

## #6. WATERSQUARE BENTHEMPLEIN

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Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
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Partnership/ Inclusivity/ Stakeholder involvement

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### WHY IS THIS A GOOD EXAMPLE?

Combining both preparation for flooding and public square. If it was simply a construction in order to stop flooding it would not be an attractive part of the city, but with innovative planning the area now has two functions.



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### DESCRIPTION

The water square combines water storage with the improvement of the quality of urban public space. The water square can be understood as a twofold strategy. It makes money and is practical, but also makes the water storage facilities visible and enjoyable. It also generates opportunities to create environmental quality and identity to central spaces in neighborhoods. Most of the time the water square will be dry and in use as a recreational space.

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