

# HAUSER PLADS

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## A green oasis for local residents

**Location:** Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Client:** Københavns Ejendomme  
**Constructed:** 2009-2011  
**Program:** Office, parking, & park  
**Size:** 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Total Cost:** 19 million Danish Kroner  
 ~ 3.5 million USD

This site is a public playground, under which a municipal cleaning center is located. Underneath the plads there used to be parking lot, and this was transformed into the new facility. The facility and the plads are connected to each other by the curved glass façade, which inspires curiosity. Today Hauser Plads is a green oasis for local residents.



Image: Hiroki Baba



Image: Shih Chia Chiu

The courtyard provides lighting and a rest area.



Image: Karren en Brands Landscape Architects

A permeable fence makes a safe area for children.

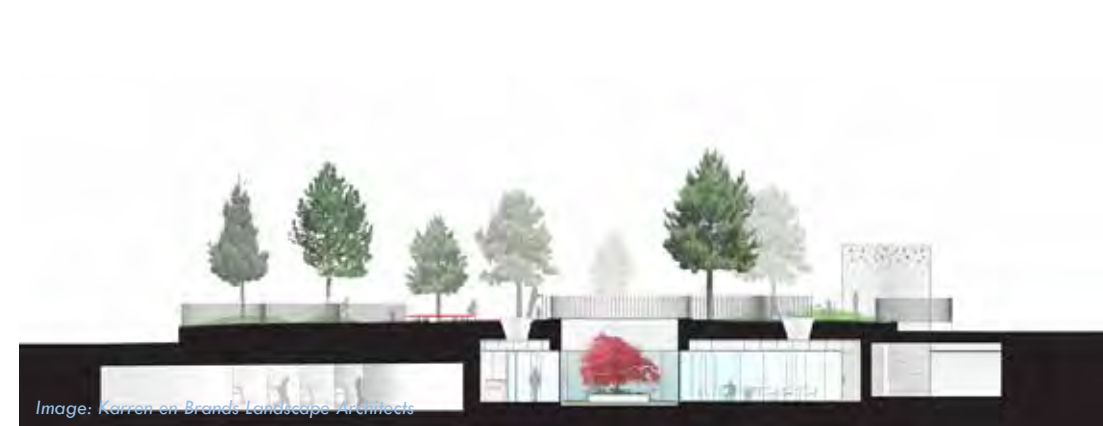


Image: Karren en Brands Landscape Architects

Section: multi-use building



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Site Plan: A green oasis in the urban center.



Image: Hiroki Baba

Public space for everyone.



Image: Danish Architecture Center

Hauser Plads is a playground, plaza, and a community park.



Image: Shih Chia Chiu

Plantings provide green space on the roof.



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A safe and fun playground for children.

### Lessons Learned

There is a lack of open space in the University District, places where children can play freely, and the area will only get denser with the opening of the light rail. One possible remedy could be to design facilities that serve multiple purposes, addressing both urban infrastructure and open space needs.



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