

*Case Study***RIVERSIDE PARK (PARK U VODY), PRAGUE 7**

Architectural competition for a new park in an active flood zone, responding to the necessity to adapt to climate change. A unique opportunity to create a new park in the central part of Prague. The area between the port of Holešovice and the Barikádník bridge in close proximity to the river has been fallow for a long time and is suitable for such a project. The purpose of the project is to revitalize the space by re-establishing the relationship with the river Vltava on its left bank, building on the unique character of the park with preserved industrial traces and its potential as one of the few public spaces in local urban structure with a large green area that allows free movement around the water.



## 1. KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

- Location: Prague 7 City District
- Project area: the northern embankment of the Vltava river between the port of Holešovice and the Barikádník bridge
- Time period: 2020-2021
- Budget: 2021 - 13 263,- CZK, 2020 - 24 609,- CZK
- Scope of involvement: on-site questionnaire survey (64 park visitors interviewed), on-site public meeting (20 participants), communication with local associations, round tables with stakeholders
- Project website:  
<https://www.praha7.cz/potrebuji-zaridit/stavba-rekonstrukce/planujte-sedmic-ku-s-nami/park-u-vody/>

## 2. KEY ACTORS AND ROLES

### Project owner:

- Prague 7 City District

### Supplier of the participatory process:

- Participatory process was done by Prague 7 City District

### Project partners:

- Project supported by a grant from the Norwegian funds
- Prague Technical Management of Communications (TSK)
- PVL (Vltava River Basin)

### Other stakeholders:

- Selected representatives of local stakeholders

### Target groups of the participatory process:

- Residents of lower Holešovice; park visitors who pass from Troja or Stromovka parks to Holešovice or further to Prague 8 (and vice-versa).
- Users of the space representing various age groups (gathering data on their needs, time of visits, walking distance, perceived advantages and disadvantages, possible risks).
- Local associations (Prazelenina, Dolní Holešovice, Sousedé z Orteňáku).

### 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- **Participatory process goals**

The aim of the participatory process is to prepare the implementation of a high-quality project on a new park, which will correspond to the needs and perceptions of the users of the space, residents of the area and local stakeholders. The design of the future park will result from an architectural competition based on the outputs of the participatory process.

- **Participatory process**

#### **Phase 1: Preparation of the architectural competition** (June 2020 – January 2021)

- Stakeholder mapping
- Questionnaire survey with park visitors (evaluation [here](#))
- Troja Basin Day: announcing the name of the new park, information about other projects in the area
- Round table with key actors of the permitting process
- Announcing the urban-landscape architectural competition on the Riverside Park

#### **Phase 2: Announcing the winning design** (January – March 2021)

- Evaluation of the design proposals submitted to the competition and announcement of the winner
- Updating the website for the Riverside Park
- Public exhibition of competing design proposals (online and at the town hall)
- Article about the exhibition in Hobuleť (monthly magazine of Prague 7 City District) and on the website
- Beginning of follow-up negotiations

#### **Phase 3: Developing the winning design** (April – May 2021)

- Participatory process as part of developing the winning design proposal for the new park

#### **Phase 4: Informing the public about the status of the project** (August 2021)

- Presenting the current status of the project to the public as part of an on-site participatory meeting in the area of the future park with representatives of Prague 7 City District and project architects.

### **Phase 5: Communicating the project** (February - May 2022)

- Creation of a communication plan
- Exhibition PLANS FOR TROJA XV at the U Lávky Gallery in Troja
- Coordinating and preparing the Troja Basin Day 2022 with Prague 6, Prague Troja and other stakeholders, outreach to foreign participants, consultation with Prague Institute of Planning and Development (IPR Prague)
- Consulting and collaboration with the Department of Education and Project Management on a special theme week in schools and preschools of the Prague 7 City District within the framework of the City and River Conference and the Troja Basin Day in May 2022
- Updating information on the website of Prague 7 City District
- Article about the Riverside Park in Hobuleť along with invitations to the conference and Troja Basin Day 2022 (April 2022)
- *May 13, 2022* - international urban planning conference City and River in collaboration with IPR Prague
- *May 14, 2022* - Troja Basin Day (collaboration with Prague 6 City District)

### **Next phases:**

2022/2023 Beginning of project implementation

2024 Completion of the park and its grand opening

### **Participatory tools used to involve the public and stakeholders**

- Website of Prague 7 City District
- Social networks
- Mobile Radio (Munipolis)
- Monthly magazine of Prague 7 City District - Hobuleť
- Information leaflet
- Exhibitions (in March at the town hall, in December at the park)

## **4. CONCLUSIONS**

### **Outputs of the participatory process**

- Output 1: Evaluation of the questionnaire survey
- Output 2: Table of communities
- Output 3: Database of stakeholders
- Output 4: Urban-landscape architectural competition design



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### **Outcomes of the participatory process**

- A high-quality architectural competition designed to enable the creation of a high-quality project for the future park that responds to the specific needs of the users of the space.
- Well-coordinated and clearly communicated participatory planning as part of developing the winning proposal: participants know what will happen and why and whether some of their wishes are unrealistic and why (e.g. it is not possible to have fixed structures in a flood zone).

