

**ØRESTAD**

Ørestad is one of Copenhagen's new city districts – a new city within the city. The first office building was completed in 2001. And the first residential buildings were completed three years later. In Ørestad there are currently, more than 3000 flats which equals more than 8,500 citizens and more than 12,000 people work in Ørestad. The development is expected to take 20 to 30 years, and it is predicted that 20,000 people will live in Ørestad, 20,000 will study, and 60,000 to 80,000 people will be employed in the area.



**Ø01**

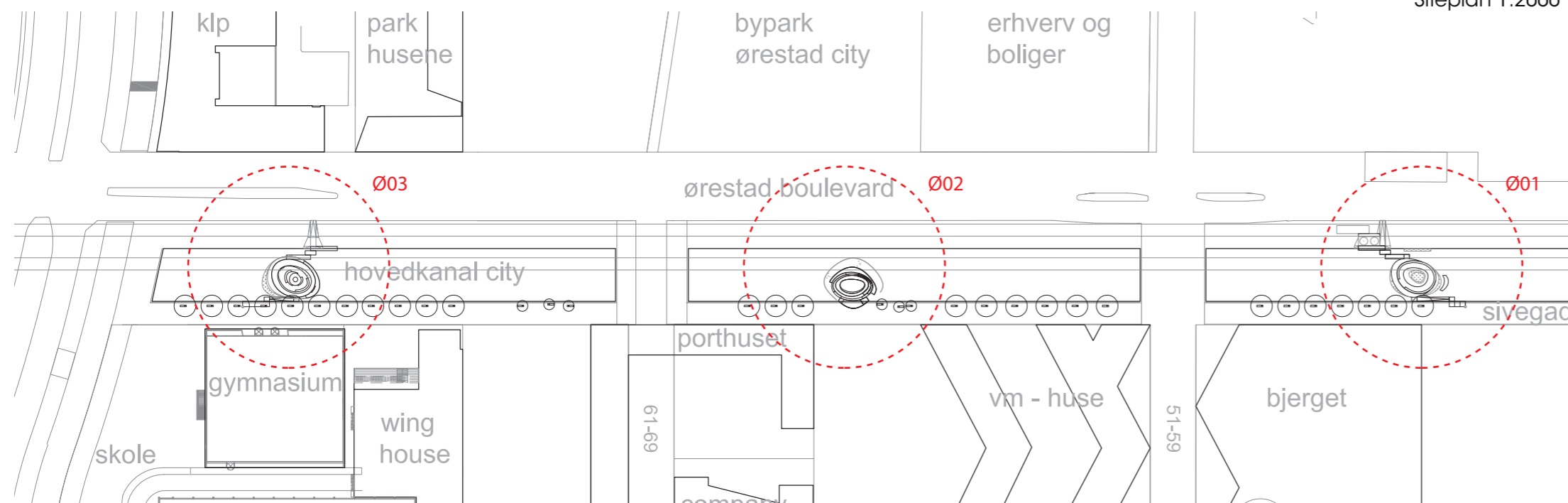
Ø01 (Island01) by the building 'VM Bjerget' ('The Mountain') is located just in front of a restaurant. It is equipped with a band of benches around the island, a railing which serves as a back of the benches and as shelter from the wind. On the water is floating vegetation and in the hole in the centre of the island are water lilies. Pillars with birdhouses and diversity of vegetation attract birds and small animals, providing life around the island. The main aim for the first island is to invite people to stay and enjoy the biotopes, tranquillity and a coffee from the restaurant.

**The Three Islands**

Just like any other city that grows out of a green field, Ørestad faces challenges in terms of planning and development of urban life. The major lines have been drawn but the area lacks dynamic and vibrant urban space with multiple scales and levels. Furthermore the new city and modern architecture are in contrast to the original site, which was preserved green commons. 'Sivegaden', the stretch in Ørestad City, where 'De tre øer' (The Three Islands) are located is one of the areas more used routes. Here you find spectacular architecture such as 'VM Bjerget' ('The Mountain') and 'VM husene' ('The VM houses') by BIG and JDS Architects and Ørestad High school by 3XN. The impressive edifices are primarily in steel, glass and large scale, which mimic the majority of edifices in Ørestad. In the original design of the urban space there are limited plants and the design is kept in granite and steel. In addition, you find large expanses of water (20 meters) that form the canal, along 'Sivegaden' and green grass fields underneath the Metro highline. The urban space as a whole needed to be preserved, but it demanded a smaller scale that could help to create a desire to stay and maintain safety for residents and passers-by.



Siteplan 1:2000



**Ø02**

In front of the pocket park between 'V-huset' (a part of the 'VM houses') and 'Porthuset' ('Gatehouse') is the second island Ø02 (Island02). The island is only accessible from one side of the canal and has plateaus with particularly low access to the water, which makes it possible to ice skate from the island or launch small boats. The island's main feature is a smaller stage with power connector, seating and lighting, which makes it usable for entertainment.