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National Urban Park Process

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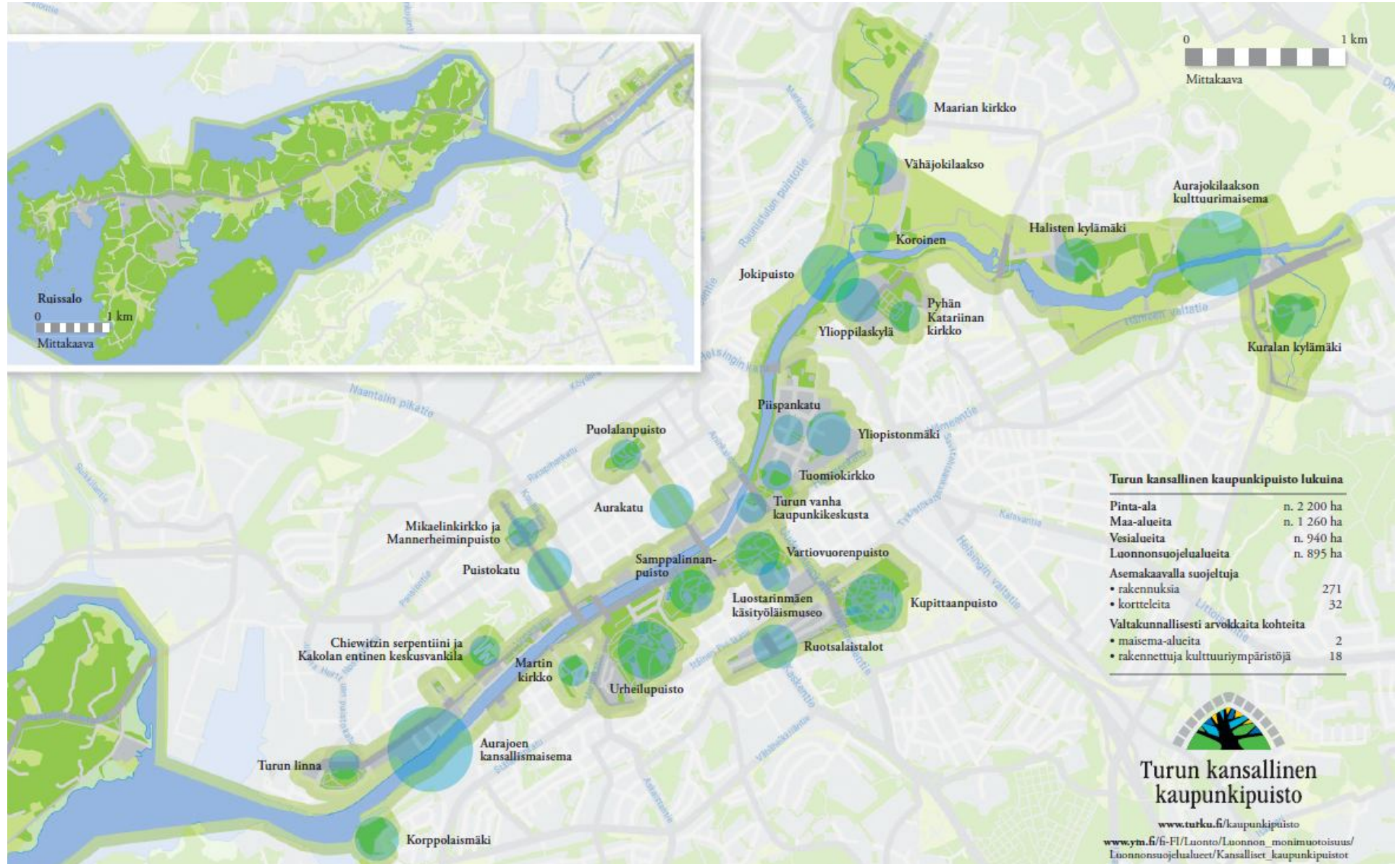
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Maarian kirkko

