

If you would like to join, or even come and visit, we are always open. There are many houses, fields, trees, caravans that are to be occupied and defended when the time comes. If you have your own project to contribute, like setting up a new space, garden, action ideas, or any other useful resources or talents, even better. We are encouraging people to try and be as self sufficient as possible within this space, as well as wanting to be inspired to become part of this ever growing struggle against the machine of progress. Or if you cant come and visit, maybe you feel the wish to visit some sites or offices of VINCI in your area...

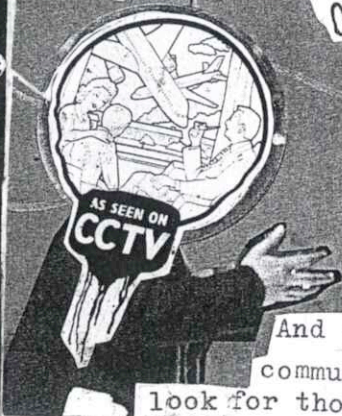
Wish list / ideas of stuff to bring:
Bicycles and trailers, tarp; tools, building and barricading materials, climbing materials, computer and technical skills, wheelbarrows, rope of all kinds, books, vans/trucks, media resources, ideas, inspiration. donkeys, dragons and dentists...

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(website coming soon)

CALL OUT



A community fights on against the invasion of the bulldozer empire

And as the empire grows, the community must also grow, and look for those to join the fight...

For over 40 years, a storm cloud has been gathering over a rural area of farms, fields, houses, marshlands and forests, 25km north of the city of Nantes, France. As an integral part of the massive expansion of the so-called "eco metropole" of the grand-quest, the local government has been buying up an area of over 1000hectares of land to make way for the construction of a so-called "high quality environmental" project - a new airport, highway bypass and tgv train line.

This zone is known as the "ZAD", "Zone d'Aménagement Différé", and to us who resist as the "Zone A Defendre".



Since the announcement of the plans, local residents and farmers have organised their resistance through petitions, demonstrations, tractor occupations, blockades ect... In spring and autumn '09, the area was in a state of military guard, as 150 military cops. were sent out to protect machines involved in the early works of core drilling and soil sampling. this is not a normal course of action; rather it was the response of the local government to acts of sabotage that occurred earlier on during the works.

In September '09, after climate camp in the ZAD, a call was made to occupy the abandoned houses and threatened areas of the ZAD, with support of local people in resistance to the airport.

Z This call has been answered, and already there are some 13 occupied areas on the ZAD, including empty farmhouses, caravans on abandoned land, forests and collective gardens. On July 15th 2010, authorities delivered papers to 5 occupied areas, warning the occupiers that they should vacate these places by the 30th July or face legal proceedings and evictions. Earlier that day, an agreement was signed by 5 unimportant bureay bureaucrats to finance the construction of the airport. On 29th July 2010; about 40 people occupied the council offices in Nantes. The next day, it was made public that the multinational construction company VINCI had been awarded the contract to build the airport.

Z Already the first works have begun on the Barreau Routier, a highway bypass being built to serve the airport. In August 2010 the city of Nantes made public their search for a security company to be on constant guard on the construction sites and areas around the ZAD.

Z But we wont be moved so easily. Busily growing food to support us over the next years, looking for further areas to occupy and build defenses within the ZAD, we are digging our heels in éven deeper and preparing for the fight.

