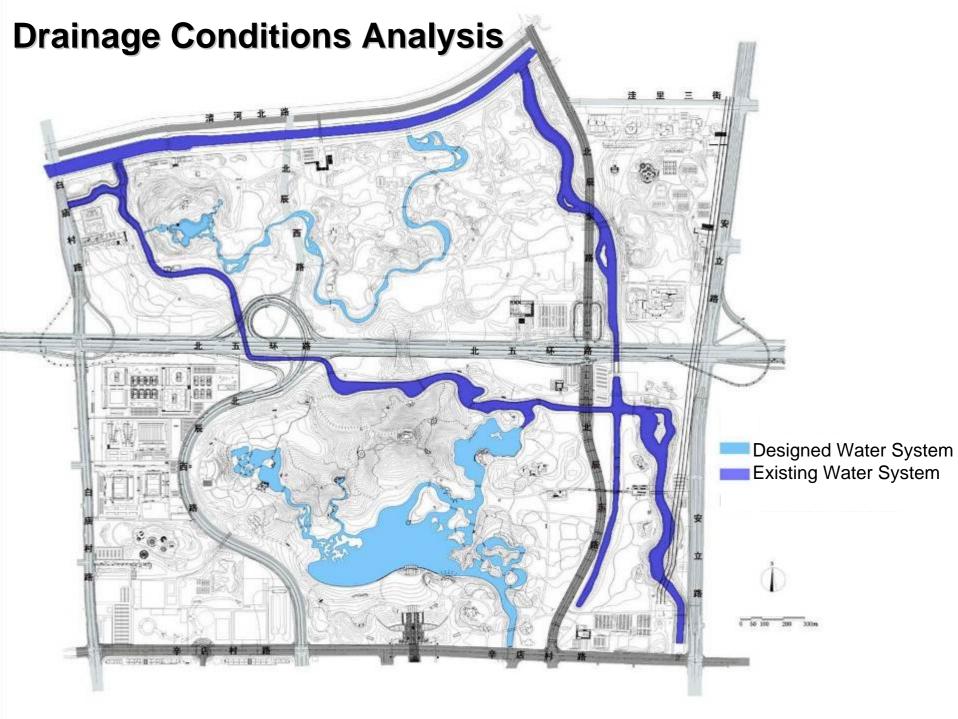
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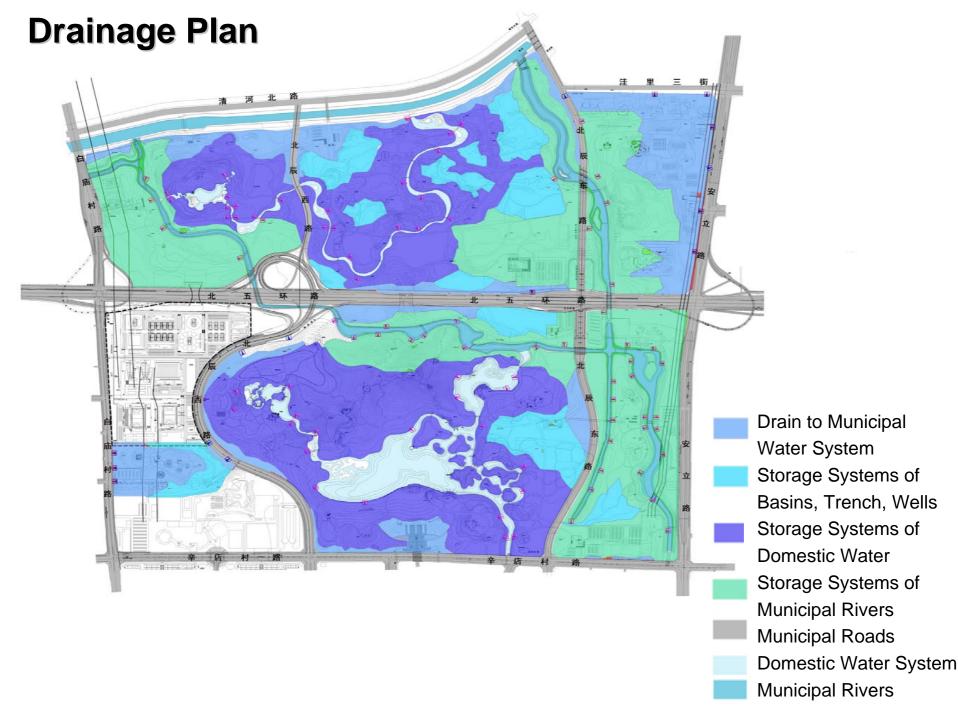


# **Stormwater Utilization System**

## **Design Principles**

- 1. Make use the conditions of topography, hydrology and municipal storm water.
- 2. Make use of municipal river-ways and lake water system to collect rain water.
- 3. Make use of the collected water to irrigate and to wash the roads.
- 4. Make use of green lands in the park to increase the permeability of hard paving.