### **Limitations**

Limited human resources in the period 9-12/2020

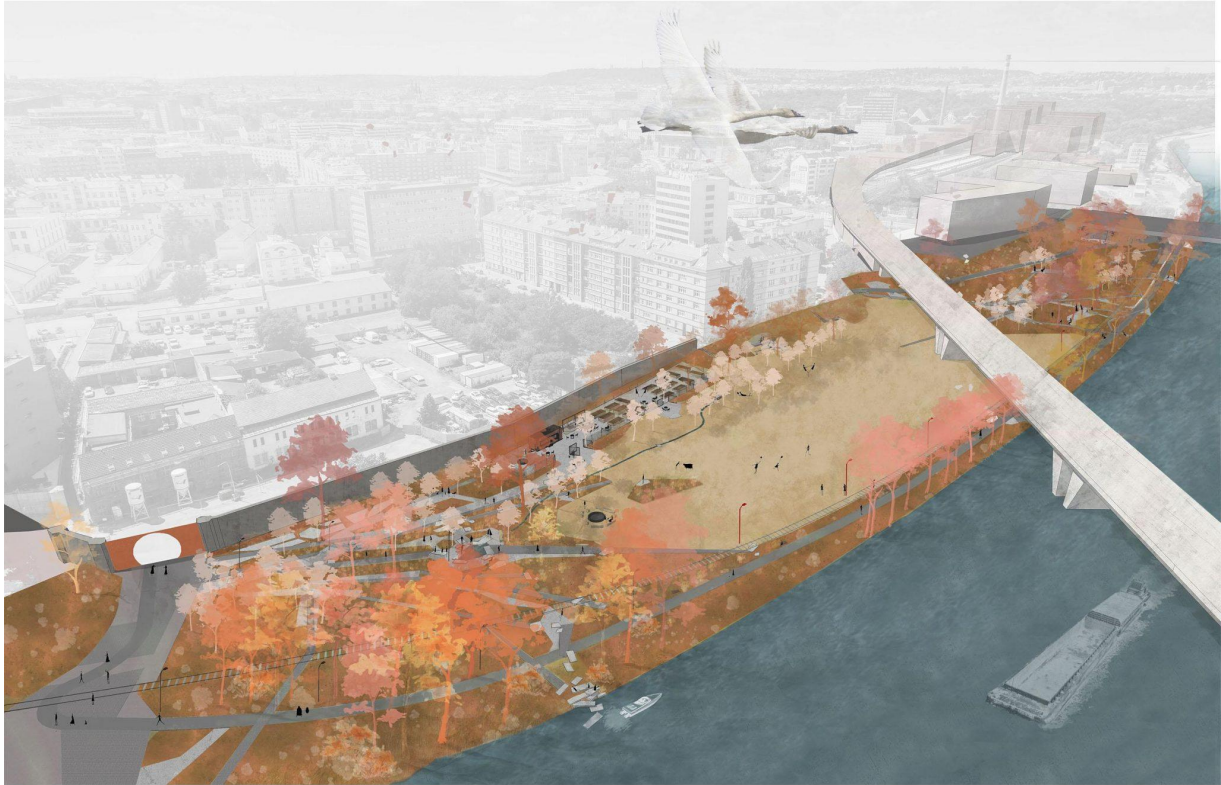
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### **Additional materials**

All about the project:

<https://www.praha7.cz/potrebuji-zaridit/stavba-rekonstrukce/planujte-sedmicku-s-nami/park-u-vody/>

**Examples of resulting infographics and maps**



*Winning design proposal*



*Exhibition of design proposals submitted to the architectural competition*

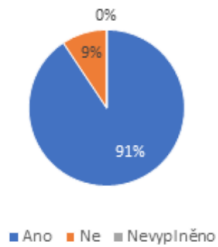


*Participatory meeting presenting the results of the architectural competition*

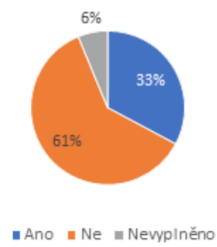


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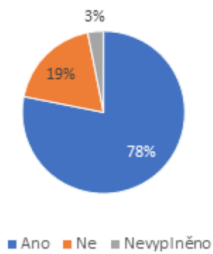
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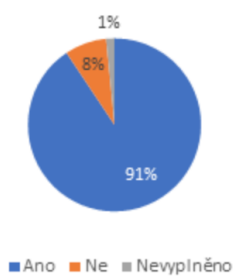
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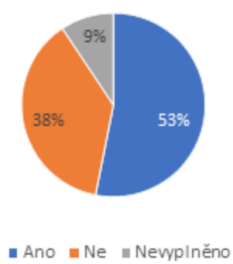
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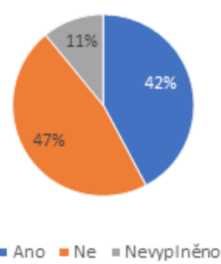
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Ovičící stroje



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*A sample of the questionnaire survey results.*