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second.garden is an architecture studio developing gardens and garden communities for businesses, industries, and institutions with a vision to create engaging, regenerative spaces that strengthen the connection between people and their local environment.

work and collaboration

Our work includes concept and design development, research, workshops, events and implementation. We collaborate with companies, institutions and private partners to integrate biodiversity artistically and conceptually into concrete garden designs.

circular practices

We follow the principles of circular economy and seek to reduce resource consumption in gardening through recycling. This approach is central to our work as it brings us into contact with many different people and gardening practices.

community and collective learning

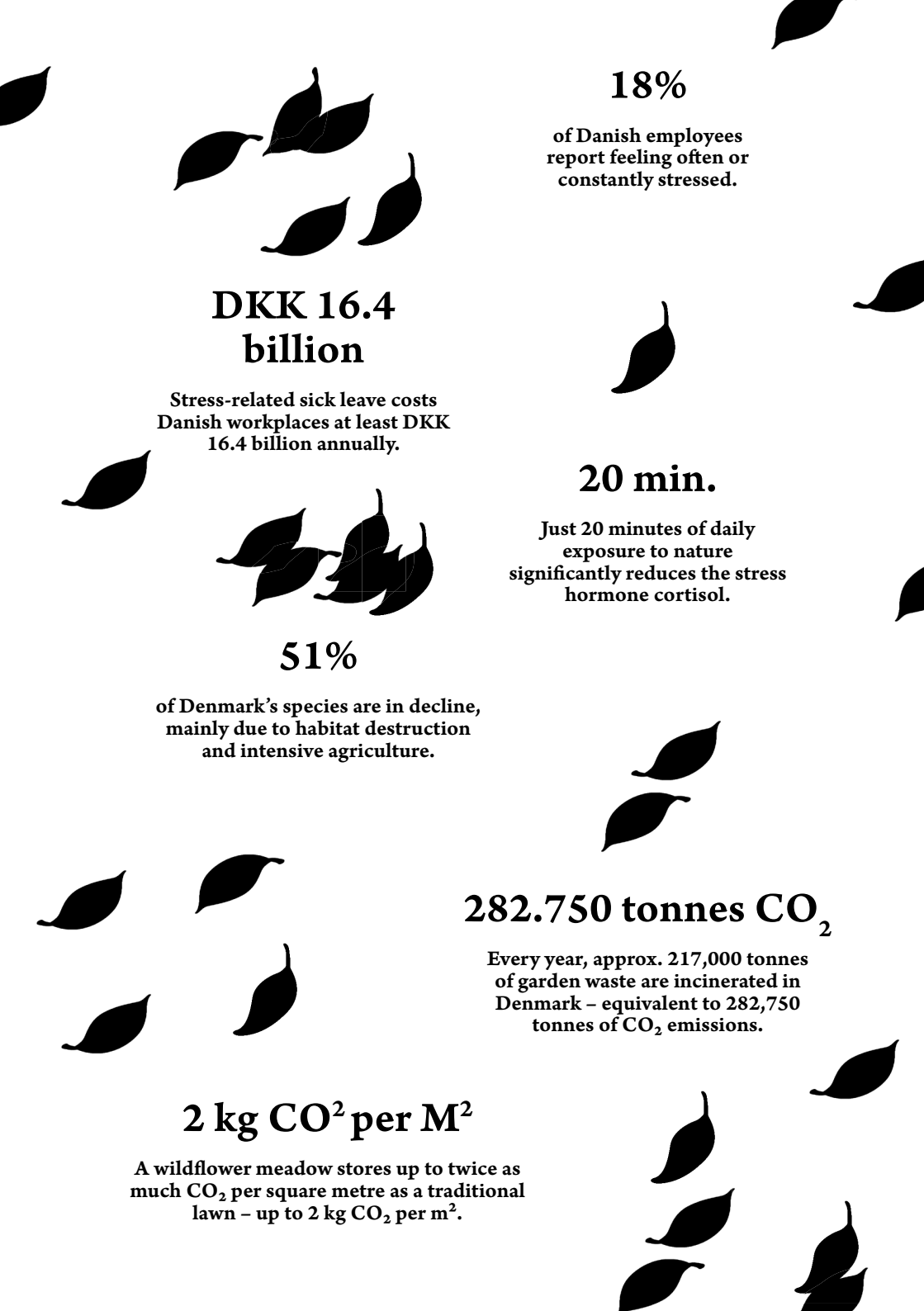
For us, the garden is a collective space where knowledge emerges from the relationship between people and their local environment. In the same way, our organisation is shaped by collaboration - between us, our friends, colleagues, networks and the living ecosystems we are part of.