The measures to prevent soil erosion making use of the technology of soil and water conservation



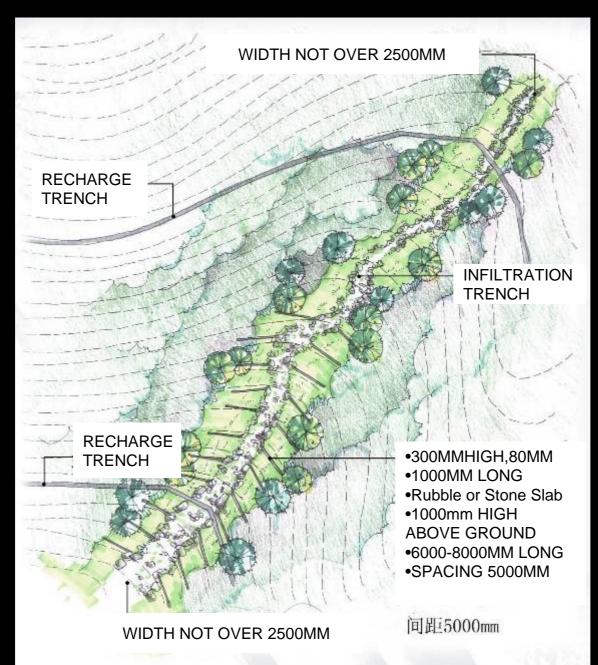
## **Recharge Trench Schematic Section**



## **Infiltration Trench Schematic Section**



## **Infiltration Trench Schematic Section**





## **Ecological Permeable Roads**

All the roads in north park use graded sand gravel with 100% permeability.

The roads in south park adopt different measures according to the grades.

Car park Area:122825m<sup>2</sup> Grass Car park

# Zero Sewage Discharge in the Park

## **Sewage Discharge in the Park**

## (Prediction)

- Tourists of the OFP: 5,300,000 per year
- Staff of OFP: 4280
- Quantity of Prediction Drainage: 86400m<sup>3</sup>/year
- The Designed Sewage Discharge: 1590.91m<sup>3</sup>/d

## The Characteristics of Drainage

- dispersed layout and various functions of buildings;
- changing landform;
- no existing municipal pipeline;
- Unstable tourists flow leads to obvious seasonal changing drainage.

