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THE ENDING OF THE ESPLANADE

Main principles

The grid-plan blocks of Tampere city centre are outlined in a way that affects the natural landscape - Pyyynikki Ridge rises from the shore of Lake Pyhäjärvi as a green vein that sets a background for the whole city.

The various elements meet or submerge to each other in the competition area or its vicinity. The almost natural shore of Lake Pyhäjärvi turns into an industrial constructed milieu that is framed by old red-brick industrial buildings. The beaded villa surroundings change into a grid-plan city and the pine woods of the ridge meet the old Eteläpuisto Park, where the park axis, Hämeenpuisto Esplanade, crossing the city ends.

The new and old unite in multiple ways in the proposal. The missing parts of the urban structure have been adjusted in place as blocks, complementary buildings, parks and water installations. The proposal creates a pleasant and versatile public shore area which continues from the local green corridors.

The proposed construction is most diverse and rich in nature and scale. Effective closed quarters extend the dense and urban structure of Tampere city centre. The edges of grid-plan blocks are given a clear and regular form in the proposal. On the other hand, the fine villa milieu of Palomäentie has been extended to the competition area as a free-pattern composition of seven city villas.

The shore of Tammerkoski has been complemented by urban and lively waterside quarters. Representative of a new kind of small scale block structure, the waterside quarters expand the city centre and reinforce the waterside route that goes through the competition area continuing all the way to the Pyyynikki summer theatre.

The end of Hämeenpuisto and Eteläpuisto are crowned by a versatile and active culture block that will be built in one of the most visible spots in town.

The historic Eteläpuisto will be restored and playing fields will bring more life to it. The old end square of Hämeenpuisto will be opened towards the lake and directed to the lakeside by stairs. A modern park (The Lakeside Parks) with various activities and strongly shaped water elements will be built on the lakeside of Pyhäjärvi to accompany the old, distinguished Eteläpuisto. Most of the shoreline will remain in the current place.

The competition proposal relies fully on the existing street network that has been developed on the terms of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The plan can be implemented in stages and as independent sub-areas.

The Gross Floor Area of the proposed plan is 72 000 sqm for housing, 5 300 sqm for commercial/services and 14 000 sqm for the culture block.



BLOCK 95

Blocks and the parts of construction

Complementing building block/ City blocks 95/96

The blocks situated in a parklike environment are complemented by new buildings with a scale that has been adjusted to the old building stock. Parking for the residential quarters is located under the landscaped courtyard cover on the street level. The number of floors ranges from three to six.

Nalkala shore quarters Hybrid quarters

Nalkala Shore quarters are small-scale residential quarters with boutiques, restaurants and working areas on the street level. The urban red-brick quarters extend the city centre and Tammerkoski milieu towards Viinikanlahti. The number of floors in the buildings range from four to six. Parking is located under the courtyard cover on one level. Driving connections to the quarter have been directed so that the environs of the quarters can be left as a pedestrian zone.

Klingendahl / City block 90

The missing part of the Klingendahl quarter will be complemented by a five-story red-brick residence. The connection to the covered parking space is directed from the northern side of the quarter. The courtyard cover will be landscaped by planting.

City Villas / Koulukatu Rink

The small low-rise quarter set freely on the slope follows the scale of the Pyyköntienranta villa milieu. There is a great view from the buildings towards lake Pyhäjärvi over the parklike environment. Parking is located under a pleasant parklike courtyard cover. The number of floors ranges from five to six.

Nalkala City block

To replace Nalkala field, a residential quarter will be built that follows the form and scale of the city blocks. The connection to the parking space underneath the courtyard covers is directed from the eastern side of the block. The courtyard cover will be landscaped by planting.

Culture block

The culture block can be built at the site of a ramp rising to the Tampereen Valtatie Road and a LNG pumping station. The block is located in a very visible place in terms of the townscape at the entrance channel and as an end to the Hämeenpuisto park. Exhibition spaces, art museum collections, artists' working spaces, administrative rooms, a restaurant and café can be placed in the block. The free form quarter is surrounded by the park, the beautiful lake landscape and the Tammerkoski delta. The parking and service spaces of the block are located on two levels. Incoming traffic has been led under the Rautanala Bridge. Bus stops are located on the northern side of the block at the Tampereen Valtatie Road.

