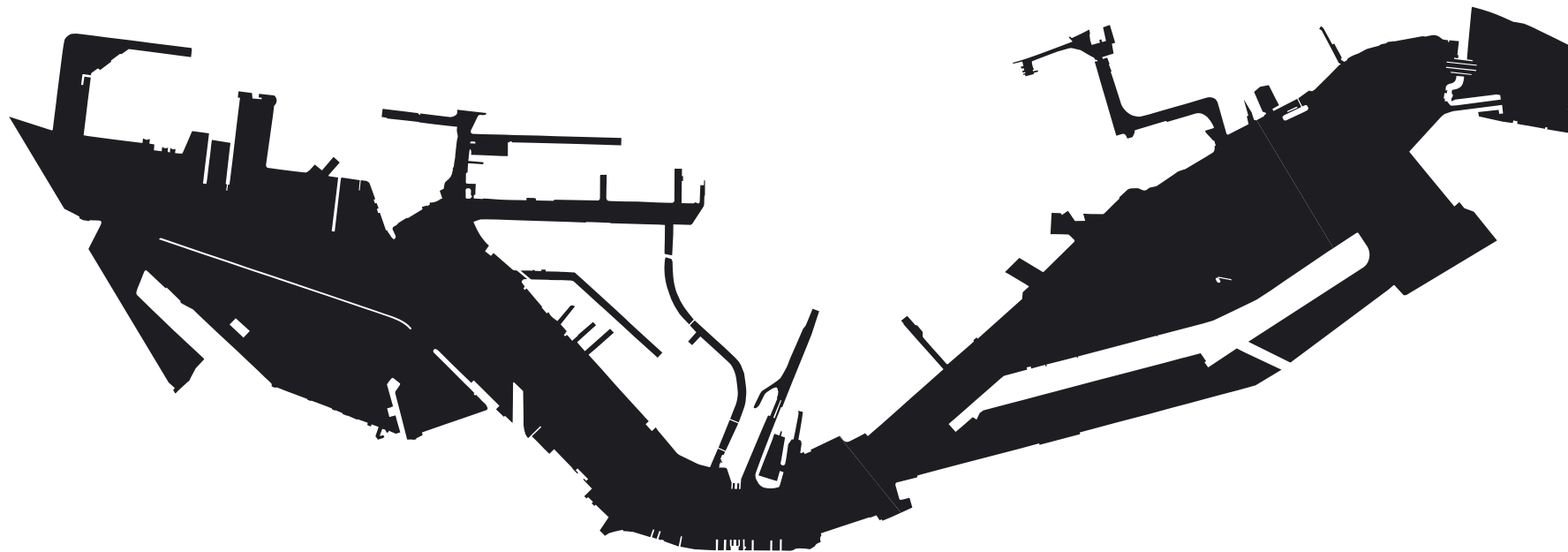


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Small IJ



Greater IJ

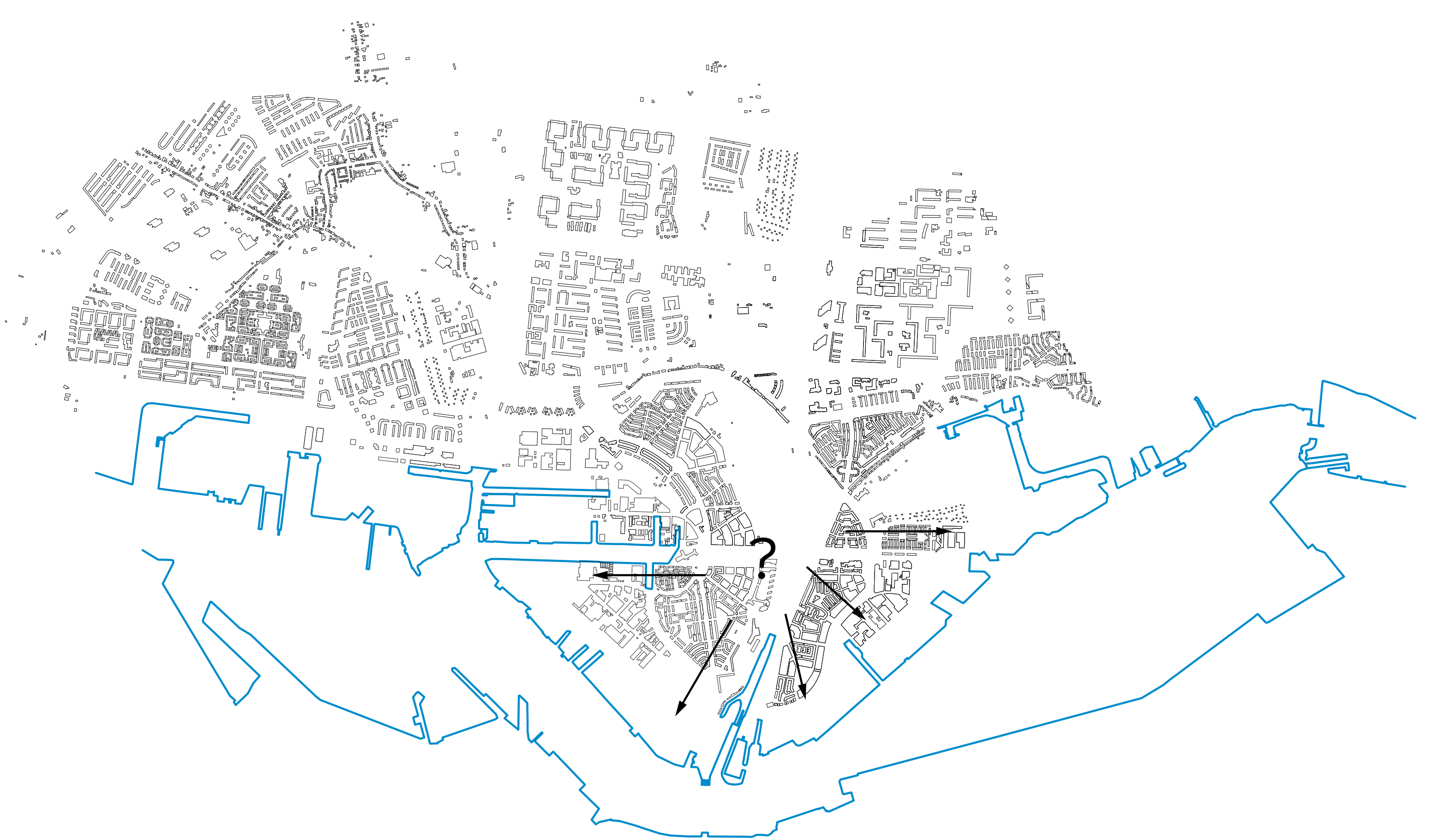


The river *IJ* divides Amsterdam in the ‘central city’ south of the water, and ‘*Noord*’ on the other side. In the recent and ongoing debate about the development of the northern bank of the