

# CATCH

an Interreg North Sea Region project

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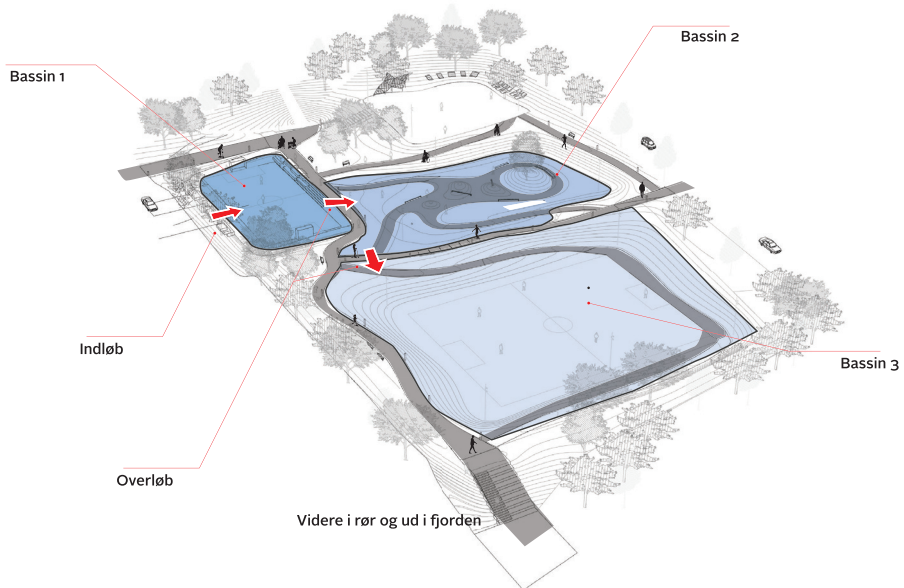
## From soccer field to Tommy Troelsens climate and activity park

*Vejle, Denmark* 

In leaps and bounds to a water sensitive city

## ABOUT THE PILOT

In the CATCH-project the city of Vejle transformed an existing soccer field into the Tommy Troelsens Park, a climate and activity area. The Park is divided into three separate areas that can serve as basins to temporarily delay rainwater. When the first basin is full, the water will run to the next basin and so forth. On a daily basis the Park will be used as an activity and recreational area and only in extreme rain events will the area function as rainwater basins. In this way Vejle developed a resilient solution, where the city controls and guides the water while also creating recreational value for the neighbourhood.







## POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATION

- Vejle is located in a beautiful area, but it is at the same time challenged by water from all sides and at risk of flooding from the Vejle Fjord, the rivers, heavy rainfall, storm surges and raising water levels. Vejle chooses to turn these challenges into new opportunities.
- The CATCH-project has played an essential part in our planning and in terms of integrating recreational opportunities in the area - especially with the first basin.
- This project will serve as a great example of our ongoing work on climate adaptation and the importance of having a resilient mindset.





## LESSONS LEARNED

CATCH helped to build true resilience and water sensitive communities, by integrating technical solutions with ecosystem services with and for the communities. Neighbourhoods have become beautiful and pleasant areas to stay in and enjoy, for recreation and relaxation. These neighbourhoods have become more resilient in various aspects, socially, economically and recreationally.

**Project leader Ulla Pia Geertsen: “Catch made clear that the best results are achieved by collaborating across sectors and by actively involving all stakeholders in the project.”**

### More information

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