Park Park - Integrated With Nature-Natural Systems Give Form to Architecture
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Abstract:
How can an understanding of natural systems give form/transform architecture? In natural systems nothing is wasted, everything is interconnected and self-sufficient simultaneously. How can we model our buildings after nature? Three natural systems are key: water, vegetation and energy. Cars exemplify our basic problems ecologically in today's urban landscapes. Vehicles, highways, roads, buildings and parking lots counter nature. The Park Park project is a mixed use parking facility and shops, which integrates the natural systems of water, energy and vegetation with the architecture. Park Park puts the paradise back into the pavement.

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