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Bäckbo

Good life by the stream

Concept Overview

A good life lies at the core of the Bäckbo concept. Intergenerational connections, mutual care, and a vibrant sense of everyday community are all central to this vision. The area is thoughtfully designed to naturally bring people of all ages together in shared spaces, where daily activities are experienced not merely side by side, but truly together.

The final plan is structured around three main axes that support a good life through everyday encounters, activity, and community. In the eastern part of the area, the Generations' Park offers an inclusive and active meeting place for people of all ages, promoting well-being through movement, play, and intergenerational interaction. In the central part of the area, the Stormwater Park provides opportunities to experience nature while playing and enjoying picnics at the barbecue spots. In the west, the Event Square will become a vibrant cultural heart — a space for shared experiences, creativity, and celebration.

The landscape design builds on the existing ecological structures, strengthening natural networks and integrating them seamlessly into the new park system. The plan connects woodland corridors, meadow ecosystems, and water routes to form a cohesive green and blue infrastructure. Stormwater wetlands form a key part of the design, not only managing runoff but also enhancing biodiversity and creating new habitats. The stream flowing through the district will bring life, activities, and spaces for pause to the area. The stream is not only a scenic and ecological backbone but also the unifying thread of the community – a quiet yet powerful connector in this sustainably developing urban neighborhood.

Diverse and Flexible Housing Options

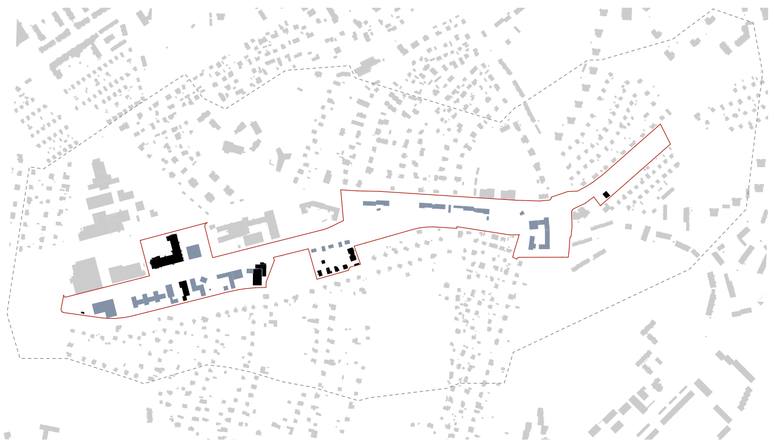
The area will offer a wide variety of housing solutions to meet the needs of people at different life stages and from diverse backgrounds. The aim is to create a vibrant and inclusive living environment with room for students, seniors, families with children, and creative professionals alike.

A significant portion of the housing stock will be designed to be adaptable and flexible. Many homes can be divided into smaller units or combined into larger ones, making multi-generational living possible and enabling the reconfiguration of spaces as life situations change. This flexibility extends the lifespan of the housing and reduces the need for structural modifications in the future.

Senior housing will be tailored to independently living older residents who seek community and convenience in their everyday life but do not necessarily require care services. These housing options offer an attractive alternative for those who wish to move from single-family homes to more manageable living arrangements while remaining in their familiar neighborhood and surroundings.

Urban living within the existing industrial area will integrate work and residential spaces, providing studios and workshops particularly for artists and small entrepreneurs. These combinations will honor the area's industrial heritage and contribute to the creation of a lively, mixed-use urban district.

Student housing will be located near local educational institutions and will also serve the wider Turku student community, providing convenient, affordable options for students in close proximity to their studies.



Plan of the project site and the reflection site, 1:10 000

new buildings *current buildings*

Perspective view next to the community house along the stream facing west.

Block number	Function	GFA	Parking (cars) in plan	Parking (bikes) in plan	Details
1	*Plant nursery and garden center, lunch bistro*	1450	47	30	-
2	*Housing, student housing,work and atelier space, café/ bar, public sauna*	7600	70	250	-
3	*Circular economy center, greenhouse and garden, multifunctional hall*	1600	26	50	-
4	*Bäckbo house, community center*	1450	50	50	*Figura building parking to be placed on this plot*
5	*Single-family housing, infill*	750	10	20	-
6	*Housing, small scale apartment buildings*	4650	39	155	-
7	*Senior housing, public canteen*	4350	34	90	-
	Total	**21850**	**276**	**645**	*Includes area of buildings that have been appointed a new use*

Site Plan, 1:1 500