Guangzhou New City South Center Axis

The landscape master plan defines the main central landscape axis of the site, an ecological park in the center, and the various open space types for each block and riverfront. The Central Park is a 2.6 kilometers long and divided into seven segments by crossing streets. Three different types of park spaces is proposed along the length from north to south. The entire length is tied together by a continuous water element that has a different expression in the three park zones. Large informal groves of trees flanked on either side of the open spaces further unite the central axis with the promenade.

The ecological park is the biggest open space area on the central axis. The park is centered around a lake that serves as the "lung of the city", retains the current ecological system, and controls flood. The ecological park serves as landscape platform as an outlook to the north and south side of the site. A prominent promenade and central open space defines the southern end of the central axis. The southern riverfront centers around a botanical garden on an island. Three roads connect inland with the island, and an amphitheatre on the island overlooks the vast river. The central open space axis and the landscape master plan creates a defining element that links all the development together.

Location
Guangzhou, China

Client
City of Guangzhou

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SWA Scope
Urban planning, Urban design, Landscape master planning

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1,497 hectares

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