

# RIGA

## THE CITY AND ITS URBAN PROJECTS

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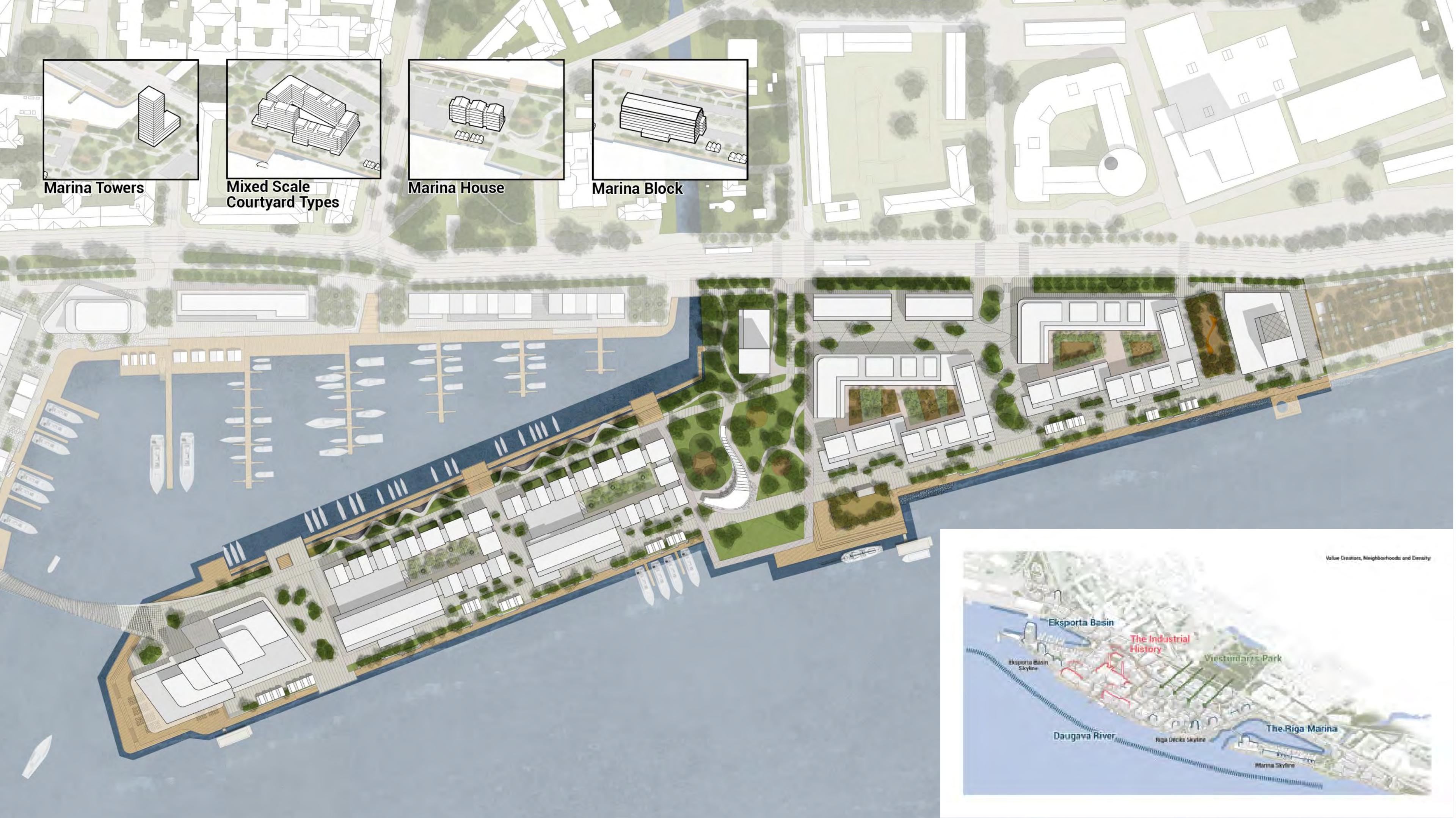
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# RIGA WATERFRONT