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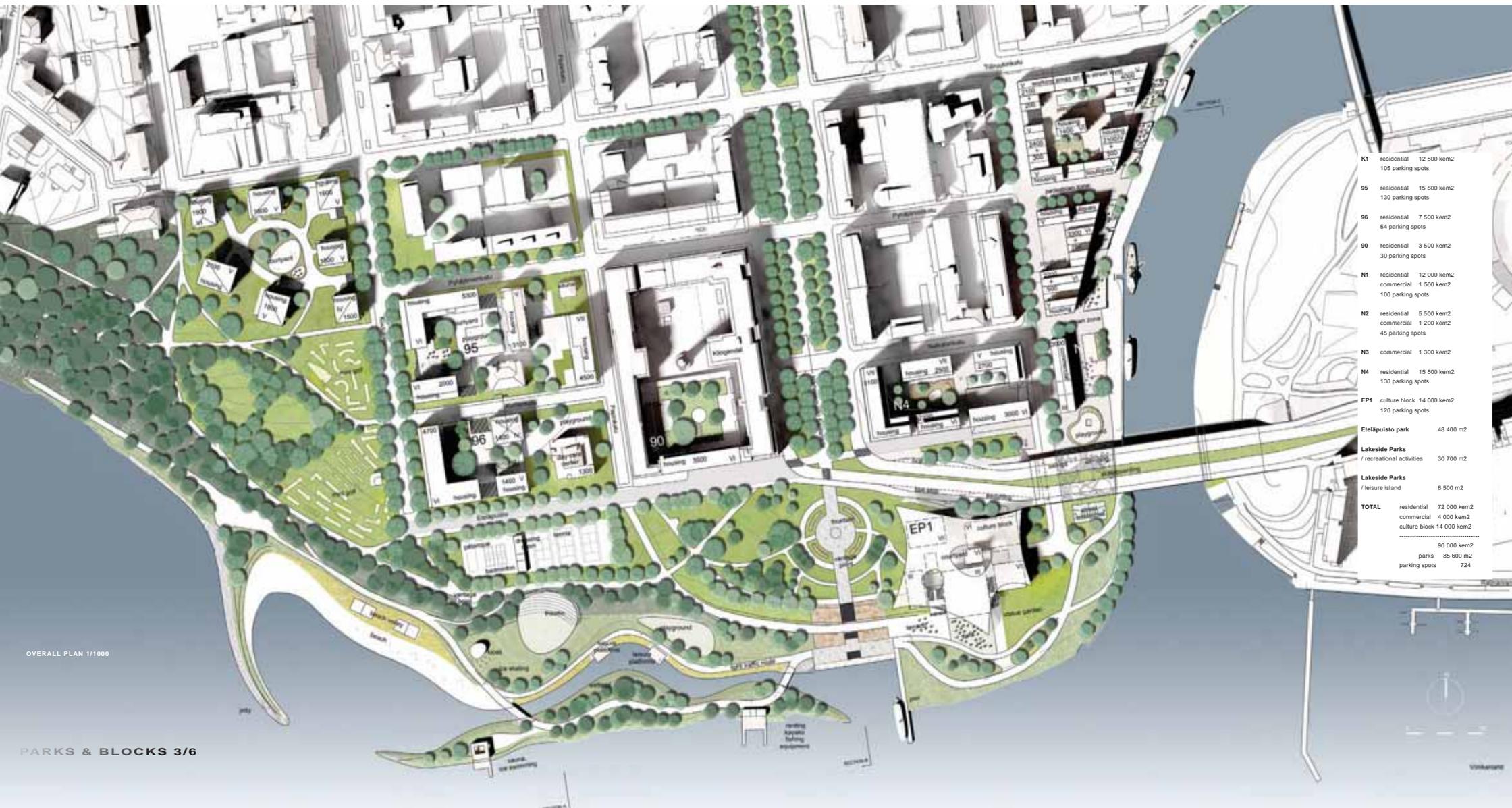
NALKALA SHORE QUARTERS



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K1	residential	12 500 kem2	105 parking spots
95	residential	15 500 kem2	130 parking spots
96	residential	7 500 kem2	64 parking spots
90	residential	3 500 kem2	30 parking spots
N1	residential	12 000 kem2	100 parking spots
	commercial	1 500 kem2	
N2	residential	5 500 kem2	45 parking spots
	commercial	1 200 kem2	
N3	commercial	1 300 kem2	
N4	residential	15 500 kem2	130 parking spots
EP1	culture block	14 000 kem2	120 parking spots
Eteläpuisto park		48 400 m2	
Lakeside Parks			
/ recreational activities		30 700 m2	
Lakeside Parks			
/ leisure island		6 500 m2	
TOTAL	residential	72 000 kem2	
	commercial	4 000 kem2	
	culture block	14 000 kem2	
		90 000 kem2	
	parks	85 600 m2	
	parking spots	724	



