# ACTIVE AMSTERDAM

THE CITY AS A HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT

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# THE BLUE STAIRS

HEALTHY LIVING IN ACTIVE AMSTERDAM

Definition of city families from the Research Report: Parents work in the city centre and have a busy social life close to their homes. Family compositions are very diverse.





Large family For example two parents and more than 3 children or a composed family with children that come to stay in the weekends

Middle size family For example two parents and one or two children or one parent with two children



Small family For example a single parent with one child or a couple

Take aways from the Research Report on how to design child friendly living environments and family friendly dwellings that encourage physical movement on a daily basis.



Child friendly living environment Pedestrians first Sheltered, accessible, multifunctional public space with relation to the dwellings



Fanily friendly dwelling Storage space Space for safe play inside and outside Privacy for all family members Space for working at home Flexible and multifunctional use, changing with the families needs



Encouraging active lifestyles Intensifying of daily movements in and around the house Inside: Stairs as a space defining element which can double as space for storage, play or work Outside: Active routing system to and from the dwellings. Stairs and galleries double as place to meet and play. Extra: add active program like swings and slides or an attractive goal at the end of a route



## Collective outdoor space

The dwellings are connected to a inners street or gallery that is shared with their neighbours. All dwellings have a good view on these shared spaces which make them safe places for play an meeting.

### Private outside space

Is an extension of the inside space Can be well supervised from inside Is a safe place for play And a place for socializing and personalisation



### Stairs

The stairs inside are a space defining element in the living space and can have double functions. Stairs outside can double as a place to play or meet with good supervision.

#### Add double functions

Encorporate places for storage, work or play in the design. Use nooks, corners or spare space under stairs.



#### Flexible and multifunctional spaces

The possibility of closing off a part of the living space to be used seperatly and without disturbing

## Change with the family

Large bedrooms can be changed into two small bedrooms or the other way around.





Site plan Marnixstraat 170 Amsterdam 1:500





Floor plan -1 1:200



Floor plan 0 1:200





**Floor plan +1** 1:200





Floor plan +2 1:200





Floor plan +3 1:200





**Floor plan +4** 1:200





**Floor plan +5** 1:200





Floor plan +6 1:200





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**Cross section** 1:200

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Longitudinal section 1:200

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Maisonette waterside 1:50

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Maisonette streetside 1:50

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Apartment waterside 2nd floor 1:50

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## **61 m2** small family 2 bedrooms

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Apartment waterside 3rd floor 1:50

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**75 m2** middle size family 3 bedrooms

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Apartment streetside 2nd floor 1:50

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**Apartment streetside 3rd floor** 1:50

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Dwelling design Apartments 4th floor

**56 m2** small family 2 bedrooms

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Apartment 4th floor 1:50

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Dwelling design Corner apartments

**45-70 m2** small - middle size family 1-3 bedrooms

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**Corner apartment** 1:50

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Climate scheme

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Sustainable dancefloor Studio Roosegaarde (with Energy Floors) for Club Watt Rotterdam

Energy generation

The energy that the building demands can be generated in multiple ways -PV panels are added to the rooftop terrace - The rest of the roof is covered with a Energy Floor system which generates energy from movement. When people walk over the roof and stairs their movement activates the system and loads the batteries. This system can also be added to the sidewalks and the surface of the busy traffic crossroad next to project location. It then uses the vibration of the traffic that is here day and night to generate energy.

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Energieplein Kerckebosch-Zeist, Energy footbal pitch (WURCK)

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Energieplein Kerckebosch-Zeist, WeWatt-bikes (WeWatt & WURCK)

Energy tiles are not the only way to generate energy from movement, the Energieplein

Energy floors have been applied in for example a sustainable dancefloor for Club Watt Rotterdam and in the Energieplein Kerckebosch-Zeist by WURCK. WURCK has designed energy footbal pitches that can charge phones.

Energyfloor and PV panel comparison

Maximum output of 1 m2 energy floor: 70 watt ( this example uses Energy dancefloor tiles 70x70x20 cm, 35 watt) Maximum output of 1 m2 PV panell: 127,5 watt (this example uses a PV panel of 100x165 cm, 250 wp, in the Netherlands (factor 0.85))

The Energy floor can generate maximum half of compared to its surface in PV panels. For this result it needs to be walked or played on constantly. On the roof this will not be the case, but in the crossroad or tramrails it will.

Kerckebosch-Zeist, also applied WeWatt-bikes that give power to a wifi-hotspot on the square.

The generation of energy through movement can make the users aware of the positve effects of their work. If their efforts become visible or usable it can be a motivation to move more and be more healthy and generate energy at the same time.

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Nature playground Leiden (Designstudio van Ginneken)

Nature playground and water buffer combination

The playground on the waterside behind the building is a nature playground. The playground is for all ages. Tree trunks are placed for playing and sitting on and the water bassin is not only a place for play but doubles as a rainwater buffer. The residents of the building can maintain and be physical active in the garden while the vegetation contributes to the biosdiversity of the site.

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- Loadbearing prefab concrete structure
- Secundairy steel support structure
- Secundairy prefab concrete structure
- Trimmer to support floor slab

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#### <u>1. Look-out tower</u>

Prefabricated concrete structure of colums and beams Placed on top of structural grid and load bearing walls

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#### 2. Central staircase

Self-supporting steel stairs Every two floors a platform is connected to the load bearing concrete structure with a secondary steel construction

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A secondary steel construction is added where the porch entrances intervene in the

<u>4. Facade staircase</u>

construction

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3. Porch entrances

concrete load bearing structure

A trimmer supports the upper floor elements

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Self-supporting steel stairs Every platform is connected to the load bearing concrete structure with a secondary steel

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All fire escape routes are outside and residents can always escape two ways.

There are two staircases on both ends of the building. These two staircases can be reached from the ground floor and over the galleries of the second and fourth floor. The sixth floor has direct access to one staircase and can reach the second staircase using the public roof . The dwellings on the third, fifth and seventh floor are connected to the galleries by porche accesses.

Users of the public program on the roof can also escape two ways, in case of emergency they can also use the escape routes of the residents.

The parking garage in the basement is connected to the ground two staircases, but with different stairs so escaping residents from the upper floors do not end up in the basement. Two extra stairs connect the basement to the ground floor, close to the front doors. The two slopes also go directly outside.

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<u>Primary load bearing structure</u>
Prefab concrete floor elements + screed and prefab concrete walls
including steel anchors cutouts to prepare for prefab facade elements

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2. Facade elements Prefabricated facade elements consisting out of concrete back construction, window frames including glass, insulation, aluminium substructure for facade cladding and steel anchors for balustrades

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<u>3. Facade cladding</u> On site installation of aluminium framework around windows, facade cladding, balustrades and aluminium eaves

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Fragment section 1:50

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Fragment floor plan 1:50

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Fragment street facade 1:50

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Fragment inner facade 1:50

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Detail 4 1:5

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Urban model building volume

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Building model seen from the north

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Building model seen from the west

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Roof garden

Bicycle parking

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Public active route

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Apartment interior

Apartment access

Gallery

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Back gardens

Inner street

Maisonette

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Routing

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Goals

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Active program

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