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 In South Asia 34% of the people in urban areas have no possibility to use improved sanitation.

In large areas, an adequate sewage system does not exist and especially the poor and marginalised class of the population suffer from minimal access to sanitations facilities, causing diseases and epidemic plagues.

One of the key issues is how to establish a sustainable functioning sewage system.

The expensive, inflexible undergroundpipe -systems of the western countries are not adjusted to the conditions of South Asia with extremely increasing urban population and intense monsoon rain.

The project "use your water" has developed a conceptual approach for an open water system which will provide a sustainable solution for sanitation in the disregarted urban areas of South Asia. At the same time the concept presents an effective rainwater runoff treatment, the supply of clean water for the domestic use and space for recreation.

The multi-functional water system will contribute to a high quality of the waters, benefit the environment and create positive social and economic impacts. This requires interdisciplinary considerations of engineering, ecology and landscape architecture. The idea of the design is an urban landscape where technical use of water and life quality go hand in hand.





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The concept builds up on the existing system of pipes, open ditches and canals for both sewage and rain water, which is cheap and easy to operate. The concept does not aim for a monofunctional centralized hightech treatment plant, but for a simple strategy of making use of ecological processes towards the aesthetic and social benefit of the community.



A decentral biological wastewater treatment will supply an adequate water quality in the system. Through an underground pipe system (or ditches) the domestic sewage is led to the bio filters before it reaches the open water system. Vegetation within ditches increases the self cleaning effect of the waters.



The next step is to provide water for the domestic use. Water reservoirs with high capacity will compensate the unequal distribution of rainfall during the year. As far as it is possible, the reservoirs will be filled up when the amount of rain water in the ditches is high. In this way the good quality of the water can be obtained. Additional bio filters will also improve the water quality.



suburban areas

When creating the multifunctional watersystem it is necessary to express a place based aesthetic. It is important to apply the concept onto the individual local areas because the structure of an urban landscape contains many different characteristics.

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In order to make the system attractive for the people, a multifunctional net of green infrastructure is developed. Different types of vegetation and paths follow the canals which combine the engineering methods with design and ecological considerations. The "green net" connects existing green spots and creates space for recreation, nature experience and sport activities.

The multi-functional sytem integrates existing waters and can extended step by step.

