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**Gauja promenade &
Tidal park**

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Gauja promenade



Genius loci

Gauja River as 'central street of the city' and symbolic landmark



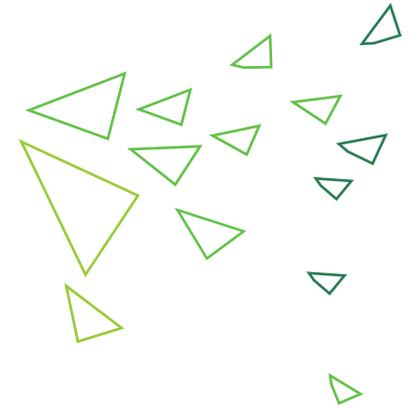
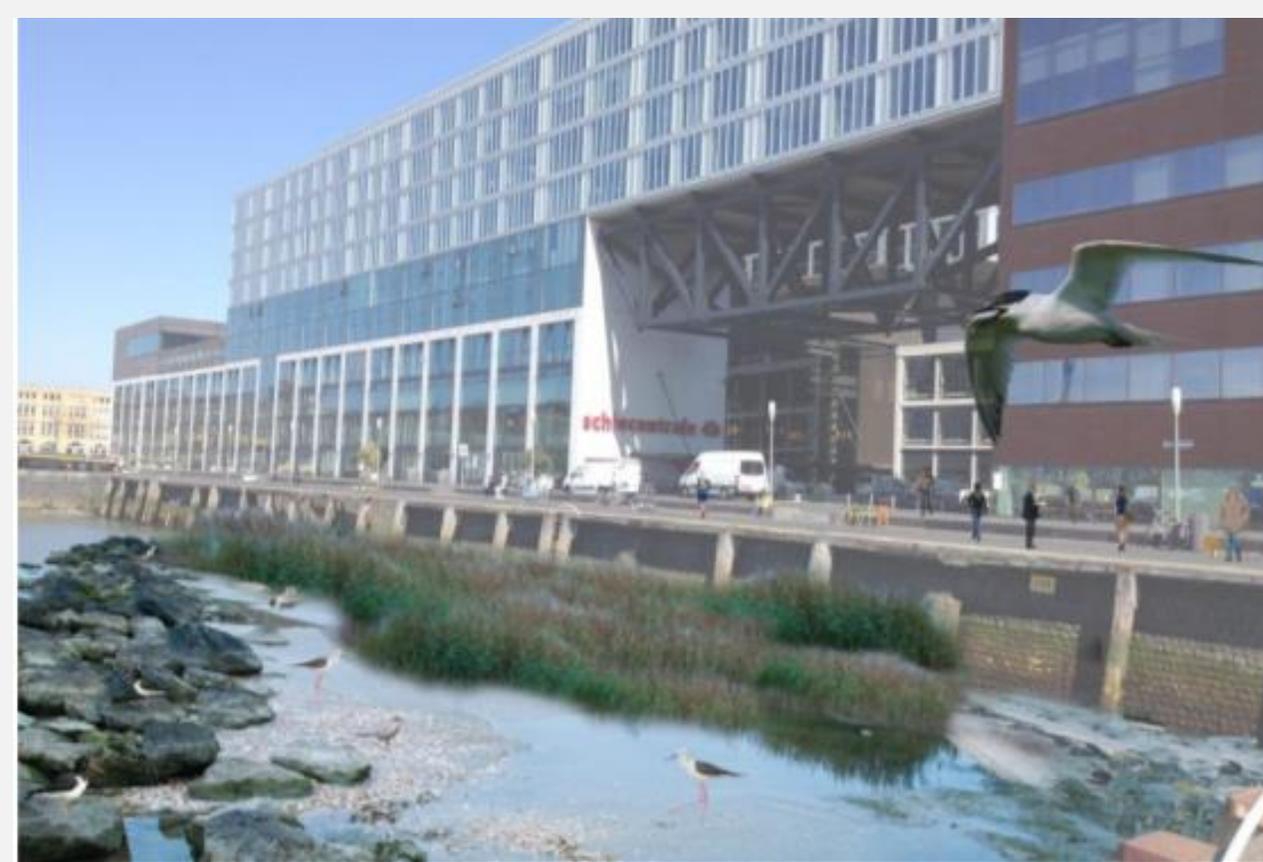
Accessibility & soft mobility network

Non-fragmented and



Environmental awareness

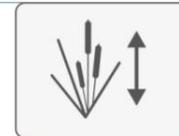
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Spatial aspects



Flowering season: spring & summer



Maximum height of
bankside flora in fresh
water: 3 to 4 m, salt or
brackish water
1-1.5 m



Maximum water depth:
0.3 m-1.5 m. Natural
fluctuation in water level of
at least 30 cm is advisable

Tidal park Rotterdam

Impressive scale restoration of wetlands in the city

Opportunities for leisure and nature

Flood risk management &

Building with nature in the city

Ecosystem services

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Benchmark example of good practice