#### Therefore, waste water need to be discharged within the park.



Zero discharge and reclamation ensures zero pollution to environment

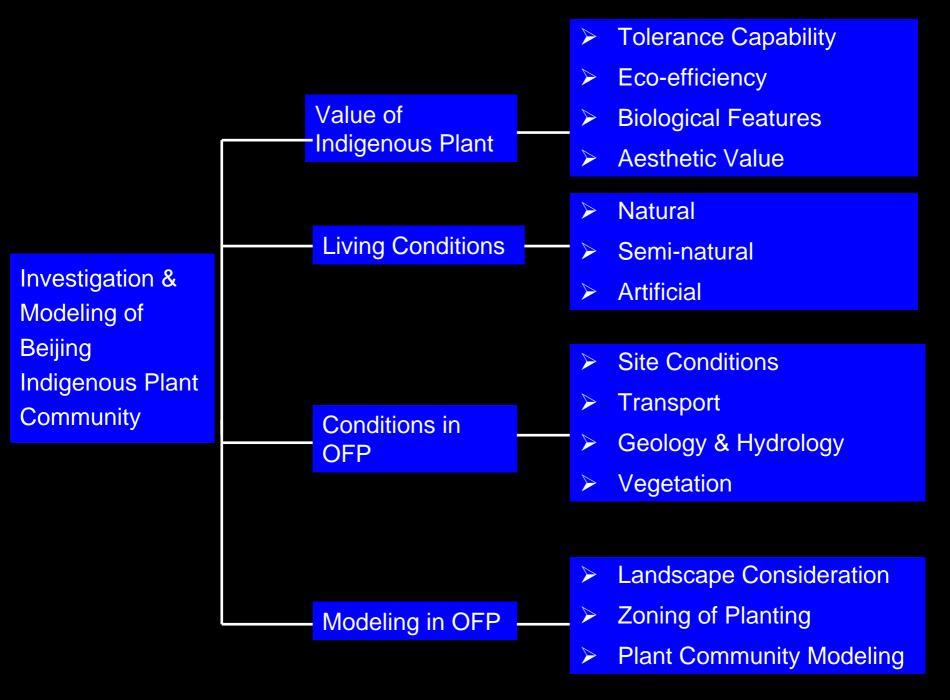
## **Main Techniques**

- 1. Membrane Bioreactor (MB)
- 2. Fast Bio-degradation Treatment (FBT)
- 3. Bio-Degradation of Dejection Treatment (BDT)

#### Distribution of the buildings that adopt sewage treatment techniques



# **Planting and Biodiversity Design**



## **Planting Design Classification**

#### Trees + Shrubs + Grasses



## Trees + Grasses



## Waterfront + Forest Edge



## Waterfront



## Wetland



## Grassland







### **Ecological Contributions to Beijing**

- Annual output of Oxygen: 5400t
- Absorption of CO2: 7200t
- Annual absorption of SO2: 32t
- Annual dust detainment by trees: 4905t
- Annual recharge of water: 67.5m<sup>3</sup>
- Forest Humility : 27% higher than the other place
- Forest Temperature: 3-5°C lower in Summer,

**2-4°**C higher in Winter





# **Ecological Consideration Design**

## Swift Tower



### Apus apus pekinensis

- Beijing local bird specie
- An indicators of the urban environment quality
- Important to the biodiversity within the city, and to urban pest control
- Nest mainly on buildings
- The observation tower can be combined with the existing resources of the Forest Park to provide them with an ideal habitat



Fuwa Nini

### **Nests of Swift**

- Location: 4-45m, average of 10.18 +/- 8.0m
- Weight: 12.49+6.53g
- Outer Radius: 11.13+1.46cm;
- Inner Radius: 8.74+1.29cm;
- Height: 2.69+1.03cm



Three Challenges of Tower Design
Protection: Protect Beijing Swift Species and Biodiversity
Combination: Ideal Habitat and Special Landscape
Creation: Scientific Techniques and Artistic Form



## **Swift Tower**

## in China

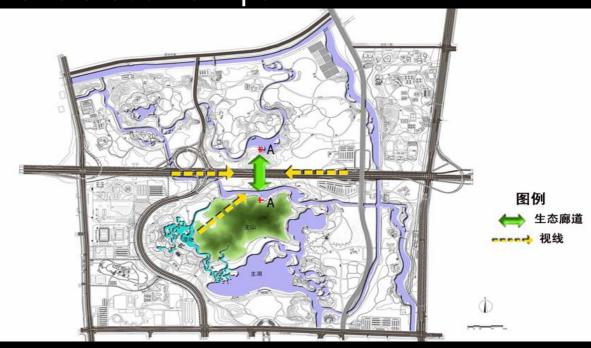


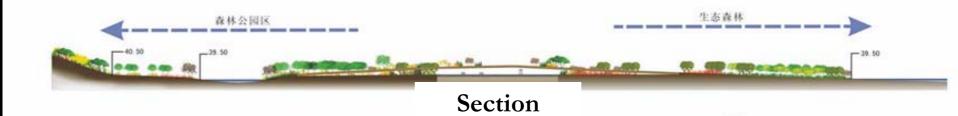


# **Ecological Corridor**

## **Location:**

Over the highway known as the 5th Ring Road, which divide the Forest park as a northern and a southern part.





### **Functions:**

- To link southern part and northern part of Olympic Forest park.
- To provide pathway for the movement of animals.

