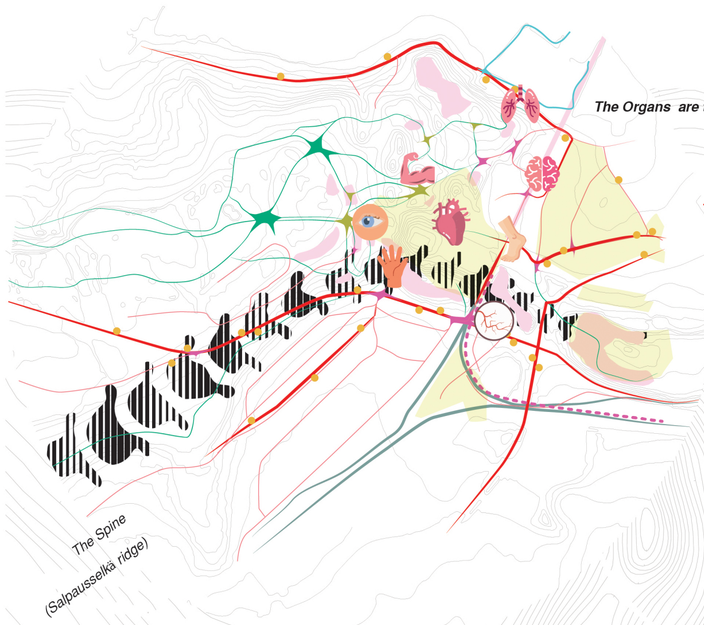
THE LIVING

LANDSCAPE: A VISION FOR LAHTI SPORTS CENTRE

"The Living" is not a static design—it's a dynamic organism that evolves through human interaction, cultural expression, and ecological renewal. At the heart of our proposal is the principle of re-sourcing: the belief that social vitality itself is a renewable resource—one that can be recovered, reactivated, and redistributed across the landscape. Here, public life is not an overlay but a core utility, pulsing through the terrain like lifeblood through a living system. The Salpausselkä Ridge, once sculpted by ancient glaciers, becomes a new kind of spine—a connective tissue linking nature, sport, and culture. It no longer divides; it binds. The masterplan is structured around a network of social organs—distinct yet interdependent zones of function embedded in the terrain, each one essential to the metabolism of the site. These are places where collective energy gathers, circulates, and regenerates—organs of movement, observation, nourishment, memory, and play—working together to sustain life of the landscape.



The Organs are the Key programmatic nodes

- *Ancestral Memory Cells (Ancient remains)*
- *Ecological lungs (Protected sites)*
- *Arterial flows (Existing main routes)*
- *Emerging vein (Proposed new route)*
- *Neural threads (Socio-cultural routes and nodes)*
- *Symbiotic currents (Socio-ecological routes and nodes)*
- *Wild tissues (Nature trails and nodes)*
- *Hydro-mnemonic veins (Cutural water routes and nodes)*
- *Nutrient nodes (Bus stops)*

Design areas

1. SPORTS CENTRE - CENTRAL AREA
2. MOBILITY HUB
3. FOREST YOGA & MEADOW FLOWERS
4. NEW LANDSCAPE MEASURES ON STEEP SLOPE
5. NEW DECKS & GREEN ROOF
6. ACCESSIBLE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
7. HISTORICAL INTERACTIVE ROUTE
8. NEW CONNECTIVE ROUTE WITH AN INTERESTING PAUSE

BREATH
– Accessible Waterfront
(navigation, fresh air, eating/boats)
Breathing space for leisure, relaxation, and renewal.

STRENGTH
– Physical Fitness Area
Powering strength, motion, and active engagement with the terrain.

VISION
Viewing Tower , Spectator area, Flying SquirrelArea
A vantage point for insight—where perspectives converge and the landscape unfolds in every direction.

FEEL/TOUCH
- Rear Access (parking/food)
Handling the everyday—offering access, service, and simple comforts

HEART
Core Area
Pumping social energy through the landscape's living core.

SPEED
Mobility Hub
Grounding the flow of people —initiating movement and connection.

MEMORY
Historical Route
The memory path—thinking, remembering, and orienting through layers of time.

EMERGING VEINS
- New Connection Route
Carrying life through the plan—circulating energy, people, and possibility.

Proposed extended wooden promenade with sauna, picnic and sunbathing spots.

New Cafe & Restaurant overlooking the Historical street

HÄRÄNSILMÄ RESERVE AREA
FUTURE SPA HOTEL CONFERENCE, MEETING ROOMS AND REMOTE WORKING SPACE 2+8 floors
parking space for 300 cars in 2 floors underground
NEW EXPO HALL & MULTIFUNCTIONAL ARENA 4 floors
PRESERVING THIS FACILITY
EXISTING PARKING
MEDIA AREA
RESTAURANT WITH HISTORICAL SWIMMING HISTORY
HIIHTOMUSEO
SALPAUSSELÄNKATU
SPORTS STADIUM
NEW WATER SPORTS ARENA
NEW ISKU ARENA
TEIVAANKATU
JALKARANNANTIE
VILLA RAUHALA
SATAMARADANPOLKU
SVINHUFVUDINKATU
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Senscape

Landscape Branding

Navigate the living landscape of Lahti Sports Centre with the help of the Senscape app — where every junction is an organ, every path a story.

Explore interactive landscape branding by scanning QR codes at each infoboard and wayfinding through symbols representing eight unique organ types, offering functional details, local facts, and directions to seamlessly navigate between ecological and social junctions.

Ski Jumping Hills

Salpausselkä ridge

- EXISTING SERVICES
- PROPOSED URBAN SERVICES
- PROPOSED NATURE & RECREATION
- PROPOSED OUTDOOR SPORTS

New Urban trail diversion