In a time marked by increasing external pressures and demands for constant adaptation and efficiency, the need for human-centred work environments is more important than ever.

We see the garden as a healing space and gardening as an inspiring practice for how relationships and workflows can grow in tune with ecological dynamics.

**communities,
meaningful time,
and better biodiversity**



18%

of Danish employees
report feeling often or
constantly stressed.

**DKK 16.4
billion**

Stress-related sick leave costs
Danish workplaces at least DKK
16.4 billion annually.

20 min.

Just 20 minutes of daily
exposure to nature
significantly reduces the stress
hormone cortisol.

51%

of Denmark's species are in decline,
mainly due to habitat destruction
and intensive agriculture.

282.750 tonnes CO₂

Every year, approx. 217,000 tonnes
of garden waste are incinerated in
Denmark – equivalent to 282,750
tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

2 kg CO₂ per M²

A wildflower meadow stores up to twice as
much CO₂ per square metre as a traditional
lawn – up to 2 kg CO₂ per m².

Stress and poor wellbeing affect workplaces across Denmark, while biodiversity continues to decline both locally and globally. Both challenges require targeted efforts that support healthier work environments and ecosystems.

wellbeing under pressure

Stress and burnout are on the rise in Danish workplaces, reflected in high absenteeism and declining productivity. Many employees report psychological strain, lack of work-life balance and limited influence on their tasks. At second.garden, we respond to this by creating green spaces where employees are invited to help create and maintain the garden. This promotes ownership, calm and community - offering a practical counterbalance to stress and mental overload.

biodiversity through reused biomass

Biodiversity is declining significantly both in Denmark and globally. At second.garden, we address this by reusing existing resources. Each year, approximately 217,000 tonnes of garden waste are discarded in Denmark alone, some of which include viable plants, shrubs, and trees. These can find new life in other contexts, strengthening biodiversity and expanding habitats for local species. By designing with reused plants, we reduce waste and foster regenerative, place-specific ecosystems - one garden at a time.



Our approach to garden design combines circular practices and co-creation, where employees actively participate in gardening. The result is vibrant gardens that enrich both the workplace and the local environment.



value creation

We collect reused and donated plants for their unique value and supplement with new ones to reduce resource consumption in gardening.

co-creation

The process begins with a shared mapping of the site's needs and potentials, after which the design is developed in close dialogue with users and stakeholders.

space-creation

The outcome is living gardens that provide social and mental sanctuaries and strengthen the connection between people and the environment.



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A/B Ryparken

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At Ryparken A/B, we are transforming monotonous lawns into vibrant, biodiverse meadows through a collaborative, low-impact design approach. The project marks our fifth garden and our first commissioned project for an association.

project highlight: fifth.garden

When the residents of Ryparken A/B sought to activate the uniform lawns surrounding their modernist housing complex, second.garden was invited to develop and implement a design strategy aligning with the site's existing maintenance practices.

Working with a limited budget, we are now cultivating wildflower meadows in collaboration with the residents and their robotic lawn mowers, forming geometric paths and patterns throughout the meadow. This approach support both community use and wildlife habitats, prioritizing privacy, sensory depth, and biodiversity alongside effective maintenance.

left: "here comes a garden"

Simple measures such as signage help inform, engage, and build anticipation among residents.



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We design gardens that support companies' visions and responsibilities - making sustainability strategies visible through impactful green interventions.



ESG, UN SDGs, and CSR in practice

Partnering with second.garden offers companies possibilities to turn sustainability ambitions into concrete action. Our gardens serve as visible signs of commitment to both biodiversity and well-being - two key areas aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Our approach to secondhand gardening and inclusive design processes contribute to ESG reporting (Environmental, Social, and Governance) with measurable environmental and social impact. The gardens can be included in both climate accounts and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiatives, signalling responsibility in the physical environment. We offer guidance and documentation to help companies integrate green and social values into their strategic narratives.



second.garden is more than a company; we are an experimental collective that evolves through practice, networks, critical thinking, and shared reflection.

On our website you will find a comprehensive index of our work. Here you can keep up with ongoing projects, read and share experiences about gardens and gardening in our open letterbox.

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