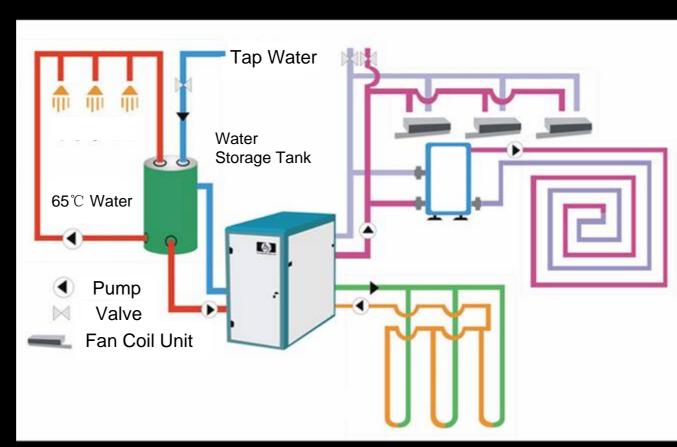




# **Geothermal Pump System**

### **Advantages:**

- Clear Energy
- Environmental Friendly
- Efficiency
- Low-energyConsumption





Measurement and Position

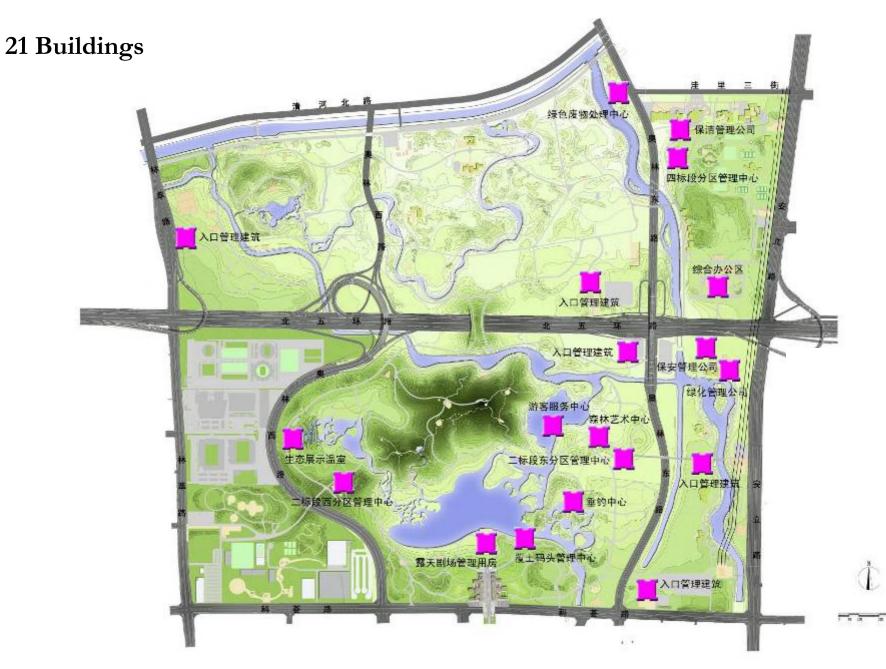




### **Pipeline Installation**



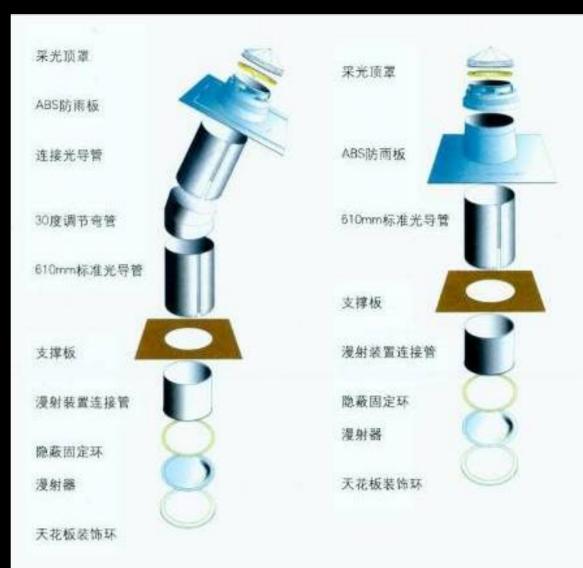
### Distribution of the Buildings Used Geothermal Pumps



