

Facts and figures on the “Waller Sand” in the Überseestadt

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“Waller Sand”

A new space for leisure and relaxation, the “Waller Sand”, is emerging along the turning basin in the Überseestadt. What’s being built there? When is each stage of work scheduled? When will it be finished? These facts and figures on the Waller Sand will give you a bit more information.

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| Function: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The construction and restructuring measures will mainly provide flood protection. Local councillors and residents helped come up with the idea to combine the area with a beach park. |
| Size of the beach park | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The “Waller Sand” will be around 2.2 hectares in size. |
| Start of construction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first stage of construction began on 4 August 2017. |
| Duration of construction work | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The “Waller Sand” is expected to be finished and opened up to the public in early summer 2019. |

What is being built and when?

Waterfront construction work:

- Embankments have been under construction since late January 2018, and sand will be flushed out onto the riverbank as a protective measure until summer 2018.

Onshore construction work:

- Bomb disposal teams were on site from January to April 2018.
- Sheet pile walls were installed along the turning basin until mid-March 2018 (flood protection).
- Reinforced concrete was used to build the flood protection barrier along the promenade until mid-May 2018.
- The area along the flood protection barrier and the Molenturm will be redesigned from June to August 2018.
- The riverbank and beach park will be redesigned as soon as the sand has been laid. This includes the modelling of the sand, the construction of the path along the water’s edge, wooden paths leading to the Gustaf Erikson riverbank, various leisure facilities, and plants and trees.

Onshore construction work around the Molenturm:

- The area around the Molenturm started to be redesigned in 2017, and work was finished in April 2018.
- By the end of February 2018, preparation work

had already been carried out for the new plants and trees, new supply lines had been installed, ground work had been carried out, the base layer had been built for the path to the promenade, and a wall covering on the Molenturm had been restored.

- Paving still needs to be laid on the Molenturm square, a sculpture needs to be built, the path has to be reinforced with a water bound attachment, plants and trees need to be planted (all by late April 2018), and a new guardrail has to be installed on the Molenturm (June to August 2018).

When will you be able to see embankments and a “beach”?

- The embankments are mainly being constructed under water. Since March 2018, it’s been possible to spot the top of the embankments and the beach at low tide. You’ll also be able to see the beach at high tide in May 2018.

How much sand is required?

- Around 150,000 m³ of sand will be delivered by ships and poured into the area.

Why can’t you bathe by the “Waller Sand”?

- You can’t bathe for safety reasons due to the shipping traffic around the turning basin.

How much will the “Waller Sand” cost?

- It will cost around 8.7 million EUR, 85% of which has been provided by the German government and the EU.

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About the Überseestadt in Bremen

With an expanse of just under 300 hectares, the Überseestadt in Bremen is one of Europe’s largest urban development schemes. The former docklands are being transformed into a “world of possibilities” with a mixture of service providers, offices, businesses, port services and logistics, leisure and cultural activities, and living spaces. *Bremeninvest* has been commissioned by the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen to develop and market infrastructure and accessibility in the Überseestadt.

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