

**Below** Form Associates' interconnected floating habitats create a park on the water at Millwall Dock

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**Architect** Form Associates  
**Project name** Millwall Dock Floating Gardens  
**Borough** Tower Hamlets  
**Description** Natural ecosystem for Millwall Docks

Many of the waters of London's docklands remain silent and empty, often poorly integrated into the high-density urban architecture. One such space is Millwall Inner Dock, which struggles to respond to the water's edge despite its surrounding residential buildings lacking associative amenity spaces.

The Floating Gardens scheme by Form Associates involves a so-called 'migratory green urbanism'. This is the gradual introduction of interconnected floating habitats to create a park on the water from Millwall Inner Dock into West India Dock.

The principal components of the system are sustainable habitat zones in the form of floating islands; activity zones to support recreation; a necklace of floating beaches and bridging components; and energy zones with the means to generate wind and solar power. Form Associates' plan also accommodates existing water users, including boats and water sports.

