

Dublin Bull Island >>>



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project  
starting point for master plan  
integration educational nature centre

location  
Dublin, Ireland

designers  
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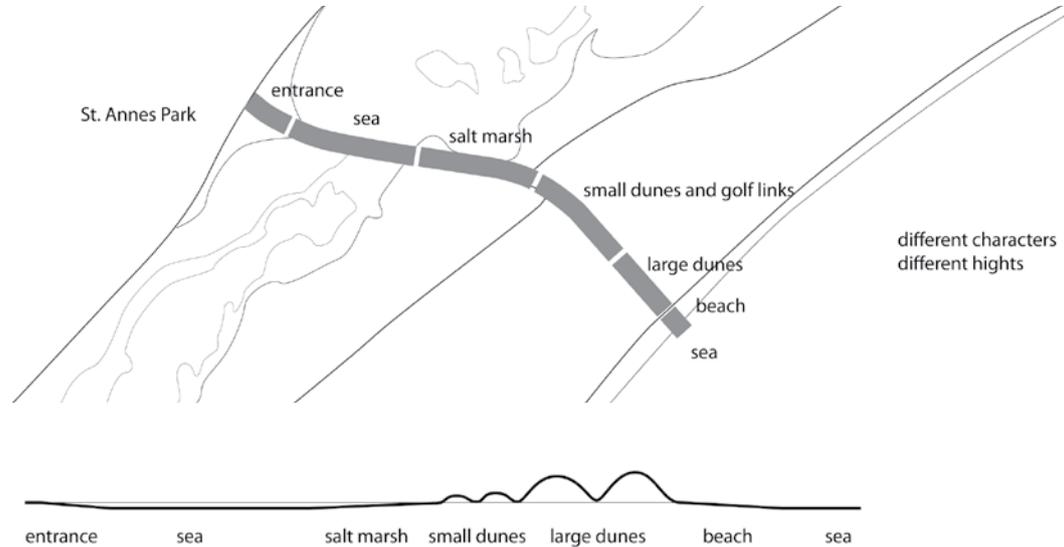
partners  
Henchion & Reuter Architects  
Urban Agency Architects  
Haley Sharpe Interpretative Designers  
The Planning Partnership