IJ, the idea prevails that the entire northern banks should made

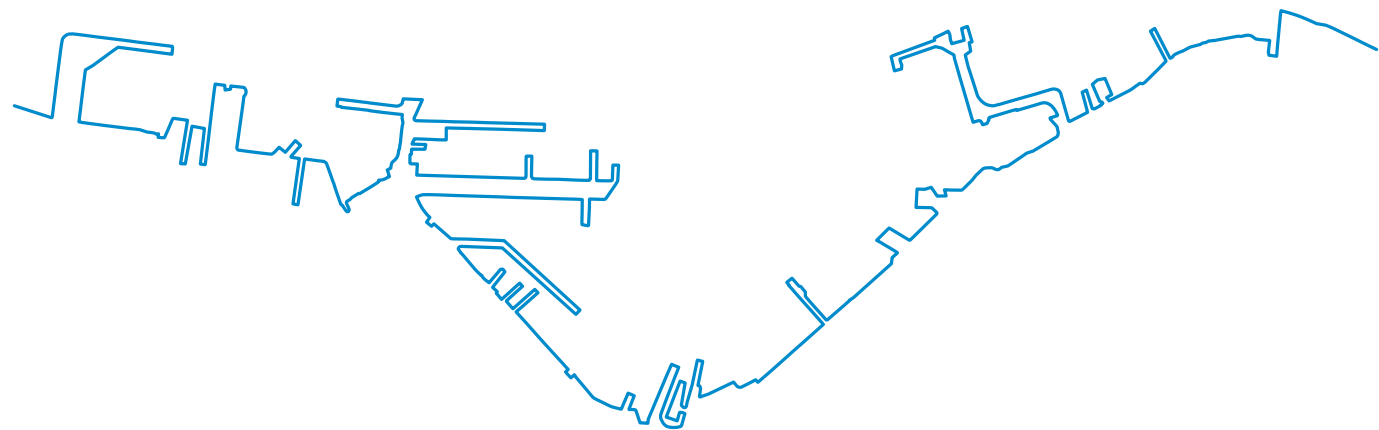
‘green’ and publicly accessible by a continuous boulevard along the river. In response to these debates, we researched and developed an alternative for this complicated and costly plan. We propose to redefine the northern banks: including the many

