

Experimental City garden Watertechnology Potmarge

"The Potmarge city garden, which also includes the WaterCampus, has been 'designated' as an area to make water technology visible to the public with so-called test sites. The public area of the WaterCampus is therefore a showcase for water technology. This 'designation' has been determined by the so-called Pot Margin City Garden steering group, which includes representatives of the various 'residents' such as companies, institutions, but also Wetterskip, residents' platform and municipality.

Test sites can have different appearances and purposes. What we would like to do is to realize the next test site in the field of water technology. An expression, in whatever form, to make water technology visible in the public area for the widest possible general audience."

Further explanation

The water technology topic for this test site has not yet been determined.

It is therefore important to identify/devise an attractive subject, a water technology theme, which we feel lends itself to bringing the public more into contact with water technology through a test site. The aim is to make water technology, and what is happening on this intriguing theme within the walls of the WaterCampus, more tangible so that it becomes more relevant outside the niche partners and creates a certain pride in this economically important sector for Leeuwarden. It therefore fits within the objectives of the council of the municipality of Leeuwarden.



Inspiration

Testing sites and placemaking are not new in the Pot Marge City Garden. In the recent past, several forms and types of test sites have been developed and realized. These test locations were both temporary and (semi) permanent. Without going into detail here, these include the aquatheque, a CEW installation, the WaterBar, an innovative walking path and WaterWar. If there is a need for this during the execution of the assignment, more information can be provided.

Assignment

We challenge the students of Placemaking to think about, conduct research into, and develop a water technology theme for a next test site in the Pot Marge City Garden. In principle, it is about ultimately arriving at a 'design' that is ready for production. But if the production process can also be realized in collaboration with other educational parties or otherwise, then that is a plus. Otherwise, this can also be picked up after this placemaking assignment.

The area where the test site is intended is in the public space surrounding, or on the WaterCampus site. The Municipality of Leeuwarden is the client, the CEW expertise partner and architect and creative entrepreneur Alex van den Belt as creative supervisor/information source and has been involved in the City Garden test sites and plans of the steering group for several years. The CEW, Center of Expertise Water Technology, located on the WaterCampus, participates in this process and provides scientific, professional information on the theme. An extensive 'intake' with specialists from/at the CEW is therefore logically part of the start of the assignment.