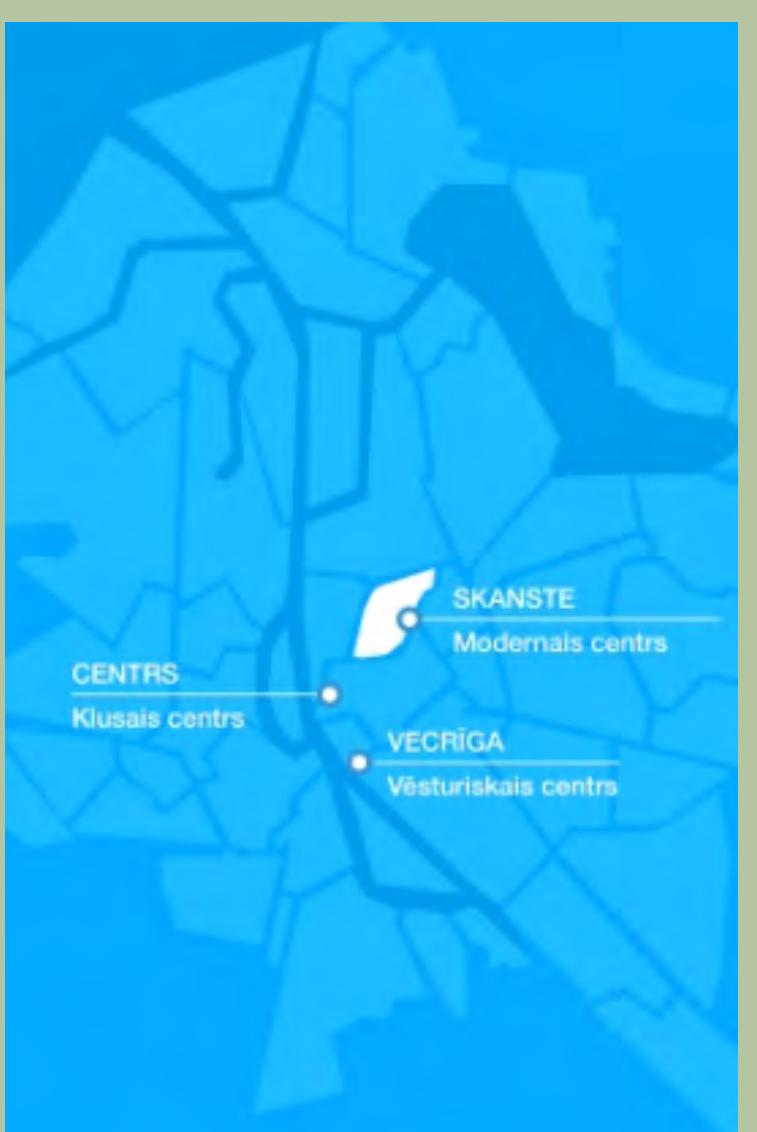
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- Reclaims former industrial river edges as public space
- Reorients Riga's urban life toward the Daugava
- Introduces continuous pedestrian-cycling infrastructure at metropolitan scale
- The project raises questions about public access versus privatization through new residential developments along the river.



# SKANSTE 2030



## What is it

- Large-scale regeneration of a former peripheral/underdeveloped area

## Urban Strategy

- New green structure and water management
- Transit-oriented development (tram + bike network)
- Mix of housing, offices, and public space

## Why it matters

- Shifts Riga's growth away from the historic center
- Creates a new urban node rather than suburban sprawl

## Critical Note

- "Its success depends on whether public space is prioritized over speculative office development."

# RIGA CENTRAL STATION

By: Weston Williamson + Partners



## Urban Role

- Baltic-scale mobility hub
- Reconnects Riga to the European rail network

## Urban impact

- Creates a new east–west urban axis
- Restructures pedestrian and public space around the station

## Challenges

- Construction disrupts daily city life
- Funding and timeline uncertainty
- Risk of infrastructure overpowering urban quality

# URBAN STRATEGIES IN RIGA – COMPARISON

- Waterfront → boundary → public space
- Skanste → expansion → green urbanism
- Central Station → infrastructure → connectivity

Together, these projects show how Riga is redefining its relationship to water, mobility, and large-scale urban growth.