

PAAPUURI - A PORT-FACING NEIGHBOURHOOD

Paapuuri, meaning port in English, presents a vision for a comprehensive neighbourhood in Vaskiluoto that embodies sustainability, adaptability, and a deep connection of the forest and the sea. The design aims to create an attractive living environment that promotes a sustainable lifestyle for future residents. With a focus on ecological transition and the integration of human and non-human spheres, Paapuuri strives to establish a thoroughly unified and timeless community. By highlighting and strengthening the neighbourhood's proximity to the sea, along with its connection to the forest, it is sought to promote a profound sense of place and embrace the surrounding natural beauty. By incorporating renewable energy systems, green infrastructure, and sustainable building practices, the aim is to create a neighbourhood that treats lightly on the Earth and minimizes its ecological footprint.

The neighbourhood is laid out on a fan-shaped grid, facing the nautical port direction, hence the name. The starting point is laid out from a landmark in the middle of the forest. This landmark is a tall structure, not only marking the grid, but serves as a perch for residents and visitors. A panoramic, symmetrical view of the whole neighbourhood, emerging from the forest, with the sea in the far distance, is facing the viewer. It is preferable that a local artist will design the landmark, as it will also serve as a large-scale artwork. A path encircling the peninsula leads to the landmark.

This dedicated path for biking and walking encircles the shoreline, acting as a focal point for both residents and tourists. This path not only promotes physical activity and a healthy lifestyle but also attracts visitors to explore the neighbourhood and appreciate its natural beauty. By prioritizing light means of transport, the carbon footprint is reduced, emphasizing the connection between sustainable mobility and the surrounding marine environment. Smaller paths separate and join from the main path, and meander within the borders of a flower meadow and sea grass plants. The flower meadow is not only beautiful, but also promotes pollination. These smaller paths lead to discoverable, scattered activities, such as fire pits, a foraging garden, a pier on the tip of the peninsula, and a snow park. Additionally, there is an intent for an outdoor art exhibition, which provides an opportunity for residents and local artists to showcase their artwork. This will be in the form of a gallery as well as a game, as visitors can search for hidden artwork along the way. The snow park, located in the northwest corner of the peninsula, gets its name from piled up land, accumulated from the land digging process of building the neighborhood. In the summer, the park serves as a cluster of pleasant little hills intended for play and picnic, or anything within the limits of imagination. During winter, snow will pile up according to the topography, creating hills perfect for sledding. The path crosses through the shared beach, extends deep into the forest, passes through the landmark and another birdwatching tower, merging into the existing track in the Vaskiluoto forest. Further south, the forest will house several activities such as bird feeding spots, as well as a frisbee golf course.

The sea plays an essential role in this project, both conceptually and visually. The housing placement strategically places residential units to maximize views of the sea and capitalize on natural daylight. Public spaces and recreational areas are seamlessly integrated along the coastline, encouraging residents and tourists alike to engage with the waterfront, promoting physical and mental well-being. Additionally, the design includes a network of waterfront promenades, enhancing the overall connectivity of the neighbourhood.

GFA	56 320 m ² APARTMENTS 36 574 3 FLOOR TOWNHOUSES 15 693 2 FLOOR TOWNHOUSES 2400 DETACHED HOUSES 1650
CAR PLACES	580 APARTMENTS 316 TOWNHOUSES 190 DETACHED HOUSES 22 COMMON 52
BIKE PLACES	3185 APARTMENTS 1628 TOWNHOUSES 1025 DETACHED HOUSES 116 COMMON 416

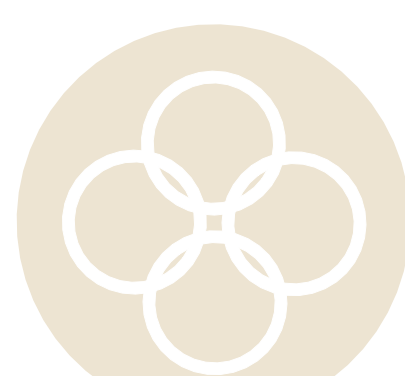
Residential space 47 770 m², 2 bike places/30m².
Bike places on streets, shelters, warehouses, apartment yards, garages and inside the houses.



1:2000 SITE PLAN



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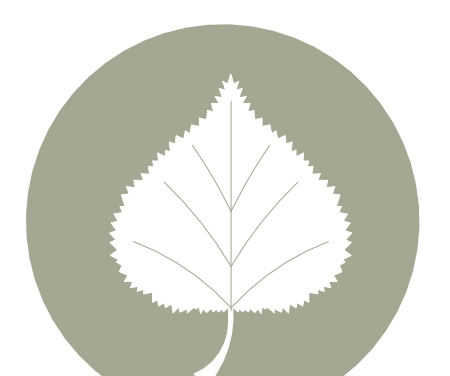
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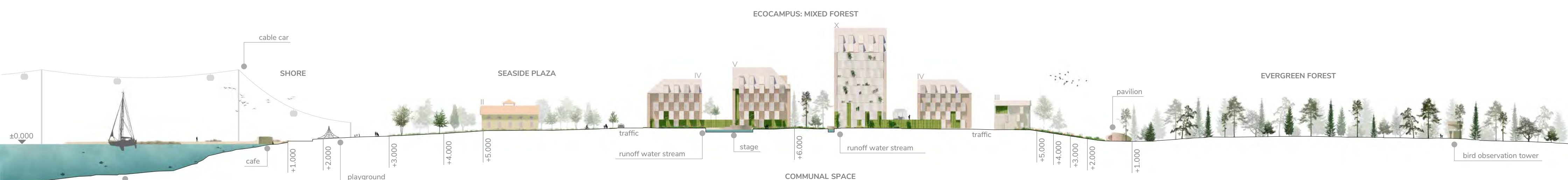
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NATURE & OUTDOORS



SECTION A-A 1:1000