

Public Spaces I Public Life for Seattle's Central Waterfront

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Project 02: Design Precedent Studies

DUE: Monday, 11 October

Good design is often informed and inspired by precedent studies of previously designed projects. For this assignment, you will work in pairs (preferably with someone from another discipline), and you will select a precedent site to research and present to the rest of the group. A list of potential places is on the back (or propose one of your own). Some of these sites you may have visited; for others your research will be primarily through websites, articles, books and interviews.

You will prepare documentation of the precedent study using a standard InDesign template that we will give you. The template will include space for:

- Narrative descriptions of the site, the planning approach, design features, and implementation. Include connective features between city, waterfront and water.
- Photos, diagrams, quotes, sketches, etc.
- Your evaluation of the success of the space, or critique by others. Consider how the site works for a variety of users, different times of the day and night. What lessons does it provide for our planning and design project?
- Designers and clients for the project
- The list of resources that you used. Be sure to credit images and sources of quotes.

You will present your study to the class on Monday, 11 October, showing the document pages digitally.

Due: Hard copy and digital version loaded onto the U-drive due at the end of class.

Potential Precedent Project List:

WATERFRONTS:

Vancouver BC SE False Creek Waterfront
Vancouver BC Coal Harbor
Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle
Toronto Lower Don Lands
Toronto Central Waterfront
Portland Waterfront: Tom McCall Park + Waterfront South
East River Park/ East River Waterfront Esplanade and Piers, NYC
Hudson River Park, NYC
Riverside Park South, NYC
Brooklyn Bridge Park, NYC
Gantry Plaza State Park NYC
Embarcadero/Rincon Park, San Francisco
Crissy Field, San Francisco
Chicago Waterfront
Charleston Waterfront Park
Baltimore Inner Harbor
Allegheny Riverfront Park, Pittsburgh
Midtown Manhattan Waterfront
Minneapolis Central Riverfront
Slussen Waterfront MP, Stockholm (Foster & Partners)
Malmo Western Harbor/Bo01
Helsingborg, Sweden Waterfront
Hamburg, Germany Waterfront (HafenCity)
Oslo, Norway Harborfront
Barcelona Waterfront
Sydney Darling Harbour (Barangaroo)
Shanghai Houtan Park, China
Zhongshan Shipyard Park, Zhongshan, China

Feel free to substitute other cases that you're interested in.

Some resources to get you started—also see the studio Resource / Library Reserve List:

Waterfront Center: www.waterfrontcenter.org

ASLA Awards: www.asla.org

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* Gastil, Raymond. [Beyond the Edge: New York's New Waterfront](#) New York, N.Y. : Princeton Architectural Press, 2002

* Fisher, Bonnie, and Beth Benson. *Remaking the Urban Waterfront*. Urban Land Institute. 2004

* Marshall, Richard. *Waterfronts in Post-Industrial Cities* London ; New York : Spon Press, 2001

* Breen, Ann and Dick Rigby, *Waterfronts: Cities Reclaim their Edge* New York : McGraw-Hill, 1994

* Gehl, Jan. *City to Waterfront : public spaces and public life study* : Wellington, Wellington: Wellington City Council. October 2004.

* books have been placed on Reserve in the BE Library