indentations of the north bank more than doubles its length compared to the south bank. The highly indented northern bank of this ‘great IJ’ almost naturally defines a wealth of spaces along the water, and opens opportunities to connect

many of Amsterdam Noord’s neighbourhoods to the river. Instead of a uniform ‘green’ zone, the north bank will reflect the very diverse character of these neighbourhoods, stringing together a multitude of qualities along the river.



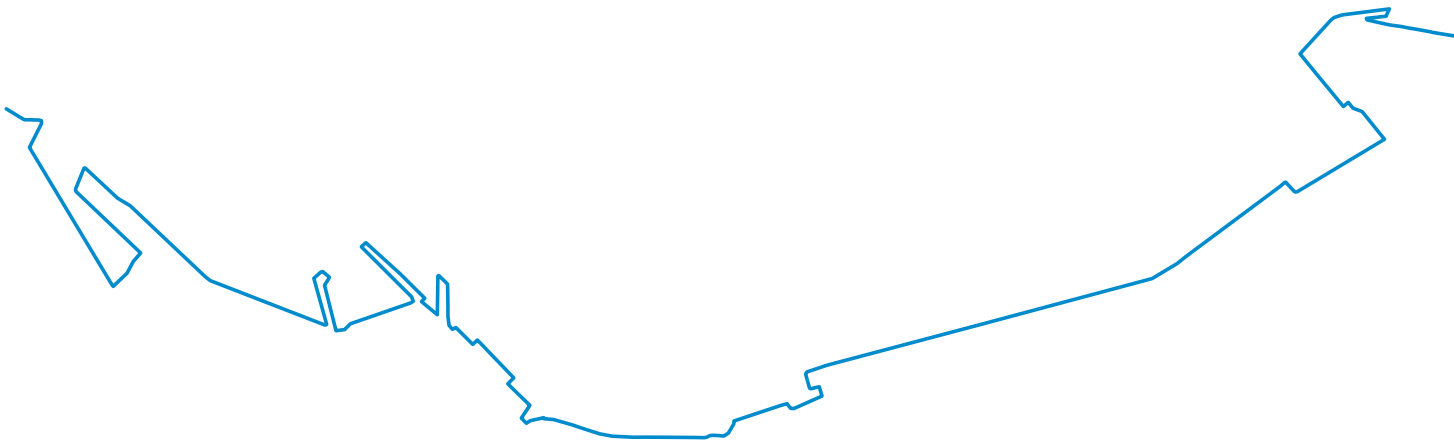
Connecting the hinterland with the IJ banks



Northbank: 30,5km



Amsterdam North: Collection of varied neighbourhoods, 'green bank': uniform



Southbank: 12,3km (16,9 incl. Java Eiland)

