

Storaa Stream

Location: Holstebro, Denmark **Designer:** OKRA and Schul **Photographer:** OKRA
Completion date: 2009 **Site area:** 23,000 sqm



1. Cycle and Pedestrian Bridge
2. Quay Side Seating
3. Storaa Stream
4. Water Podium
5. Planting Area
6. New Dance Theatre
7. Movable Planting and Seating on Rails
8. Water Floor and Fountain
9. Dance Theatre Square
10. Dance Theatre Park
11. Cycle Path
12. Parking Area

The project makes a major difference in the city and a connection between the two parts of the centre. The north part and the south part of the centre of Holstebro will be linked by a new focal point. The public spaces around the cultural buildings, like cinema and dance theatre, provide new élan to the city by transforming them into an outdoor stage. The project is the catalyst of changing the riverside from a backside with functional connections into a "place to be". Previously, the riverside was neglected and the city had turned its back towards the water.

Even just after the opening one can notice that the riverside is already attractive that the quality of public space will be a catalyst for further development. On the north side of the project, new developments in the next years will create frontages towards the riverside, where it is now just the backside of commercial activities and parking places. In the further future, it can be envisioned that more private owners want to turn their faces towards the river scenery. It can be envisioned that some extension of the buildings combined with underground parking supplies in a future second phase, where parks, playgrounds and small planted squares will form an extension of the beautiful riverside area.

Right: A view to the theatre and bridge at night

