

#38. SCHINKEL ISLANDS

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Amsterdam, The Netherlands
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WHY IS THIS A GOOD EXAMPLE?

The construction of the islands make the most of the old railway tracks that now serve as a recreational and ecological corridor between two green areas of the city. It is an innovative example of urban construction that highlights nature itself with water as the main element. The basis of the design was bringing more value to the area from an existing social and physical context and making the most of the uniqueness of the place was at the forefront. The area was divided into islands, each with their own function, so the wetland character was reinforced in a natural way.



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DESCRIPTION

The Schinkel zone near Amsterdam is interpreted as an archipelago consisting of four different islands that house a large number of recreational facilities. The backbone of the design is a recreational and ecological connection between the Vondelpark and the Amsterdam Forest, using an old railway embankment. The various functions determine the nature of the islands, there is a tennis island, an island of boat houses, a soccer island, a park island and a nature island . By increasing the total area of water and using piers, platforms, bridges and reed beds, the presence of water is felt more directly. The area becomes an unique Water Park forming a new entrance for the city of Amsterdam.

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