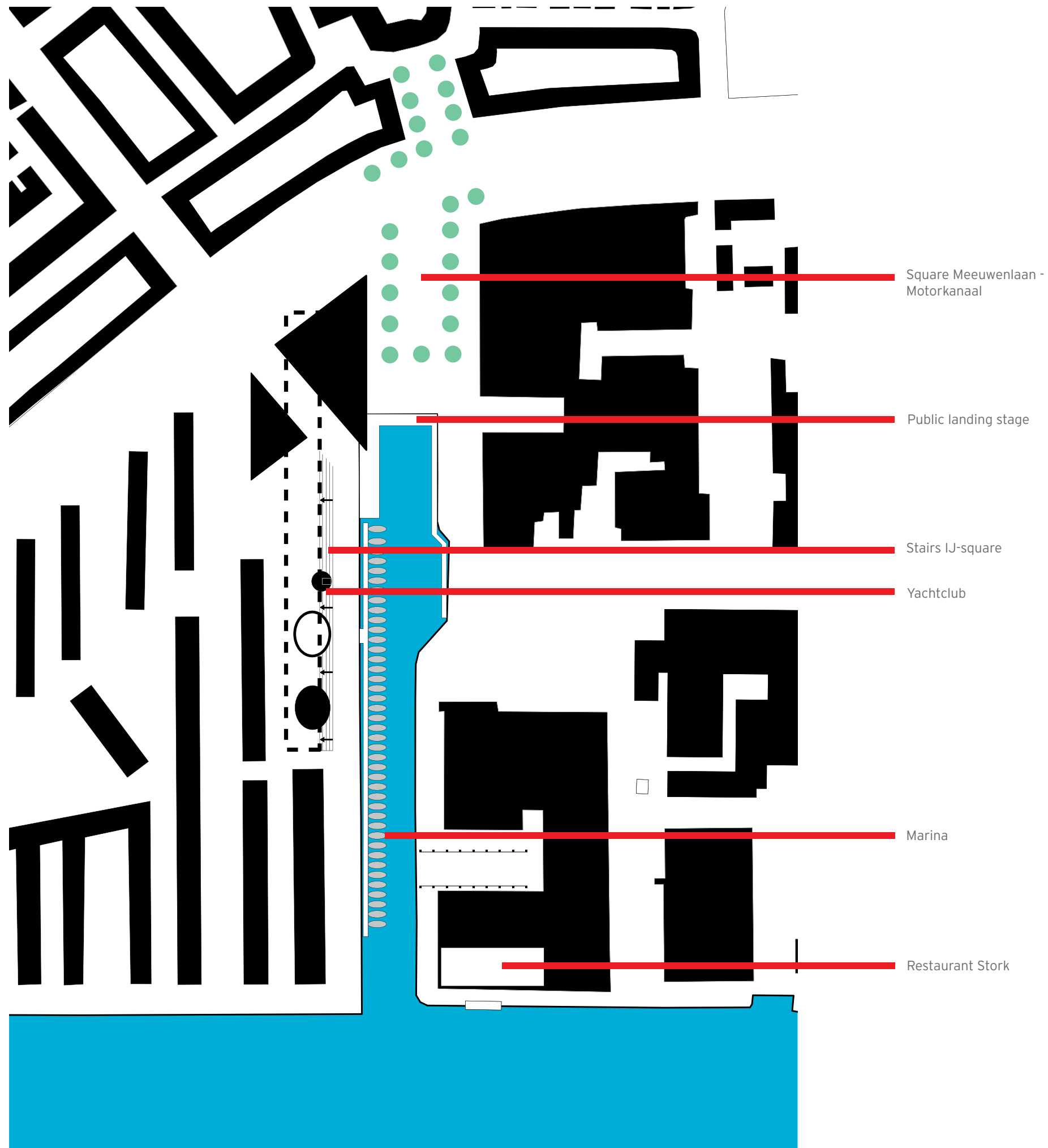


The 'coloured' bank reflects the variety of Amsterdam North









The edge of the Motorkanaal becomes part of the *IJ* bank. Adjacent neighbourhoods open up and gain a place in the front row of the *IJ*.





The Motorkanaal connects the neighbourhood with the IJ.

#### Credits

*Client*  
*Size*  
*Project architect*  
*Collaborators*

Löhmman's Architecture (self initiated project)  
 30,5 km'  
 Heike Löhmman  
 David de Bruijn · Marcus Kempers