

# Sidewalk gardens

## Asian neighbourhood, Amsterdam, NL



Project Sidewalk gardens: Asian neighbourhood, Amsterdam, NL  
 Client: Residents in association with city department Zeeburg, de Alliantie (building corporation)  
 Project: 2005  
 Budget: unknown

The Banka street is an attractive street with its historical buildings (1900) and fully mature trees, however there is still plenty of room for improvement. With the completion of the urban regeneration works in which most of the houses in the street have been newly developed and fully renovated, many new home owners are taking occupancy. This offers the opportunity to give a new impetus to the quality of the public space. In consultation with the city department of Zeeburg, a new initiative was started to make 20 new sidewalk gardens in the public realm. The flyer was initially used to see if new occupants supported the idea of making and maintaining the new sidewalk gardens. Amsterdam is well known for the success of these gardens, and the role it can play in developing better social interaction community spirit. In the Asian neighbourhood there are many immigrants families whose kids need to play outside, however there is relatively little green space to facilitate this. Sidewalk gardens cannot solve this problem but can contribute to make the atmosphere and surroundings of the street, safer (social control), more attractive, and sociable for occupants and kids alike. This initiative was completed in 2006 with the successful delivery of 20 sidewalk gardens thanks to the occupants of the Bankastraat under the motto, .....”make a garden street from the Banka street”

Link: Pdf: flyer  
 Link: Artikel Wereldwijkrant (2006)

Image shows street 2 months after planting.

