

Mission Model Canvas

Project title:

The Overflow Oasis

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Activities ⚡

1. Co-develop feasible **design concepts**
2. **Location scouting:** Finding a suitable location in Switzerland
3. Support the **early planning** (i.e. permits, funding, initiate collaborations etc.)

Ressources 🏗️

1. **Financial support** for activities 1–3
2. **Advisory group** with additional expert knowledge (e.g., safety & hygiene requirements, landscape architecture)
3. **Art installation** to educate and foster creative engagement

Project 🎁

The Overflow Oasis makes hidden things visible. In most cities, stormwater systems are buried underground—we barely see them or think about them. This project reimagines that infrastructure by transforming a stormwater basin into a **vibrant public space with floating elements** that respond to real weather: **dry during drought, full after heavy rain.** As the water level rises and falls, people can see and feel the environmental response firsthand. The Oasis helps **cool the city, attracts plants and animals**, and invites people to **understand how urban water systems work—simply by being part of them.** And if people just want to relax: it's also a **cool and open place for everyone.**

Relationship, Community ❤️

Art installation at an exhibition (e.g., Urban Waters 2026)

Co-design workshops to foster local ownership

Kick-off event at the chosen location

Channels 📱

Social media for community engagement through open storytelling

University talks to engage future water professionals (e.g., Eawag, ZHAW, ZhDK)

Media coverage in expert and mainstream outlets to reach broader and older audiences

Target Groups 👤

Public and private project owners seeking visible, public-friendly climate adaptation solutions

Citizens and families using parks, drawn to cooling and educational spaces

Students and future professionals in engineering, design, and arts

Environmentally conscious citizens interested in water, climate, and biodiversity

Budget 💰

Initial feasibility & planning phase (for activities 1–3): **CHF 50'000**

Could be backed by prize money in combination with federal funding programs (i.e., Adapt+)

Full-scale realisation: **Up to CHF 5 million** (depending on site, size, integration)

Needs to be paid by the project owner (public or private)

Impact 🌱

Urban heat mitigation through cooling and shading — *modeled thermal comfort index improvements (PET*/UTCI)*

Biodiversity gains via floating islands — *modeled biodiversity improvements*

Public awareness on water management — *media reach, art installation feedback*

Scaling: *Municipal consultancy (Intep), student research (Eawag), presentations at network events (AWEL etc.)*