



## Ørestad: Where water and green areas are attracting jobs and life

*Creating a new efficient urban centre within a city is not always enough to ensure life and jobs. Ørestad, a new urban area located close to the city centre of Copenhagen, is designed with a backbone of blue waterways and green areas in order to make it attract people, jobs and investments*

Ørestad has been built to create growth and development in a capital which was in financial stagnation and crisis at the end of the 80s and beginning of the 90s. The aim was then, and still is, for Copenhagen to become an even more appealing international city and a driver for the national economy. Part of Ørestad is already fully developed and

when the project is completed, some time within the next 20-30 years, it will be home to 20,000 inhabitants, have 60,000 jobs and be able to offer education for 20,000 students.

Ørestad has become an experimental laboratory for the development of future urban water solutions. Rainwater

is the main supply for the visible water network in Ørestad. The approach to managing the water in Ørestad is the separate management of waste water, rain water from streets and squares and rainwater from the city roofs.

The waste water is sent to the ordinary treatment plant, while the rain water



» Ørestad represents an innovative approach in terms of water. Here, the distinct use of water for aesthetic purposes is directly linked to the stormwater management.



from the streets and squares is to be cleaned locally and then released as supply water to the waterways. For this purpose, a new treatment technology is being developed. The rainwater from the roofs does not need cleaning and will be fed directly to the waterways.

This solution has been developed to deal with the future changes in the climate, when we can expect more extreme precipitation. It also reduces the expenses of dealing with rain water in sewers and central treatment plants.

At this point in its development, the focus is on creating life in this new area of the city, built behind dykes on the totally flat sea bed. New green areas will also help make it less windy and hopefully full of life.



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