Mittakaava 0 1 km

Kuralan kylämäki

Yliopiston

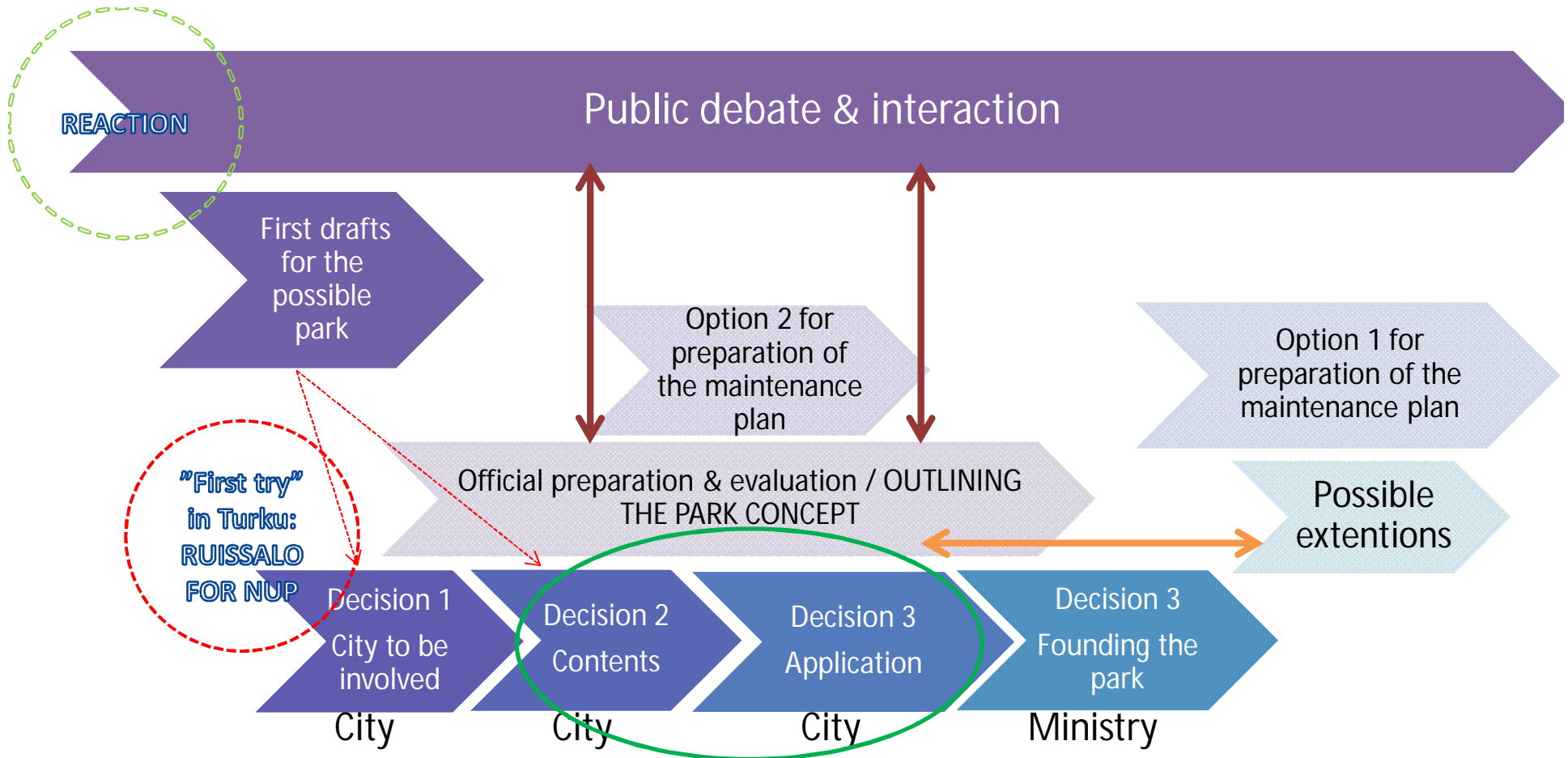
Maastoalue	2 200 ha
Ura-alue	1 260 ha
Ura-alue	940 ha
Ura-alue	895 ha
Ura-alue	271
Ura-alue	32
Ura-alue	2
Ura-alue	18

Puistokatu

Turun linna

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www.turku.fi/kaupunkipuisto
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IN TURKU
FOR NOW ON**

NUP process, Key steps

1. INITIAL SITUATION: public discussion about urban landscape values, NUP seen as one possible tool to preserve key values in urban environment