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Traffic solution

The functionality of Hämeenpuisto - Tampereen Valtatie Road as the city centre ring road is improved by clarifying the junction arrangements of the south end of Hämeenpuisto by removing the Eteläpuisto Street junction. A motor traffic connection to the southern side of Tampereen Valtatie Road is arranged through Naikalankatu Street and Näsinlinnankatu Street, which erases the need for new junctions to Tampereen Valtatie Road. The motor traffic of the western areas of Hämeenpuisto is carried out through Pyhäjärvenkatu Street and Tiilurinkatu Street.

The service traffic of the culture block has been organized to the eastern part of the building through Näsinlinnankatu Street. Space for drop-off and pickup traffic has also been created on the bus stop extension at the front of the building.

The parking facilities of the new quarters have been placed under the courtyard covers. Vehicle access to facilities in the eastern shore quarters is connected to Tiilurinkatu Street and Näsinlinnankatu Street.

The bus stops are situated at the western end of Tampereen Valtatie Road near the Hämeenpuisto junction, and

the pedestrian crossings will be equipped with traffic signalization. The bus stops provide a good connection to the culture block and to the service points on the Eteläpuisto shore.

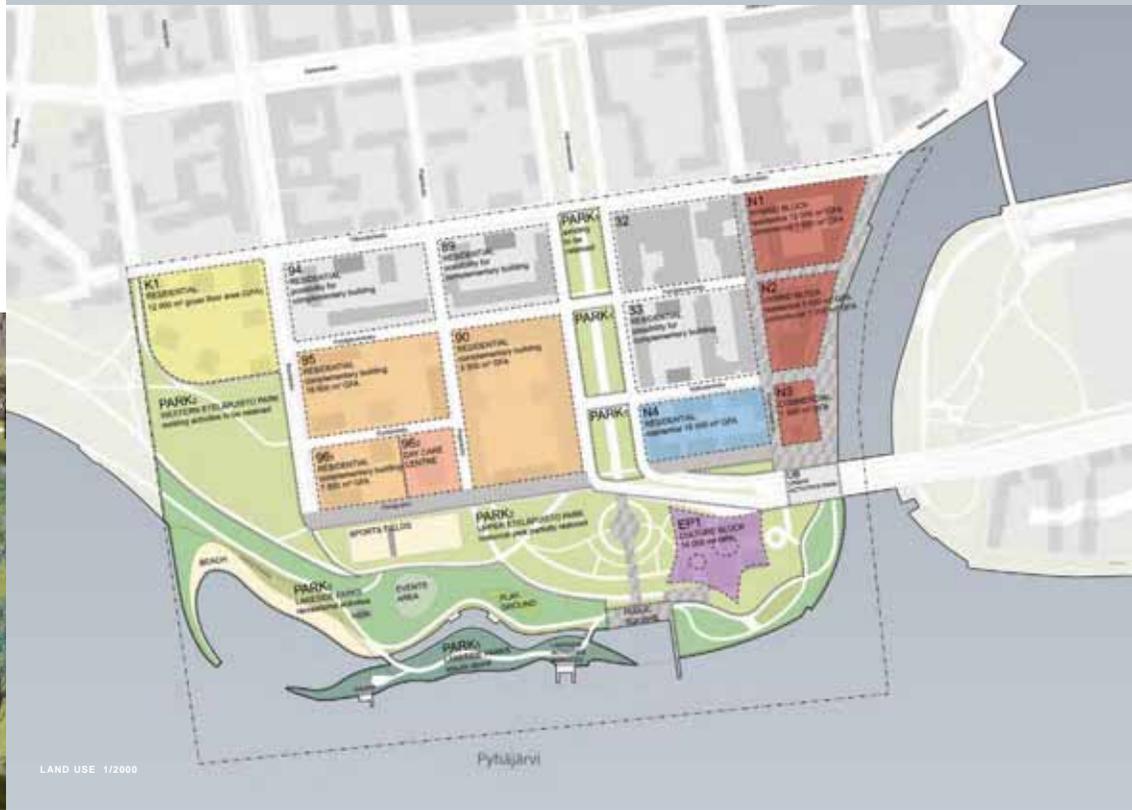
The main cycling route runs from the southern edge of Tampereen Valtatie Road to Koulukatu Street via Eteläpuisto. In the southern end of Hämeenpuisto, it joins the recreational route leading to the Pyyriki area. Naikalankatu Street, running on the eastern shore, is turned into a strand promenade that continues under Tampereen Valtatie Road to the front of the culture block at the lakeside, and from there as a pedestrian and bicycle route to the west through the lakeside services (canoe rental, sauna etc) towards Pyyriki. All the way up to the lakeside services, the pedestrian and bicycle route will be built so wide that it also enables service traffic.

