Like Gangtou Village, Young Village of Fuchun, Wuyuan County is a poetic village. There are many villages like this in Wuyuan that will increasingly become destinations for those trying to get away from urban life. As more people migrate back to the countryside, I am worried these places will begin to disappear, but the Shangri-la villagers who yearn for the urban life have been destroying themselves. The image shows that a pile of urbanized garbage is growing on the lifetime of villagers’ life — the Fuchun River. This garbage has destroyed this Acacia and will destroy more dreamlands throughout China.
城市环境与公共健康

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On the first day of 2015 I traveled seven kilometers along the Qingshan Creek from Chashu Village to Guangou Village. Colleagues and the Secretary of Puchun, Wayuan County accompanied me. I was motivated by the view on the edge of a fields town, a village of ancient houses enclosed by the mountains, punctuated by meandering creek, fertile farmland, and grand ancient manors. Approaching morning, the cooking smoke rose, and a human voice, crow squawking, and dog barking were occasionally heard. It was then as a friend described it: "Pumping" the river in Guangou Village. My friends and I under a fragmented Osmanthus tree is the end of primary school. As we breathed deeply and enjoyed the moment, the village actually explained how villagers were depopulated of its national health care and therefore, the village was no more than a grotto to topics medical care, and diseases like the flu were almost unheard of. Why should they buy insurance? Aren’t green vegetables, crystal water and organic fruits the best health insurance?

After this short trip, I gave attended to this place hardly found on map. A month before, at the beginning of February, I traveled to Guangou Village. The Spring Festival was approaching and the atmosphere was lively. Many were eating together and children would join the women helping clean the house. The whole village played soccer on the field at the village while the children played in the adjacent two fields and skies. There was no worry about the food security; there was no war or emergency in the old people, there was no concern of kids being hit by cars on the road. Isn’t this the ideal health of village and why we advocate for creating new cities and communities?

Perhaps I was someone with nostalgia for my own rural childhood, but I was willing, what does the 30 year high speed urbanization bring the Chinese? Isn’t this a question worth our time and consideration? What is the type of urbanization and development works without a healthy public environment? The manifest was P.215: 2.b.1 is only one of the obvious indicators of how we have downgraded the urban environment. Sense and longing health and salubrity are buried deep in our cities. Wars, soil, noise, and construction policies are threatening our psychological and physiological health and safety. Lack of food security and neighborhood relationships are two of the consequences of poor urban and environmental health. The grey space that is occupied by small concrete and by the chemical-environmental environments raise human life on the brink. There are only ways to emancipation: we can either flee from the cities or we can reconstruct the city. Landscape architects are called to this mission. We must pioneer the revolution to rebuild our glorious mountains and rivers.

The first option, facing from the city, will only bring on a new "Tower to the Countryside Movement". It will be necessary for landscape architects to protect the countryside from being damaged by this movement. Instead, we can help in the design new sustainable rural after Guangou Village that will live in peace and harmony with the environment. The second option, rebuilding the city, will make that China needs to adopt a new model of urbanization that will viable cities over the mountains, the beds, the waters, and the soil. The task will be long. This mechanism will require a project in design and construct new infrastructure that can provide coordinating, regulating, appealing, and cultural service for the cities.

I am attached to my village, but I also long for new cities built on the basis of infrastructures and new healthy urban life.