1990's

2. The DECISION TO START up the NUP process in this city

2001

3. PREPARATION Taking forward the park project involving local and regional authorities, organizations and citizens including interaction with Ministry of the Environment

2006-2010

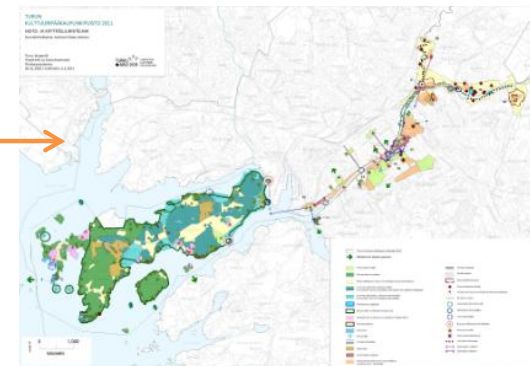
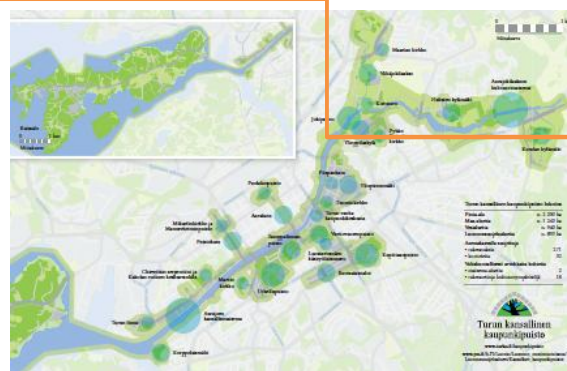
4. The CONCEPT CLOSURE and the preparation of the APPLICATION in cooperation between the Ministry and the city

cultural capital year
2011 "CULTURAL CAPITAL
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5) The resolution of the Ministry to establish the park.

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x) The *maintenance and usage plan* (by the city) for the local National Urban park



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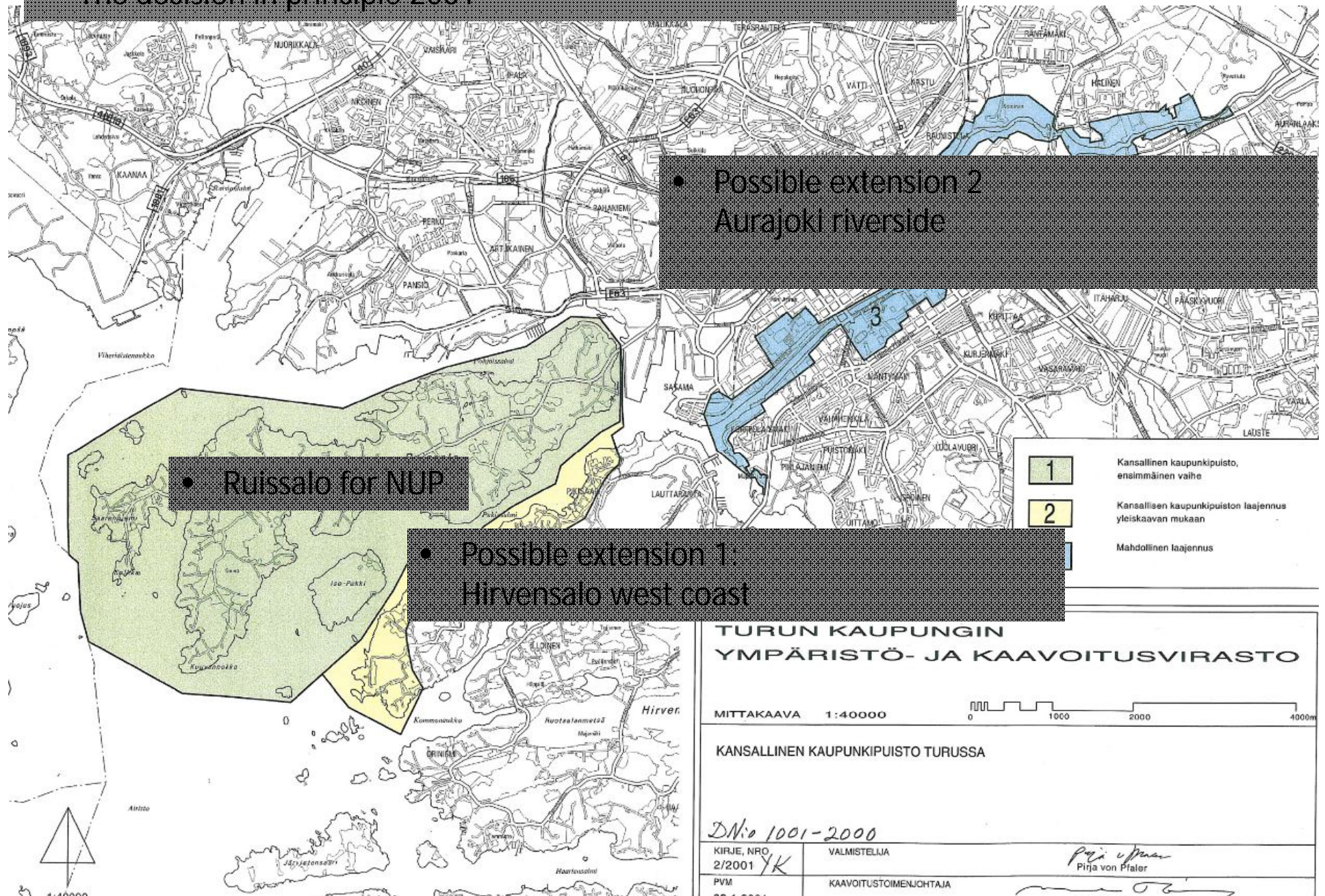
The case: **Ruissalo** island