client  
City Council Dublin

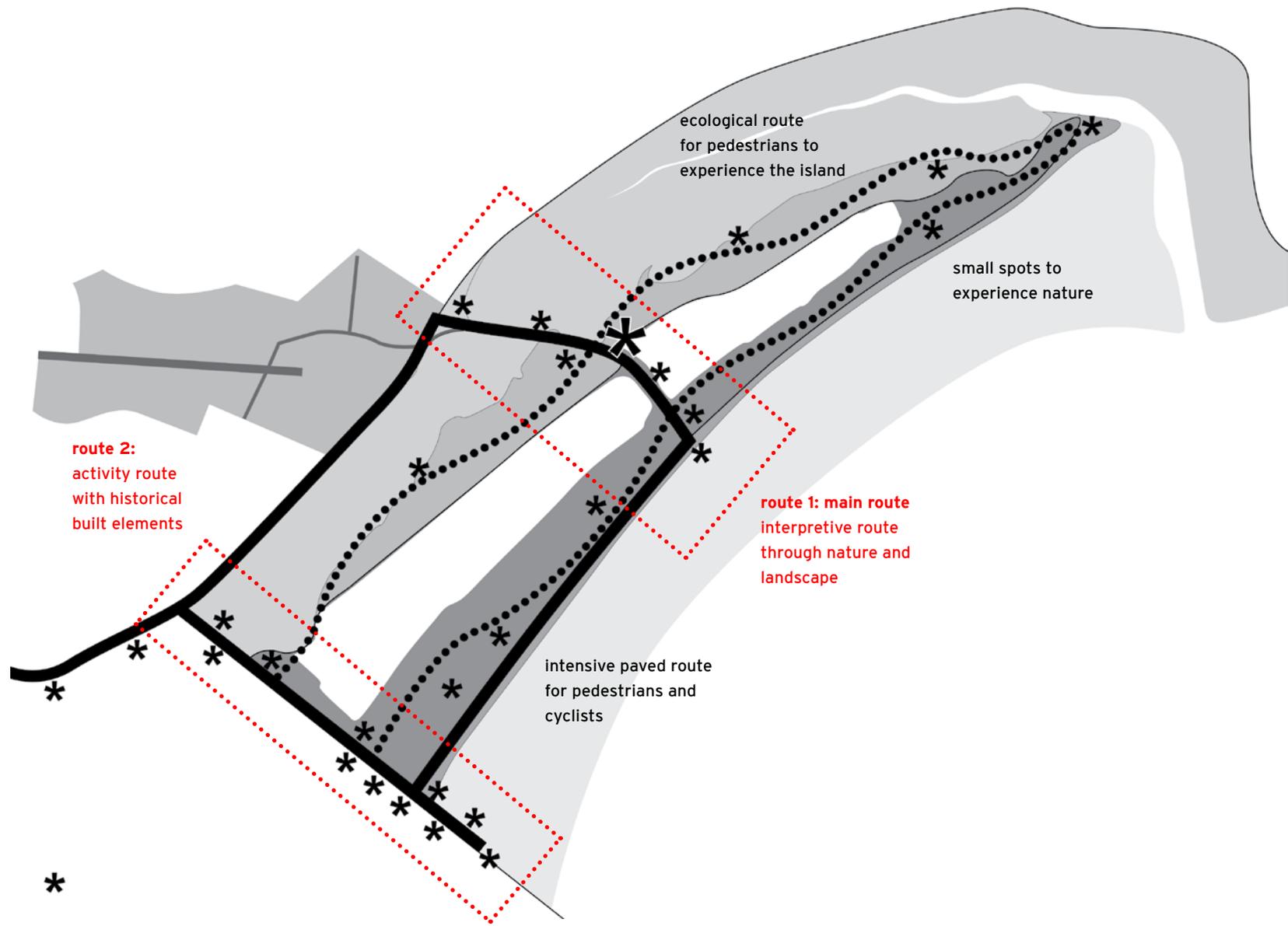
size  
650 ha. (master plan)  
4 ha. / 1.5 km (route)

year of design  
2014

visualizations  
Urban Agency Architects



For the Dublin coast lies Bull Island: an ecological and recreational invaluable Unesco landscape. Dublin City Council intends to build an educational nature center on the island. HOSPER has made a step towards a master plan, so that the best place for the educational centre can be determined. In addition HOSPER prepared a basic public space design for the central route and the adjacent recreational areas.



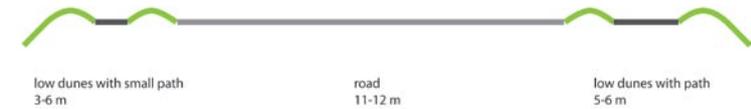
basic master plan

### Master plan

In the master plan the character of the two main routes will be strengthened: a route with monumental, built recreational facilities and a main road that crosses the different types of landscape. A combined pedestrian / bicycle path will connect the two routes, making a tour possible. In addition, there is a narrow footpath with small elements such as a bird viewing hut or a jetty, where nature can be fully experienced.

### Scenic main route

The scenic main route consists of a wide strip of asphalt. This route is transformed into a normal sized roadway with a wide sidewalk that moves with the landscape: positioned low in the salt marsh and billowing up through the dunes. At busy times when there is a large amount of traffic, part of the footpath can be used to accommodate extra parking.



current section main route towards Bull Island and the sea



proposed new section main route

visualization main route and educational centre (Urban Agency Architects)





visualization educational centre (Urban Agency Architects)

### **Educational centre**

The educational nature centre will have a prominent place on the scenic main route. It will be positioned on the transition between the ecologically valuable salt marshes and the dunes, close to the inflection point in the main route so that it will be visible from all sides.

From the educational centre all types of landscape can be experienced. In addition it is the starting point for several hiking trails around the island.