

Nourishing Xishan Mountain Park



PROJECT OVERVIEW

As a part of the urban open space, the urban park and the garden in residential area together constitute the green space system, which together improve and regulate the microclimate of the city. With the family as the module and customer demand as our priority, this project aims to take nature as the underlying tone to empower the landscape, inject multiple interesting spaces into the site, and create an urban back garden with an immersive scene experience that meets the needs of modern people. In the summer evening, when the residual heat of the sun has not yet dissipated, you can press the pause button of hurried life and linger in the “city’s back garden” to enjoy the poetry of nature and the exuberant life of the city.

The base is located in Hunnan New Town, Shenyang. The schooling resources are abundant nearby, but the transportation and supporting facilities are far from perfect, and the park resources are relatively scarce. As such, from an urban perspective, as a supplement to shared space resources, the park is intended to allow citizens to connect with the nature in the city. From the perspective of community, this space forms a linkage with the residential area, so that people can enjoy the leisure and fun brought by it in a bustling city, thereby also enhancing the value of the residential area.

CHALLENGES OF CREATING SITE SPACE

- How to eliminate the height difference of the site and at the same time create the appeal and memory points of the city interface?
- With limited supporting resources in the area, how to create a convergent functional space?
- How to maintain a complete natural base while stimulating the vitality of the site?





1. Urban street interface
2. Square main entrance
3. Urban sculpture
4. Earth Art Theater
5. Step overlook
6. Explore the forest
7. Sales office space
8. Parking lot
9. Green Path
10. Keep healthy and fit
11. Casual wooden platform
12. Aerial trestle
13. Open entrance





In order to create an urban interface with strong appeal, and give full play to the role of attracting traffic and gathering people, three giant tree-like art sculptures are used as prologues at the entrance to guide visitors to start a journey to the back garden of the city. The combination of the falling leaf art sculpture and the flowing water feature on the ground makes the landscape elements connect with each other to form a complete spatial dimension.



The retaining wall formed by the terrain on the side is made into a dreamy rainbow wall, which weakens the functional properties of the retaining wall and makes it a very characteristic background in the park. The addition of the small scenes for “leaving a mark” and taking pictures enhances the appeal of the landscape space.



