

# Public Works Department

## Location

Amsterdam, NL

## Client

Stadsdeel Buitenveldert

## Initiated

1990

## Completion

1992

## Size

640 sqm

## Project Team

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The Buitenveldert district Public Works Department is located on the southern side of Amsterdam, built in the early 1960s as part of the A.U.P. by Van Eesteren. This building fits into the rectangular grid of freestanding structures. It forms a screen marking the boundary between the linear parkway and the forecourt while achieving a clear internal cohesion. The architecture combines the functionality of a warehouse with the opulence of a bungalow. Its appearance seems to contradict its function.

The structure is organised horizontally. A long corridor extends over the 56 meters of the rear of the building, providing access to work areas, dressing room and showers, as well as functioning as a filter between the depot and the street with its green borders. Large floor-to-ceiling glass partitions allow a connection between the inside and outside. The building was demolished in 2006 and replaced by a larger one to meet the facility's needs.

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