# **Optical lighting**

## **Advantages:**

- Application of Nature Light
- No Cost of Electricity
- Durable



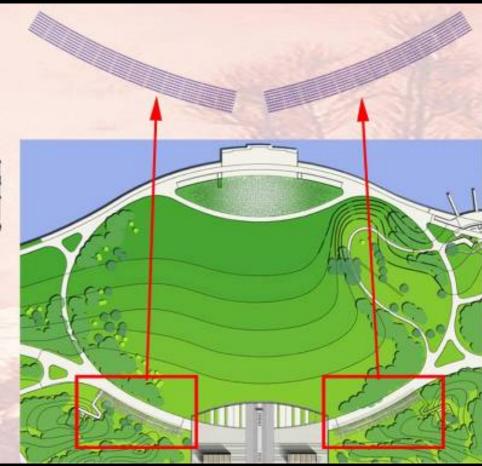


## **Solar Photovoltaic Panels**

## **Advantages:**

- Non-polluted
- Educational
- Environmental benefits

Area: 950<sup>m<sup>2</sup></sup> Power: 80Kw Annual Electricity Generation: 80,000°℃





Solar Photovoltaic Panels Combination with Landscape Furniture



# **Application of Wood- Plastics Composite**

**Advantages:** 





Plastifying

Economic

### Environmental Protective > Recycling



# Recycling and Reuse System of Solid Waste

The first domestic urban park to make use of recycling solid waste

# The prediction of Annual Sewage and Waste product

According to the prediction of annual tourists as 5,300,000 and staff as 4280 to calculate as follows:

- Annual Sewage Product: 121980M<sup>3</sup>;
- Annual Recycling Yellow Water: 3230M<sup>3</sup>;
- Sludge of 95% Moisture Content: 7860M<sup>3</sup>;
- After Dehydration Sludge of 70% Moisture Content: 1304M<sup>3</sup>
- Reusable Green Plant Waste in Southern Park: 3000M<sup>3</sup>



#### **SOURCE SEPARATE :**

Life wastes are separated in the discharge source and then were treated separately and effectively. It's a different treatment technique from environmental protection projects in the past which treating at the end of the process.

#### **RECYCLING :**

Turn the materials rich in organic matters such as life and garden waste, into fertilizer and spread in the park after processing hazards. This not only solutes the visual impact of waste and other environmental problems, but also format the a virtuous circle of biomass resources in situ use.

# Classification of Waste Discharge and Environment Problems

 Sewage—49buildings, The designed maximum treatment per day:1696 m<sup>3</sup>

With the usual sewage treatment technique, N and P can not reach the national standard of landscape water

The sludge from Septic pond is reach to 7800t/year
 High transportation fee and resource waste

Huge green waste, only south park 3000t/year
 Separate compost fertilizer products low

## **Objectives:**

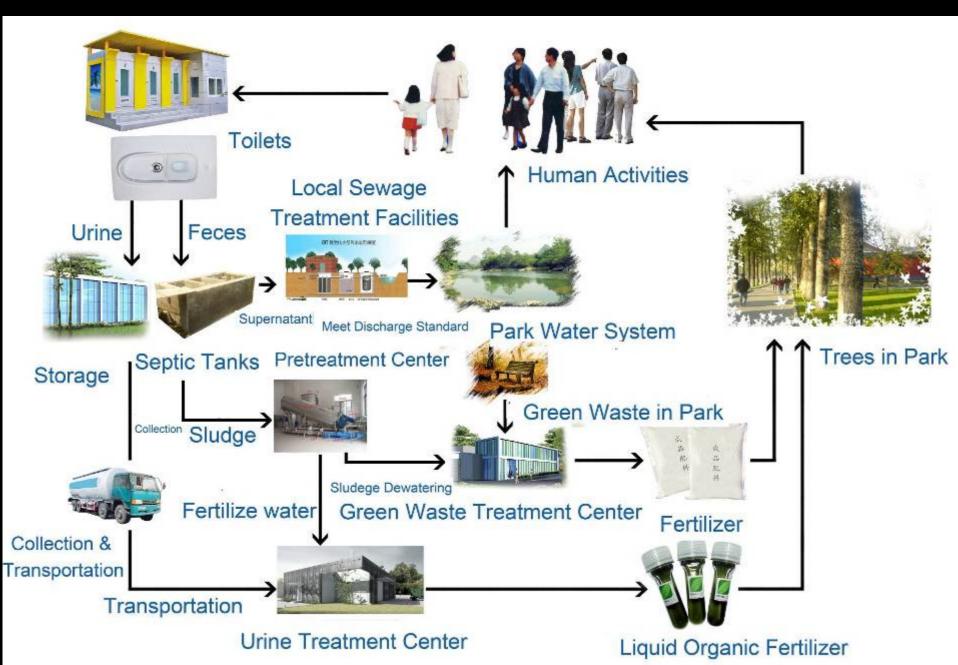
- Collection
- Reuse of Green Fertilizer
- Low Operation Costs
- Garbage-obturation Process
- Participating the Ecological Recycling



