

# HYBRID PARKS

**Workshop in Pori, Finland**  
**14 – 15 June 2013**



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- With continuing urbanization, it is important to protect both biodiversity and cultural heritage as well as to ensure blue and green spaces for city dwellers.



# Current problems of park zones

- There is a global trend to build more compact towns and cities, leaving less room for green urban areas.
- Regional cleavage and privatization (f.e. golf)
- Due to savings dishevelled or humdrum areas (mechanical treatment)
- Organizational changes
- In big cities slums and insecurity, the escape of the middle-class

# **Finnish National Urban Parks - A Sustainable Approach to Urban Planning and Conservation**

**A national park may be established to protect and maintain:**

- the beauty of the cultural and natural landscape,**
- biodiversity,**
- historical characteristics or other special townscapes,**
- as well as the social or recreational values of an area within an urban environment.**



Image: Lentokuva Vallas Oy

Hämeenlinna National Urban Park combines historical city blocks with lakes and forests



# Finnish National Urban Park Concept

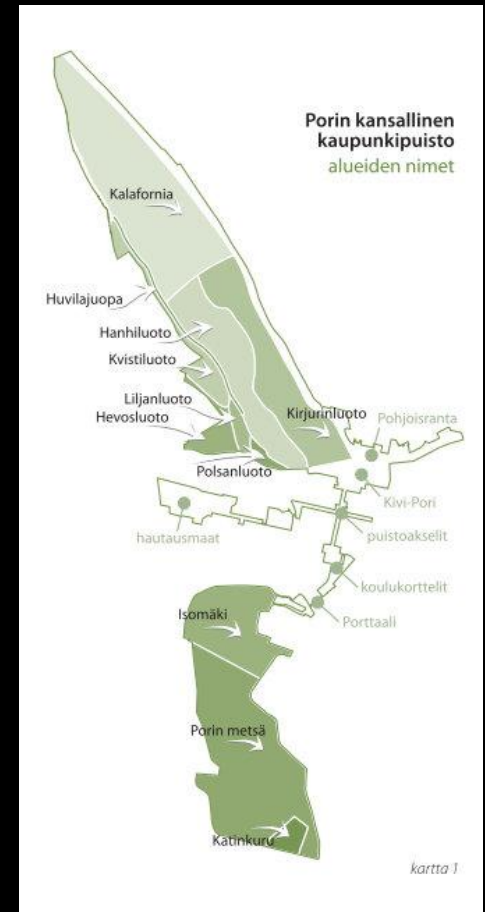
- A Successful tool in Land Use and Building Act
- A Strategic instrument
- Criterias
- Discussion and learning forum
- Network of N.U.P.s – each has a special role





# Pori National Urban Park

- An environment of national significance
- The aim is to protect parkland
- The living room of Pori
- A green corridor through the town
- City planning guides land use
- Nature a strong presence
- A portal that connects





# Programme Fri 14th

## Seminar Day at University

- 09:00 – 09:45 Registration, Coffee with sandwich
- 09:45 – 10:10 Opening of Workshop: University of Turku and Hybrid Parks
- 10:10 – 10:50 National Urban Park, Mr Jukka-Pekka Flander,  
Environment Councillor, Ministry of the Environment
- 10:50 – 11:20 City Planning Authority, City of Pori
- 11:20 – 11:40 Break and video of Pori
- 11:40 – 12:10 City Park Department, City of Pori
- 12:10 – 12:40 National Urban Park Process, Mr Samuli Saarinen, City of Turku
- 13:00 – 15:00 Lunch in the City Hall, hosted by City of Pori
- 15:15 – 16:00 Swedish Urban Park “Ekoparken”, Mr Peter Schantz,  
Professor, The Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences
- 16:00 – 17:00 Partner Presentations
- 17:00 – 18:30 Cases of Finnish National Urban Parks with coffee
- 18:30 – 19:00 Discussion
- 19:00 – 20:00 Time for leisure
- 20:00 – Dinner



# Programme Sat 15th

## Tour Day to the National Urban Park of Pori and the Pori Area

- 08:30 – From Hotel Vaakuna Walking Tour (together about 1,5 km)
- City Hall Park
- Kirjurinluoto Park
- City Garden Center
- 10:30 – 11:30 Picnic at Jazz Arena
- 11:30 – 12:00 By chartered bus to Noormarkku
- 12:00 – 12:45 Villa Mairea (Alvar Aalto design)
- 12:45 – 13:45 Walking Tour in Noormarkku (National significant cultural environment, Industrial history)
- 13:45 – 14:45 By chartered bus to Reposaari (coast) via Ahlainen
- 14:45 – 15:30 Walking Tour in Reposaari
- 15:30 – 17:00 Dinner at Restaurant Merimesta
- 17:00 – 17:45 By chartered bus to Pori
- 18:15 By train to Helsinki or other route to the trip home





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## Welcome to Pori

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