- Unique oak groves and old cultural landscape with old villas and seaside parkland, long history as green area
- Project Moominworld?
- Project Motorsport park?
- The Finnish Association for **Nature Conservation** promoted Ruissalo for **National Park**
- In the same time in the 1990's Stockholm National Urban Park "Ekoparken" was to be founded.
- The ministry of the Environment and associations saw that the **National Urban Park** could be preservation **option** for preserving **urban nature and urban cultural landscapes under one concept**, as one whole urban landscape system
> Turku as an example of one of NUP's in Finland.
- Is Ruissalo urban enough?



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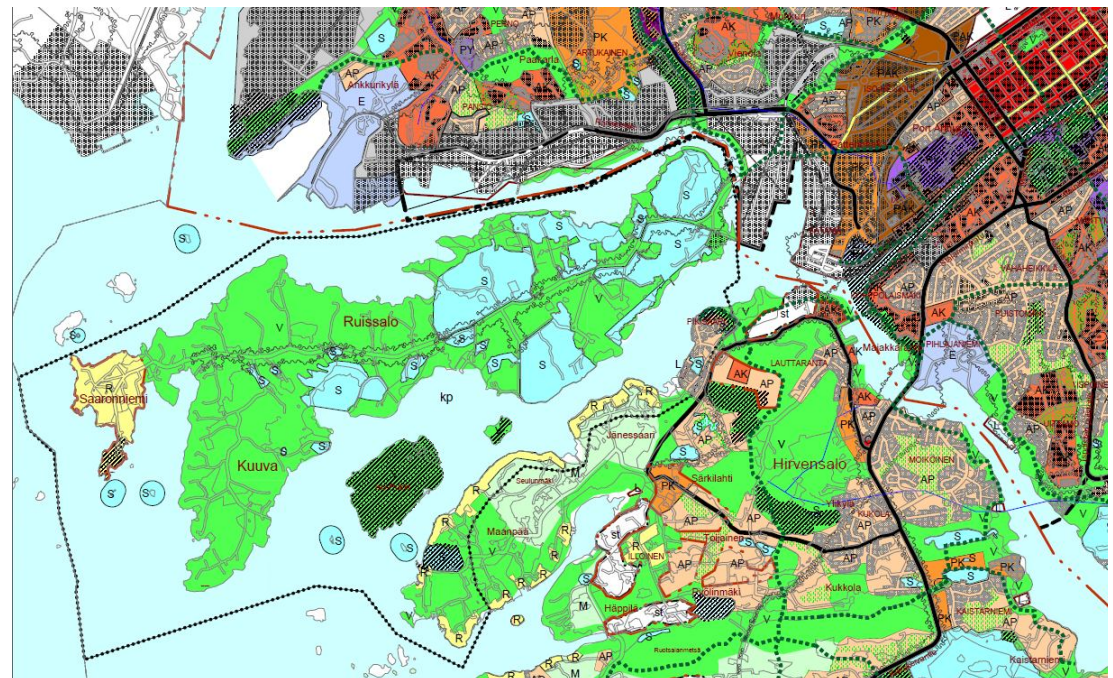
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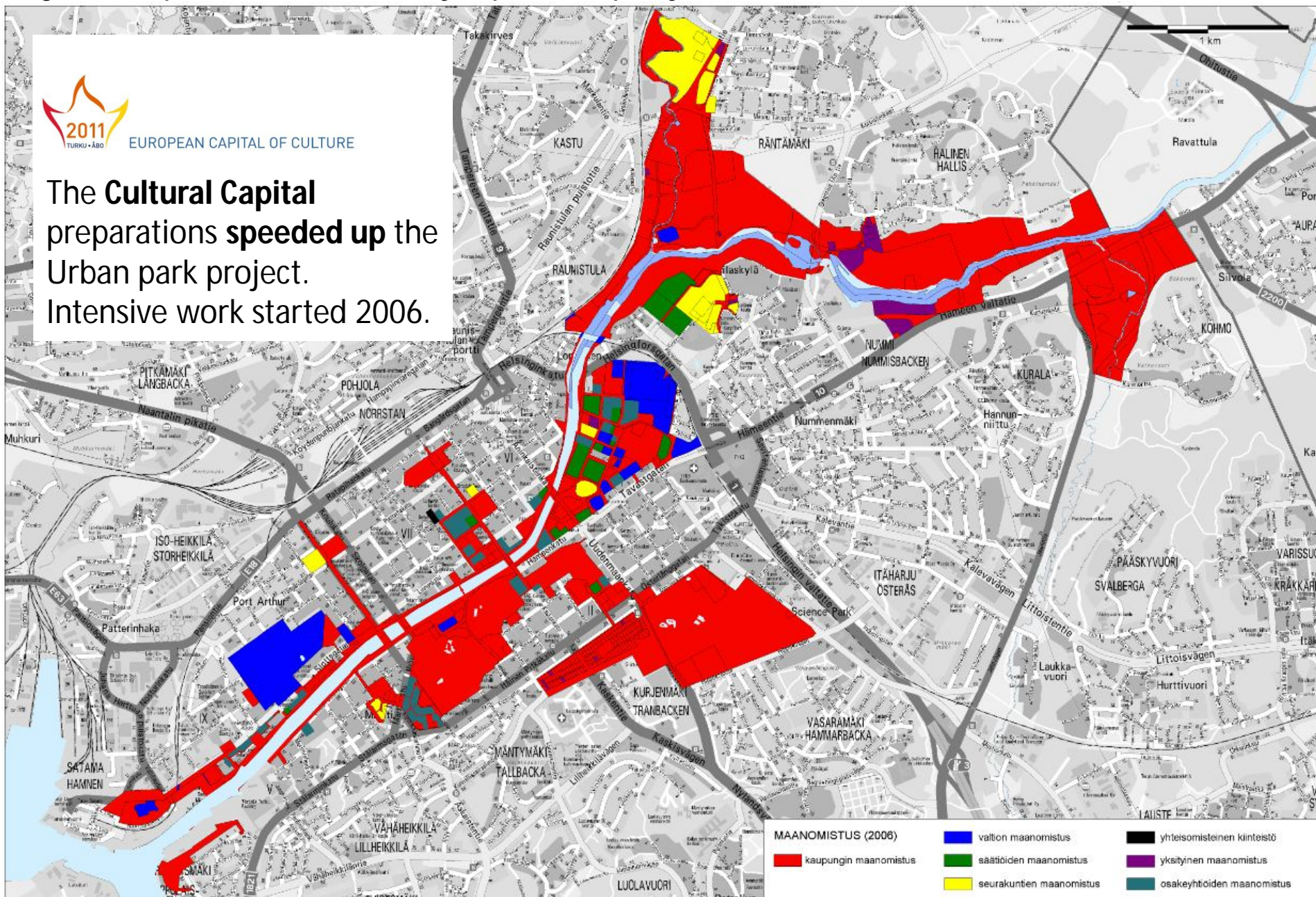


