



Starting point

The planning area located in the Lahti Sports Centre area create a wonderful framework for the development of the area. The historic, topographically undulating ridge landscape with its extensive functions is a spectacular and at the same time somewhat fragmented place on the edge of the Lahti city centre. The identity of the area is clearly public and inviting, but extensive in scale and spread out in its functions. The area does not have a clear attractive central point around which various events and everyday activities could flourish. The existing blue-green structure is scarce in the planning area, but abundant in the immediate impact area. The sports centre area offers long views to both the green environment and the built environment. The potential for developing the area into a pleasant, high-quality and modern event venue and recreation area is significant.

Design theme and overall solution

The proposal is not a traditional plan, it's more of a vision of the feeling. The competition program describes the achievement of the goals by developing the existing natural environment and built environment of the area into an urban landscape space and an aesthetic high-quality place by integrating the current lifestyle into the solutions: sports, recreation and events. The proposal presents hospitality as a main theme that complements lifestyles and activities, which supports all parallel activities and strengthens the attractiveness of the area both locally and internationally. The overall solution of the plan is based on two main axes: the Salpausselänkatu sports street and the stormwater park that continues from Veikko Kankkunen raitti to Teivaankatu. The plan presents the amount of construction as minimal as possible, while still meeting the goals of the competition program. The construction is arranged especially in natural relation to the existing urban structure, the built environment and the urban greenery.