The pedestrian zone running through Hämeenpuisto continues directly through signal controlled pedestrian crossing to the restored French formal garden and the culture block. The strand promenade on the eastern shore from Laakontori to the culture block forms another significant pedestrian route. The Eteläpuisto Street will also be changed into a pedestrian street from Koulukatu Street to the strand promenade. The southern housing blocks will be connected to the Eteläpuisto Park without crossing car traffic.



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Eteläpuisto Parks

The recreational areas and public spaces along Lake Pyhäjärvi are the key elements of the proposal. When you enter the competition area from the City centre, the Naikkala shore has been transformed into a lively neighbourhood where you take a stroll alongside the green shores of the Ratina strait and enjoy the servings of the restaurant ships. Between the new blocks and the shore, there is a multifunctional pedestrian zone providing different activities such as outdoor exercise, children's playground, street basketball and skateboarding. The front sides of the blocks are covered with restaurant terraces. The pedestrian zone continues under the Tampereen valtatie Road after which it reaches the parklike surroundings of the culture block and its cafe and terrace. The urban walkway ends at the massive waterfront stairway which outlines the water basin dug as the ending of Hämeenpuisto axis. The pier for the water bus is connected to the stairway.

The remaining parts of Eteläpuisto Park are restored. The old pathways and vegetation are rehabilitated. The circular motif as the focal point at the end of Hämeenpuisto is restored with added interest by a modern fountain which counterparts the one at the northern end of Hämeenpuisto Esplanade. The former playing field at the western part is transformed into a series of ball fields such as badminton and tennis. The traffic ramp leading to Tampereen Valtatie Road can be replaced with Eteläpuisto Park, restored according to the historical plan.

Lakeside Parks

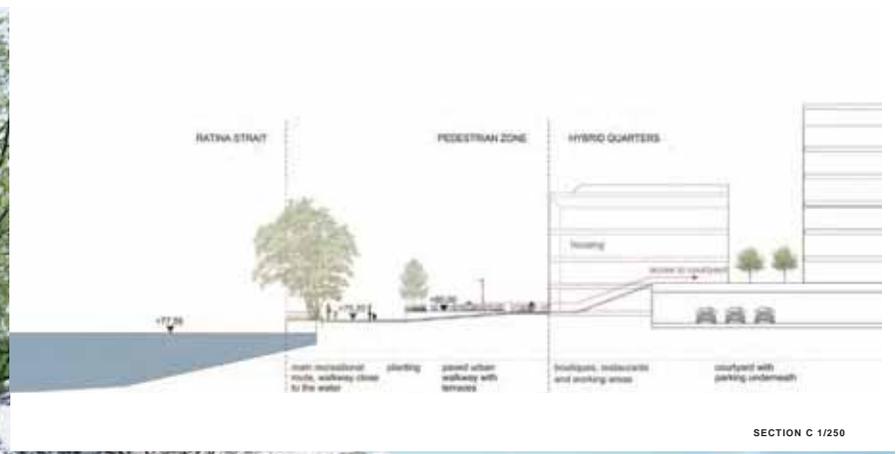
The lower part of Eteläpuisto has been transformed into a recreational oasis which provides activities as well as tranquility within nature. The Lakeside Parks have been divided into two characteristic areas. Right beneath the historical park is the area for different recreational activities. There is a playground, a sledding slope and a large open field for different venues with an open air auditorium attached to it. In winter time the field can be turned into an ice skating rink. The activity plane ends at a massive lakeside beach.

For more peaceful leisure time an island has been created by digging a curved water channel between the mainland and Lake Pyhäjärvi. The shoreline is kept in its current place for the most part. The water channel works as a main landscape element of the lower park creating intriguing places to look at or stay in, for example the leisure platforms on the water level. An equipment renting station for kayaks and rowing boats is put up in the island. At the far most end of the island the public sauna serves customers throughout the year.



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