How will we scale in the future

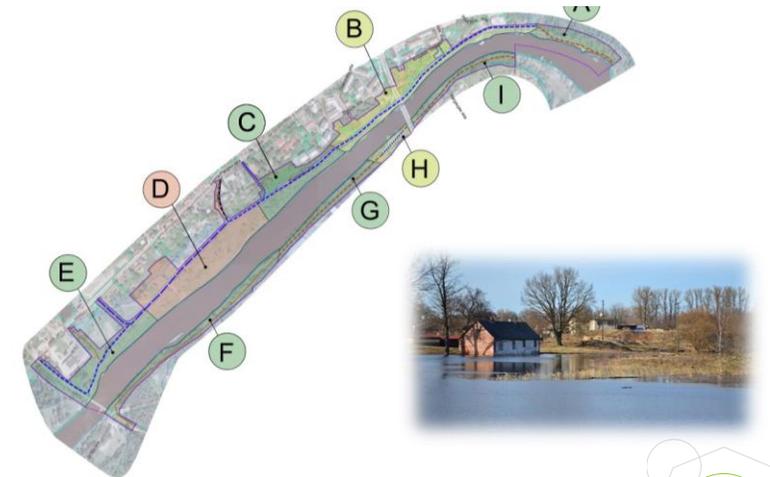
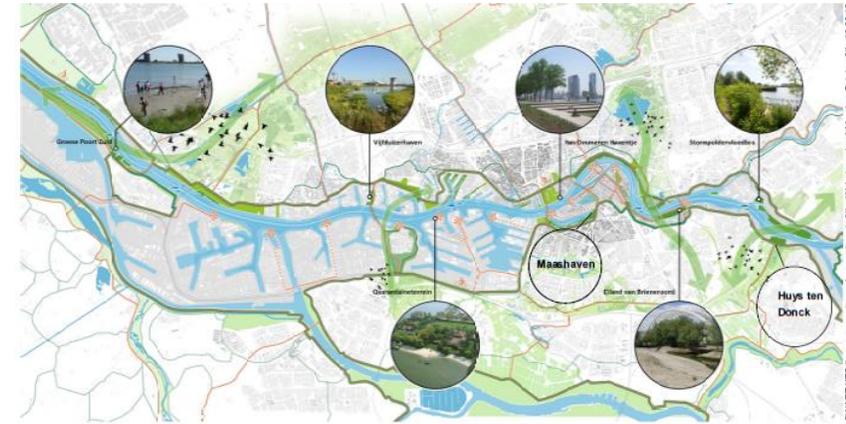
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water levels
in the city

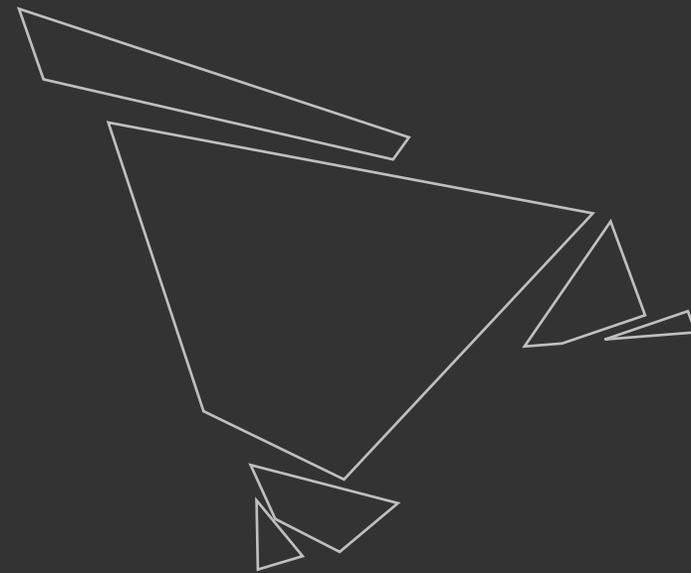
- 360 kilometres of river bank
- restoration of Delta nature
- creation of space for nature and people
- use of participatory GIS for spatial planning
- ecoservice approach
- multiple smaller projects & initiatives under one umbrella concept

Gauja promenade Valmiera

- 20 kilometres of river bank
- waterfront in the city as a network of soft mobility
- increasing the attractiveness of the city
- eco-corridor between two *Natura 2000* sites
- gradual stages of development and the introduction of smaller initiatives as elements in a comprehensive context



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Responsible zoning

To develop the banks of the Gauja River in Valmiera into a significant landscape for the city with a diverse and lively public outdoor space, which has activities that **respect history and nature** and the **city's identity**.

SWARE project aim into the action

integrated management
of the natural and
cultural heritage in the
city with inland
waterways, achieving a
better balance between
the protection and
sustainable use of
natural and cultural
resources



Thank You



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