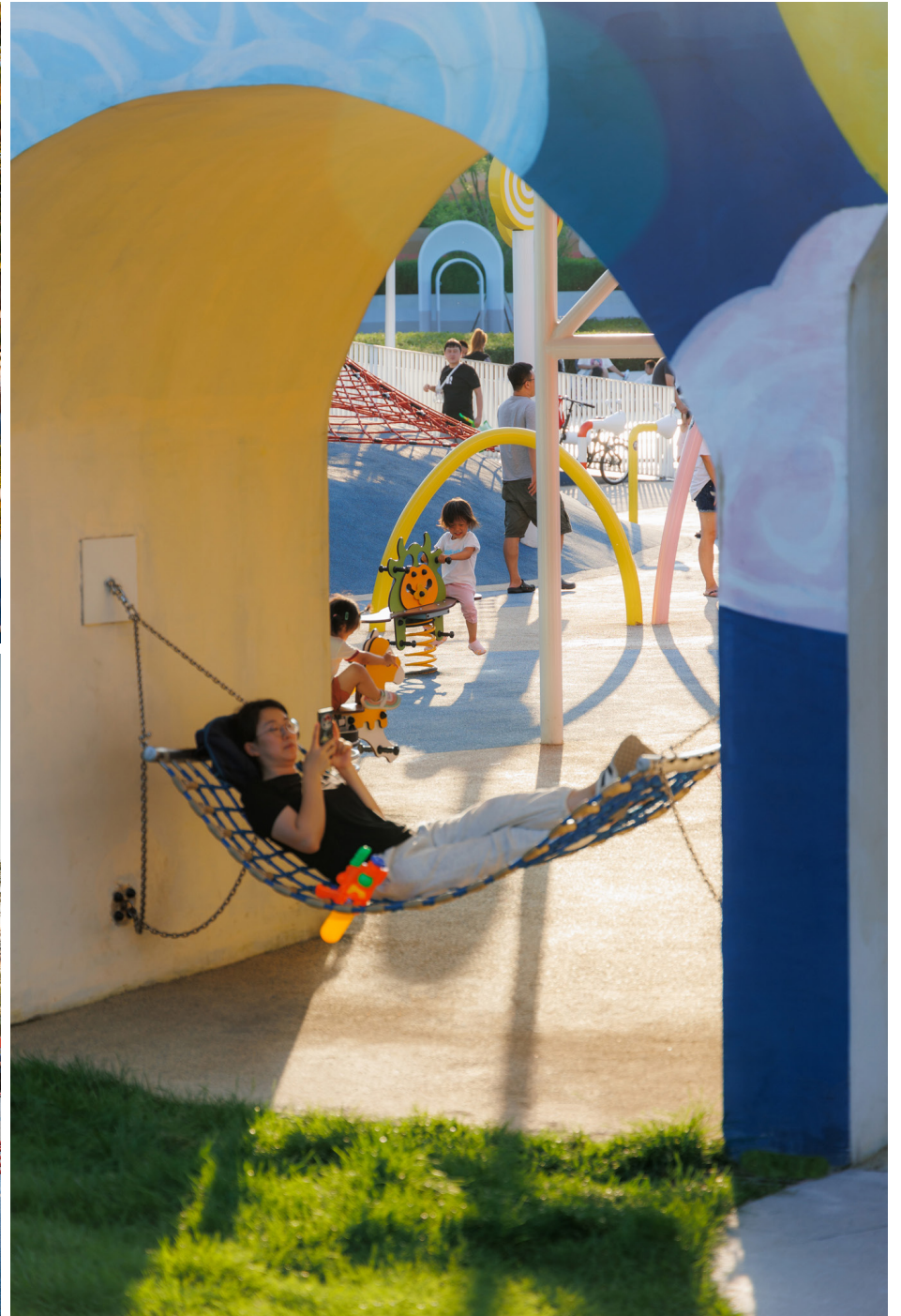
Due to the imperfect supporting facilities in the area and the lack of park resources, the site carries the spatial attributes of social activities such as leisure and entertainment, stay and gathering of residents nearby. From the perspective of meeting the needs of people of different ages, it is particularly important to implant rich functional spaces to stimulate the vitality of the site and gather popularity.



Under the current condition of 4m height difference of the site, the large-scale streamlined platform square is used as the base of the front field to resolve the height difference. The falling water feature at the entrance is the first point of sight when entering the park, and it is also the source of the water system in the platform square. The water system flows slowly along the arc-shaped steps, like shallow steam flowing in the valley. A variety of interactive water features are added to make the site more engaging and interactive. The arc-shaped green island, the stacked planting pool and the point-shaped tree pool break the hardness of the large area of the platform square. Part of the wooden platform space is designated at the edge of the platform square, which is used as a leisure area under the forest at the edge of the square. It is softly wrapped with stacked planting pools, which eliminates the hardness of the site to some extent. On the other hand, it also avoids the monotony of the site and homogenization in terms of spatial properties.



The creation of different scenes brings different landscape experiences to participants who can appreciate the scenery calmly, play with water merrily and chasing light and shadow joyfully. As a supplement to the functions of the residential area, the children's area on the south side takes the theme of "gift box" to interpret the overall connotation of the park: it is a gift for children and also a gift for the city. The site uses the gray space of bridges and slides to create independent children's playground. The ground, ramp, and pontoon bridge - the three levels of space form a rich sense of scene experience, forming a super terrain space with typical urban atmosphere.