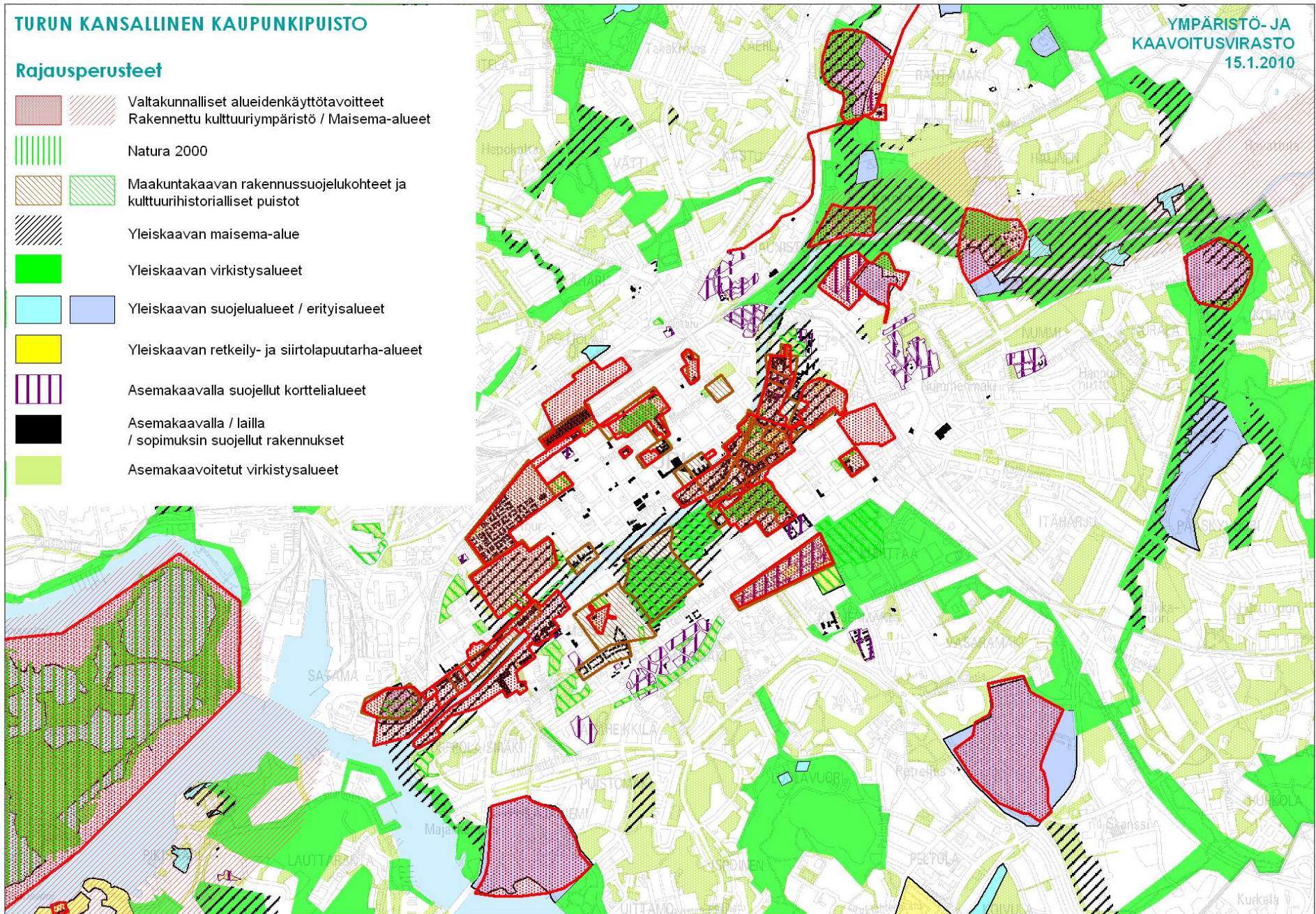
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 - The decision in principle 2001:
 - Ruissalo island for NUP, expansions to urban areas later
 - The criteria and requirements for National Urban Park was built up by Land Use and Building Act in 2000:
The Ministry of the Environment: Ruissalo not large, not urban enough
 - The official preparation continues. Slowly.

