

Problem Statement and Research Question

Waterfronts are an opportunity to create public spaces that are inclusive, accessible, diverse and safe. Spaces that support a diversity of *users* and a diversity of *uses* contribute to make their city's residents healthier and happier. Because the design of a blue space influences who uses it, and how, urban planners need to address social and environmental concerns if they are to build high-quality blue spaces for all. Waterfront projects which do not accommodate people's differences reinforce inequalities in the city and disproportionately affect the most vulnerable.

Given the above, my research aims to answer the following question: what physical and experiential qualities of a waterfront project contribute towards achieving the goal of environmental justice in the city?