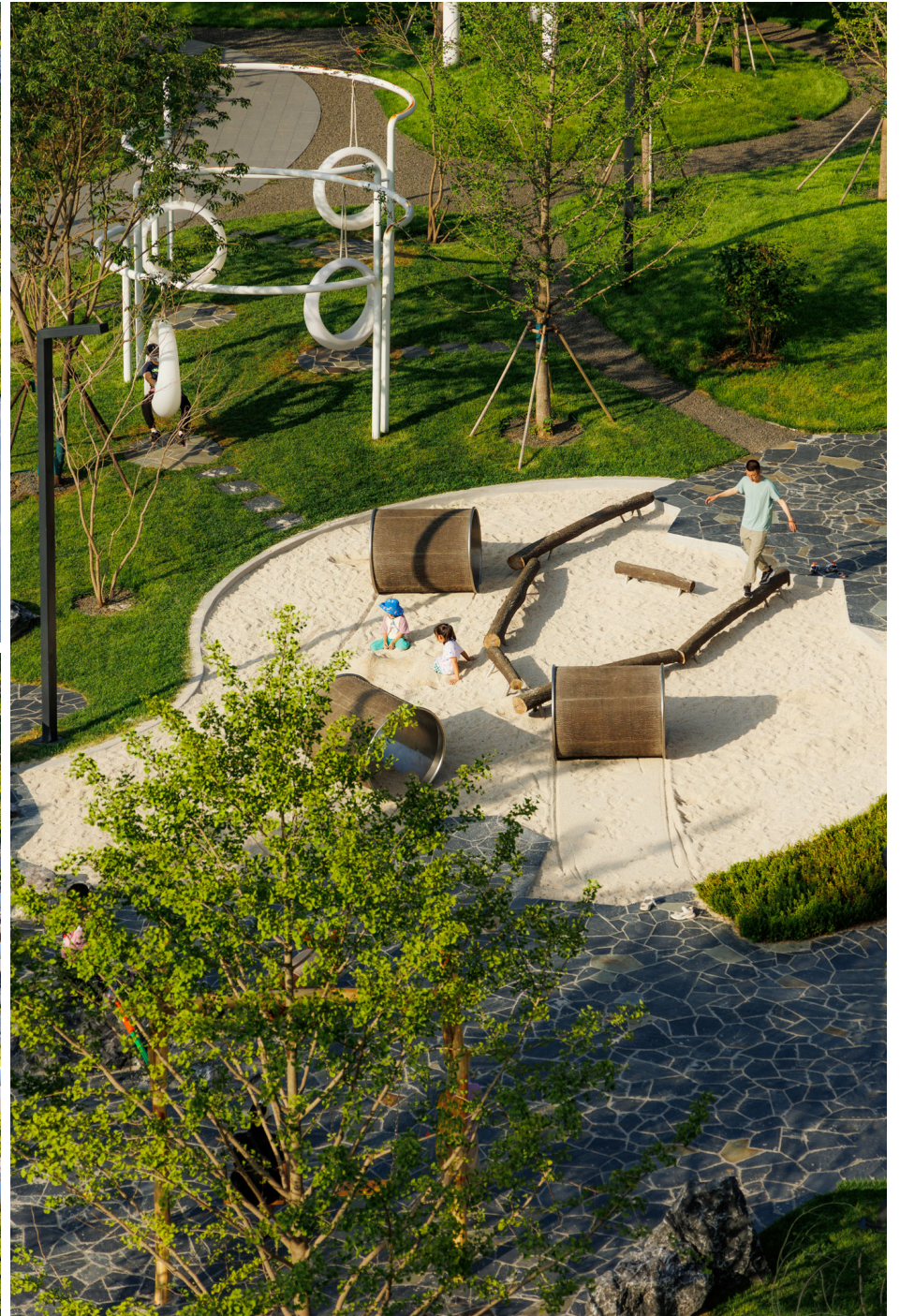




The children's natural adventure area on the north side presents a completely different scene quality. The use of materials that imitate natural textures and the seemingly extensive and casual setting make the space appear to be nature blended with nature. The white hanging ring swing is integrated into the scene in a minimalist way, allowing adults and children in the space to interact with each other. The concept of traditional activity area focused on taking care of children is abandoned to help adults get more involved in this space.