Turku Master Plan 2020 (2001)

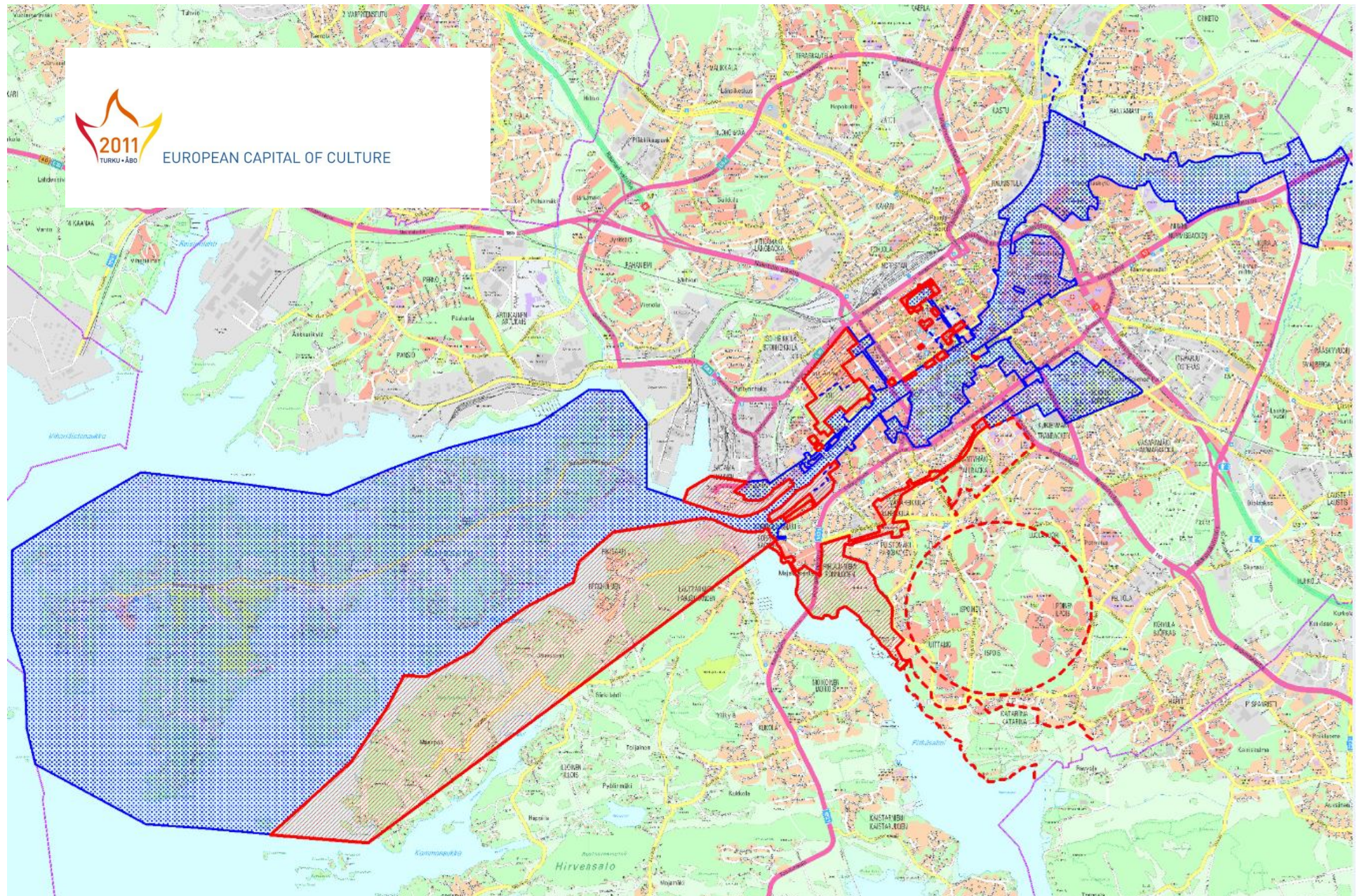






Statements of the people: the most perfect National Urban Park

Statements of the collected 2008 (contents) and 2010 (the maintenance plan)



*Cover of the maintenance and usage plan
for Turku Cultural Capital Park
The plan is based on Sonja Semeri's masters
thesis / landscape architecture*

