**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

The area around the Maashaven in Rotterdam is short of real recreational public space, which is a drawback to attract starters and young families to the historically neglected area. Due to the former industrial character, the floodwall currently prevents residents and outdoor destinations on both cities’ sides. The lack of a green network connects the districts.

**RESEARCH QUESTION**

The question on top of this poster comprises two hypotheses: that water can function as a public space, which is a drawback to attract starters and young families to this socially deprived area and awaits a new function now the Maashaven is the relocated harbours. The harbour currently has a green island, which is a drawback to attract starters and young families to this socially deprived area. Like in many other Northern European cities, the harbour currently provides opportunities for recreation. The diverse activities are distributed over the area and provide the two neighbourhoods with a remarkable address at the river.

**VISION**

*Waterscape*

During the scenario study, the Maashaven was identified as a recreational waterscape in which recreational activities and ecological recovery are closely intertwined. This will be done by offering a unique natural and social waterscape with public space of water that attracts all desired user groups and by providing every neighbourhood with an address at the waterfront again.

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The development plan describes how the Maashaven will be transformed into a recreational water landscape in which recreational activities and ecological recovery are closely intertwined. This will be done by offering a unique natural and social waterscape with public space of water that attracts all desired user groups and by providing every neighbourhood with an address at the waterfront again.

*Waterscape*:

- **Sitting**
- **Walking**
- **Fishing**
- **Nature education**
- **Water nature**
- **Walking close to water**

*Waterfront*:

- **New tram stop**
- **Shopping**
- **Workshops**
- **Evening education**
- **TRAM**

**CONCLUSIONS**

Finally, transforming a harbour basin into a public space depends largely on the design of spaces at its edges, the types of activities, or all public space. The strategy to reconnect districts cannot rely on real estate or public space design but also requires a broad and wide and wide of ideas. In the case of the Maashaven, public spaces are expected to play an important role in the process of urban runoff water and river quality, but they are also expected to play a role in the process of urban runoff water and river quality. The Maashaven project has been developed in consultation with the local authorities and residents, and the strategy to reconnect districts cannot rely on real estate or public space design but also requires a broad and wide of ideas. In the case of the Maashaven, public spaces are expected to play an important role in the process of urban runoff water and river quality, but they are also expected to play a role in the process of urban runoff water and river quality.