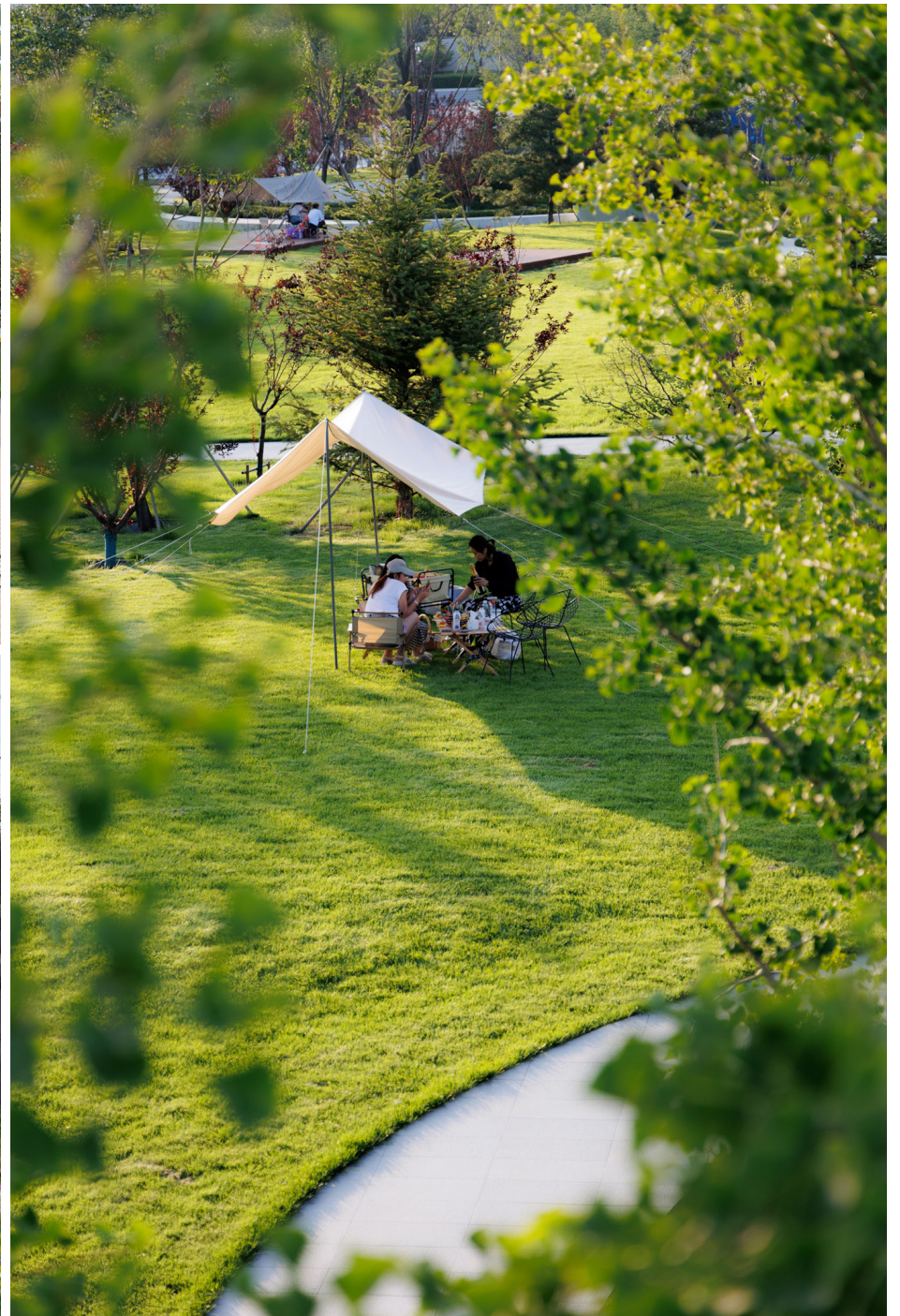


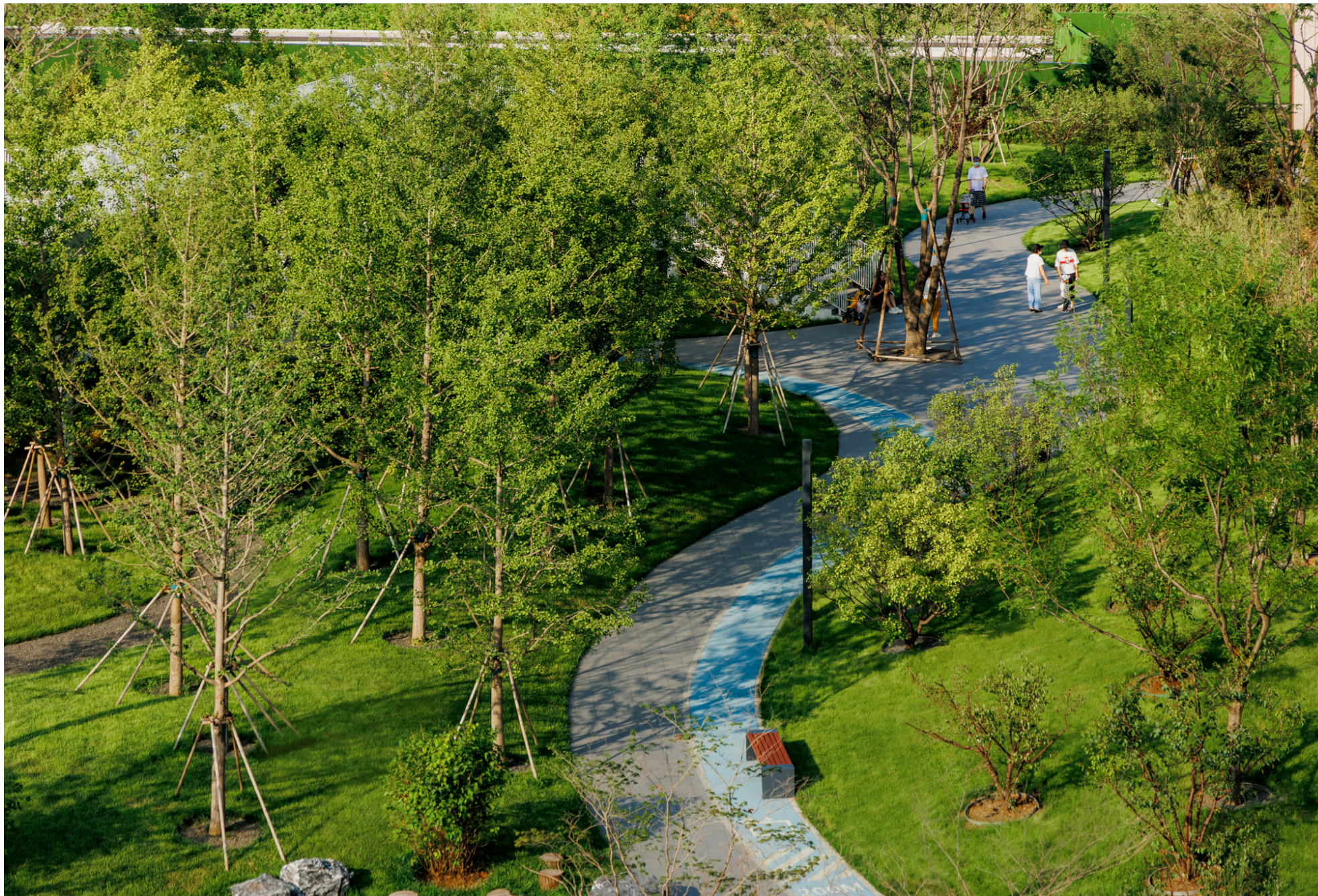
The nature that is inclusive allows all beings to take various forms, and the compatibility of space offers more possibilities. As extensive range of people will use the site, the space is left blank in many ways, and the stacking of landscape elements is reduced to make the landscape more natural and users of the space have the right to define the space.





On the open sunny lawn, visitors can picnic, camp, walk, run, organize community gatherings and lawn music festivals. The landscape space that blends with nature provides a big stage of life for everyone who comes here. In such a flexible space, everyone can interpret their own life story.







Accidental wind shapes the cloud, and people who pass by begin to define its shape; careful design shapes the space, and people who arrive begin to sketch their yearning for life. When the wind blows, you can walk through the shade of the forest in the back garden of the city, so that you can have a peace of mind in the nature full of infinite fun; when you come home when the lights are on, you can relax your body and mind in the exquisite warmth of life.