without any fertilizer 未添加任何肥料 hygienised urine 尿液 digester effluent 发酵废物

urea carbamide 尿素 N,P,K fertilizer 氦、磷、钾复合肥

### Flow Charts of Recycling and Reuse System of Solid Waste



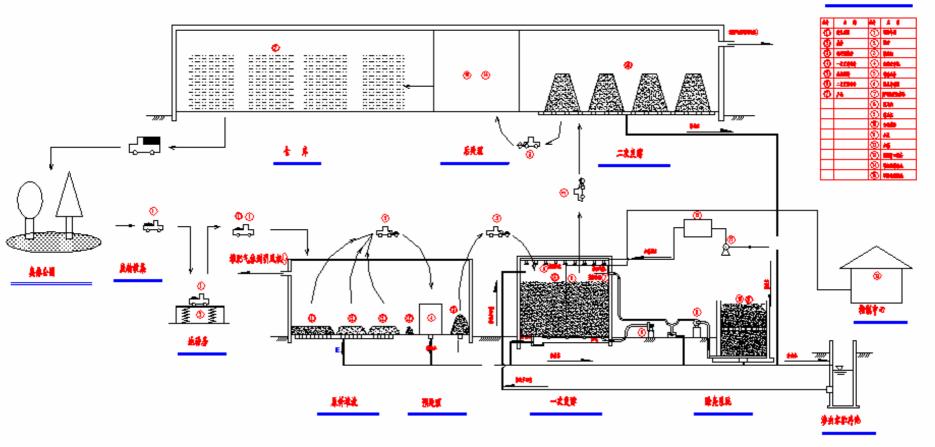
### **Urine Treatment Center**

### Green Waste Treatment Center



### Waste Recycling and Reuse Center

**Process** 



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### **Source Separation Toilet**

"Yellow Water" Collection& Transportation Truck

### **Functions:**

- Transport the collected yellow water to Urine Treatment Center
- Transport the liquid organic fertilizer to the trees



- Sarah Liao Sau Tung, (left) who was former Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works of the Hong Kong Special Administrative, visited Olympic Forest Park.
- Achim Steiner, (right) who is UN Undersecretary General and Executive Director of the UNEP, visited Olympic Forest Park.



Germer, the delegate from GTZ organization investigated on Olympic Forest Park site and had meeting with designers together.

GTZ, the international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations.

