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22 Ways to Reinvent Paris



Paris is a city renowned for dramatic urban transformation: 146 years ago, the completion of Haussmann's renovation changed the face of the French capital, his vast network of boulevards and squares constituting the single most radical overhaul of a city in history. Now, it seems Paris is at it again: Mayor Anne Hidalgo has announced the winners of Réinventer Paris, unveiling a raft of innovative projects designed to improve public spaces across the city.

The competition called for proposals on 23 sites throughout Paris and has attracted a number of prestigious international firms including David Chipperfield Architects and Sou Fujimoto Architects. Winners were announced for 22 different locations — only the site for a townhouse in the 17th arrondissement lacked a proposal — and include proposals for 1,341 new living units, of which 50 percent are designated affordable. Other projects contribute buildings for public use, as well as incorporating improved infrastructure and highly sustainable building technologies.

Below, we preview all 22 schemes. Here's what to expect from the next great reinvention of Paris:



6. Edison Lite by Manuelle Gautrand Architecture

French architect Manuelle Gautrand has proposed a plant-covered housing block beside a conservatoire in the 13th arrondissement.