

Storsjö Strand

Östersund meets Lake Storsjön



Storsjöstrand, early 20th century



aerial view 20th century



Workshop participants 2012

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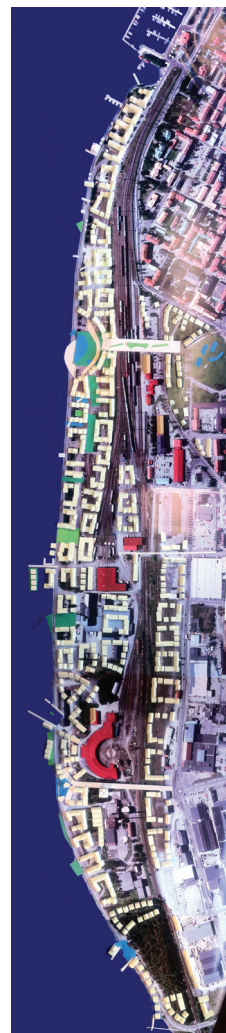
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The town's expansion towards Lake Storsjön means bridging the barrier of a railroad but taking advantage of brownfields: disused industry, shipping wharves and marshalling yard tracks.

The plan evolved via workshops with Arken's STEP-Method, involving politicians, clerks, builders and the general public. This consultation phase contributed to the choice of a small-town pattern/scale. This nevertheless means more than triple the amount of building rights that were envisaged in a recent master plan. This result confirms our experience that bottom-up planning, such as this STEP-Method, reduces YIMBY effects and broadens scenarios and imaginative ideas.

National co-funding means a demand of making layouts and patterns of general interest within the field of Sustainable Urbanism.

A broad team of consultants assisted in making this a model for town planning in a northern winter city context. Arken is in charge of the Design programme.



model blocks on top of orthophotos