# Changing With Time From 2001 to 2008







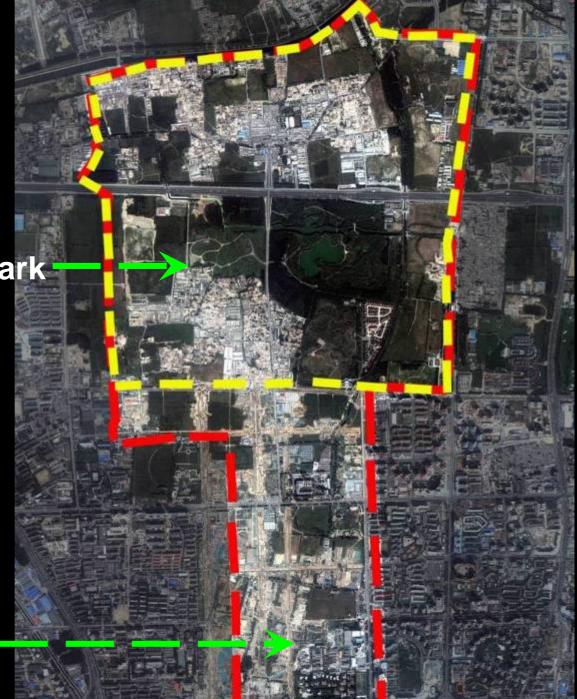






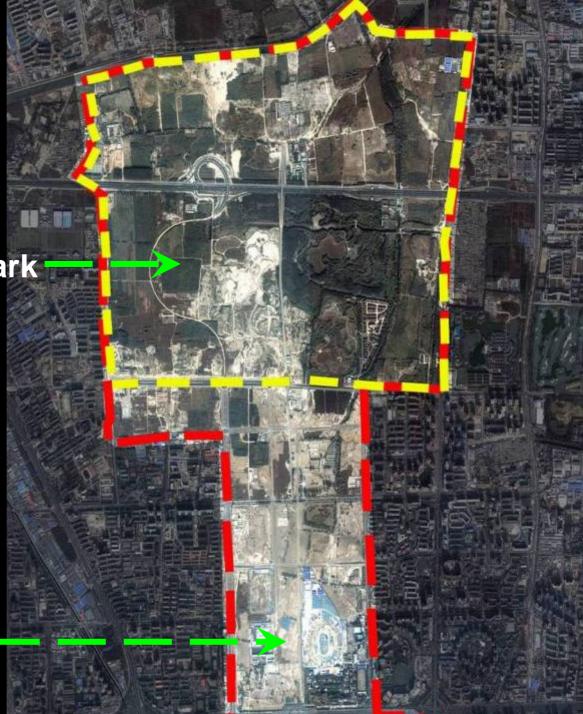












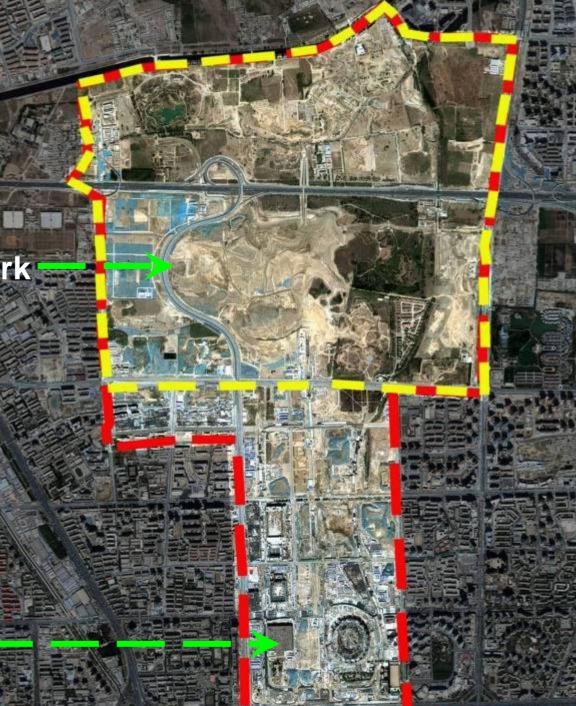






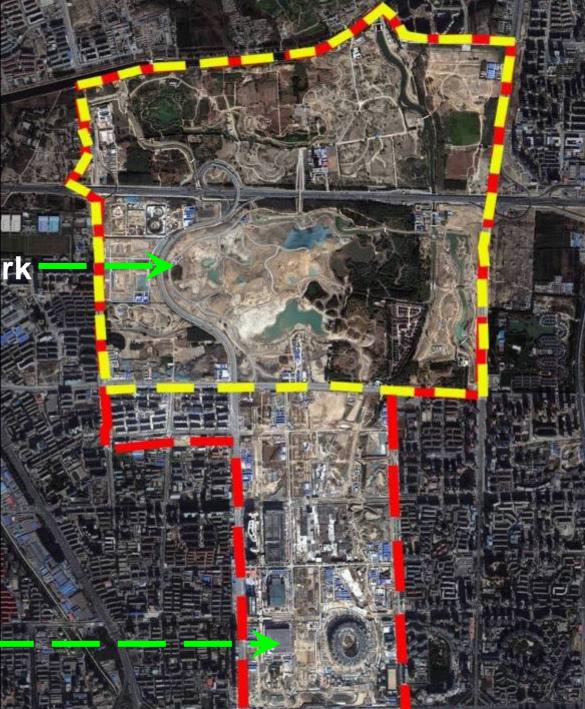


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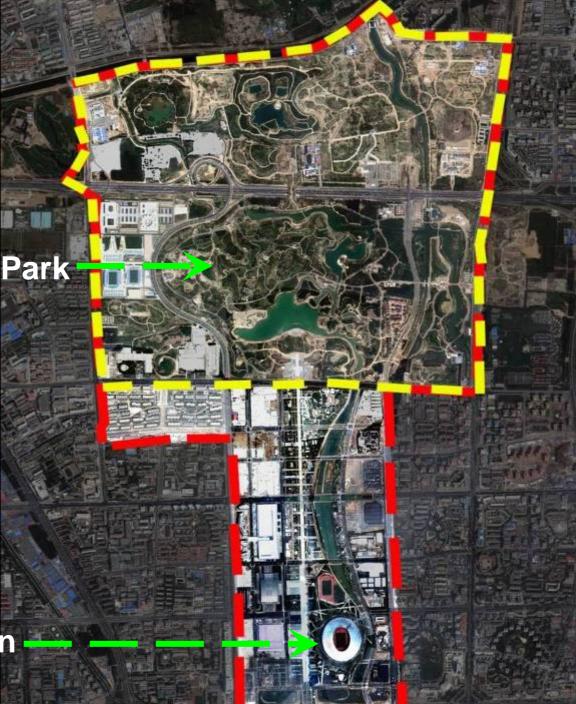








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# **Evaluations and Prizes**

GTZ, the international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations have evaluations to OFP based on their report:

In accordance with the Green Olympics motto the park symbolizes the need to take care for a healthy sustainable environment. The plentiful vegetation, the comprehensive closed loop ecosanitary system and the lake fed with recycled water from a nearby waste water treatment plant are to convey the green message to the visitors.

- The OFP sanitary system and nutrient reuse strategy is new and unique.
- Local research institutions would profit from the fact that they do not need to invest into trial establishment as with the OFP sanitary concept is already set up. Further, cooperating institutions will work with innovative technology that is apt to have a significant future impact on national and international level.
- Beyond basic research tasks including in-depth nutrient flow analyses, hygienic safety and environmental impact, the OFP provides an incomparable research ground for all eco-sanitary questions: From acceptability studies, over sanitary installation improvement to cutting edge micro-toxin research.

# Achim Steiner, UN Undersecretary General Executive Director of the UNEP



- The UNEP's report praised the city for waste management, cleaner transport systems, water treatment capabilities and creating urban green belts including the 580-hectare Olympic Forest Park.
- "These things not only benefit Olympic athletes but are also a legacy for the citizens of Beijing. Most importantly, these are a demonstration of where other cities in China and many parts of the world should strive to move in the years ahead"

# The Greenpeace gave evaluation on Beijing 2008 Games Environmental Performance:

- Olympic Forest Park: Geothermal heat pump technology is in use throughout 43 buildings in the Forest Park, covering an area of 59 976 m<sup>2</sup> of construction area.