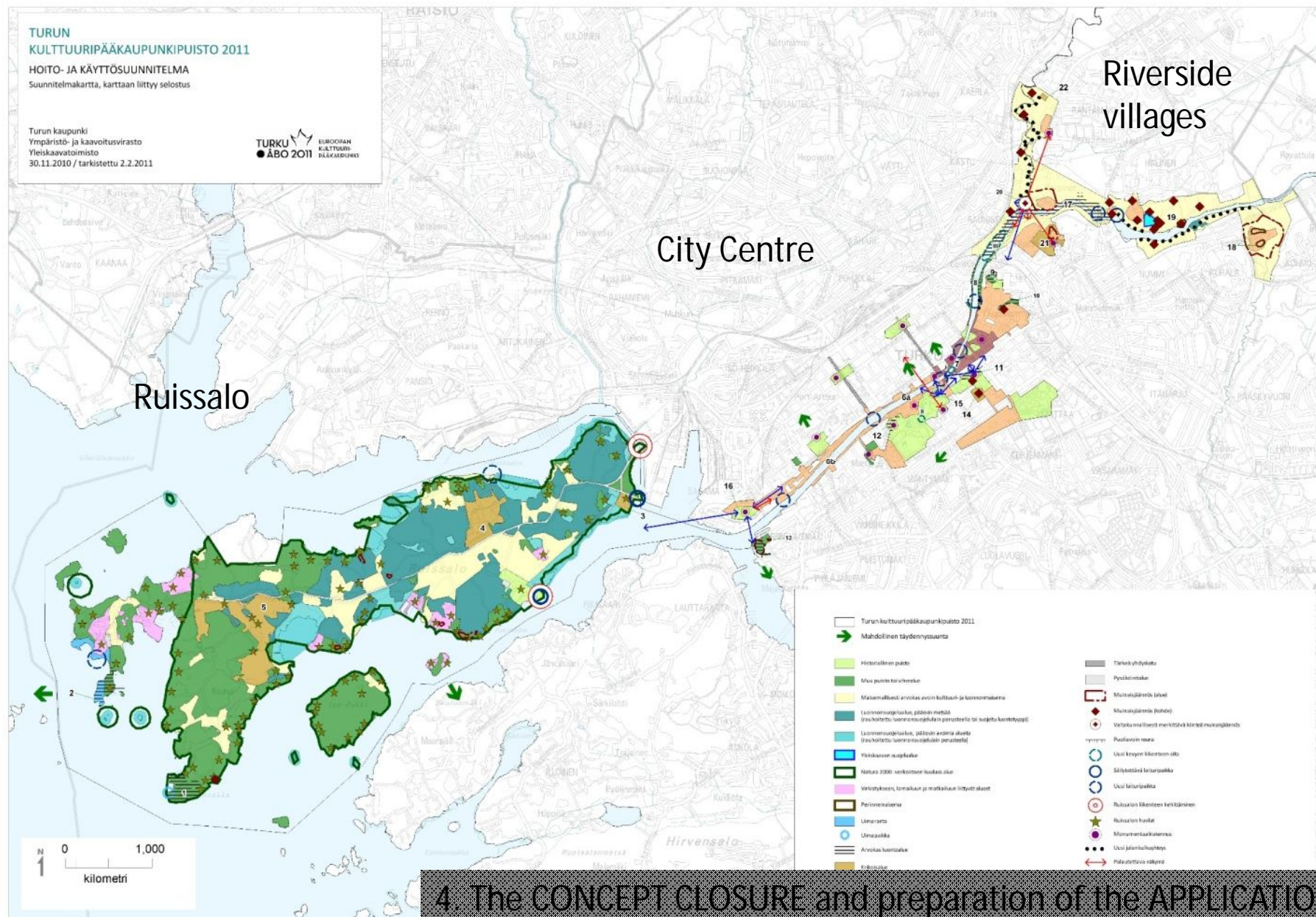


TURUN KULTTUURIPÄÄKAUPUNKIPUISTO 2011:
TURUN KANSALLINEN KAUPUNKIPUISTO

HOITO- JA KÄYTTÖSUUNNITELMA

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Turku Cultural Capital Park 2011 (Turku National Urban Park)



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Coming up next in the process...



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Information, products, making things together in the park to “produce” the park...

Possible extensions



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