



### The Anneville Plan for Tree 1056 (female)

Mighty trees have impressive roots. 30 years ago, this tree was left standing because she was the best developed tree of her cluster. Her roots had not grown transverse, but parallel to the new road. She had foreseen that she would have to adapt to humankind. Proud and pampered, she has been able to affect people emotionally for decades and, after a somewhat difficult start, she has been able to put down new roots: this time up into the foundation of the road, into the pores of the open asphalt; she is drinking from the road surface and flourishing. What her motives were is unclear; only her root system can shed light on this.

This is a project of a landscape architect and a sound technician trying their luck at listening and experiencing, by following sap flows and hearing how the labyrinth of underground branches has developed and continues to develop. Sap flows run into the core of the tree's memory; a recorder of the unseen process of growth, decaying and adapting. We sent sound into the tree and, with it, explored her hidden architecture. But what did we hear exactly? Traffic passing by above ground? Rooms from which the capillaries branch out? Infarctions caused by the rigorous interference 30 years ago? Worms and bacteria that take part in life underground?

An unintentional effect  
of making history audible  
is that we can filter out our own present day.

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