- Olympic Forest Park: A small solar photovoltaic power station with an area of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> and a generation capacity of 65kW. 79 is currently being constructed at the south main gate of the Forest Park for energy provision and educational purposes and is scheduled to be completed in time for the Games.

- A number of new Olympic venues and refurbished venues such as the national Stadium (Bird's Nest), the Olympic Green, and the Olympic Forest Park include water saving design including rainwater collection, water efficiency, water re-use and water recycling features to reduce water demand during and after the Games.
- The Park contains an advanced enclosed water circulation system. Official figures say that about 1.34 million m3, or about 95% of rainwater inside the park can be reused for irrigation. This system will also support an ecological wetland area designed for educational purposes.

- During drought periods, reused water will come from the Qinghe Wastewater Treatment Plant. Sewage and human waste derived from visitors are treated using advanced composting and source separation methods that allow the waste to return to the park as fertilizer. All park toilets will make use of these advanced technology.
- Selective venues at the Games have undertaken zero-waste approaches to waste management. The Olympic Park produces 5000-7000 tons of green waste a year, which includes grass, leaves and branches that are produced by plant life in the park. The treatment center at the north end of the Park can process about 3000 tons of waste per annum. There will also be a unique "yellow water" treatment system that will process human waste to allow these waste products to return to the park as fertilizer.

Olympic Forest Park Project Won Torsanlorenzuo International Prize 2007— Landscape Design and Protection 1st Prize (Section B: Urban Green Spaces)





**Olympic Forest Park Project Won** 2008 IFLA Asia – Pacific Region Award Program Landscape Planning Category **President's Award** 

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