

Brownfield as an alternative open space.

Observations from Tallinn.

Doctoral thesis research

Lauri Kiisk (2019) Master thesis

BlueHealth project – Horizon 2020

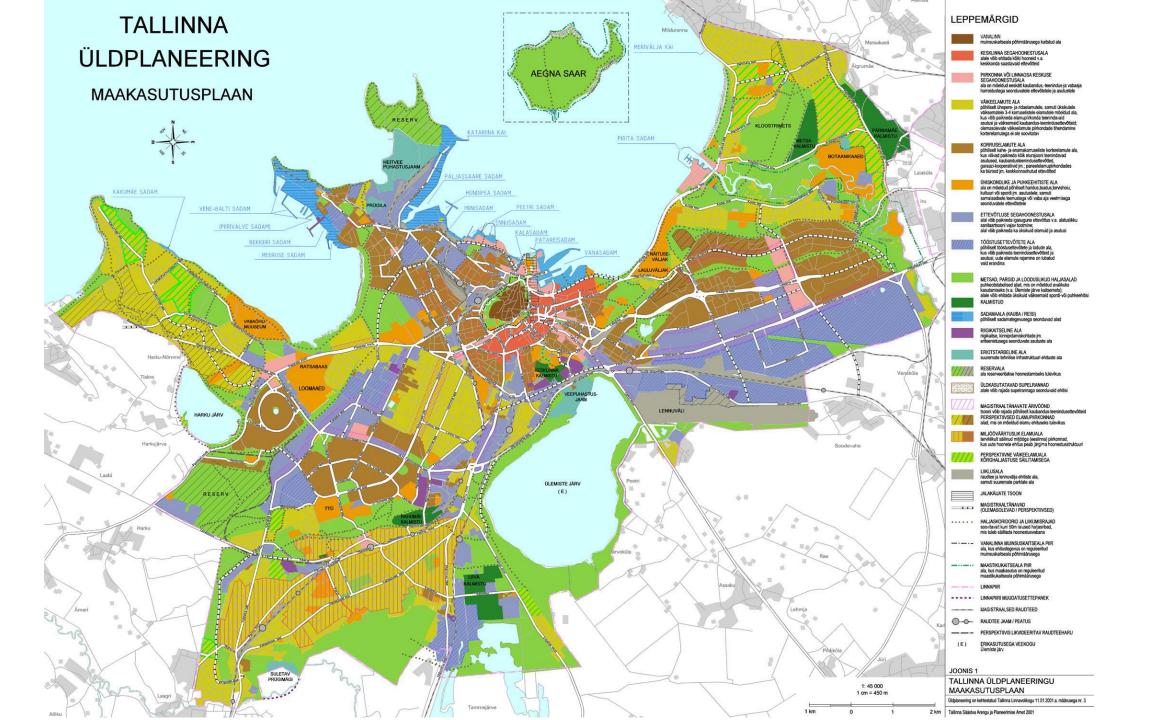
Helene-Terese Jürgenson – on-going

research for Master thesis



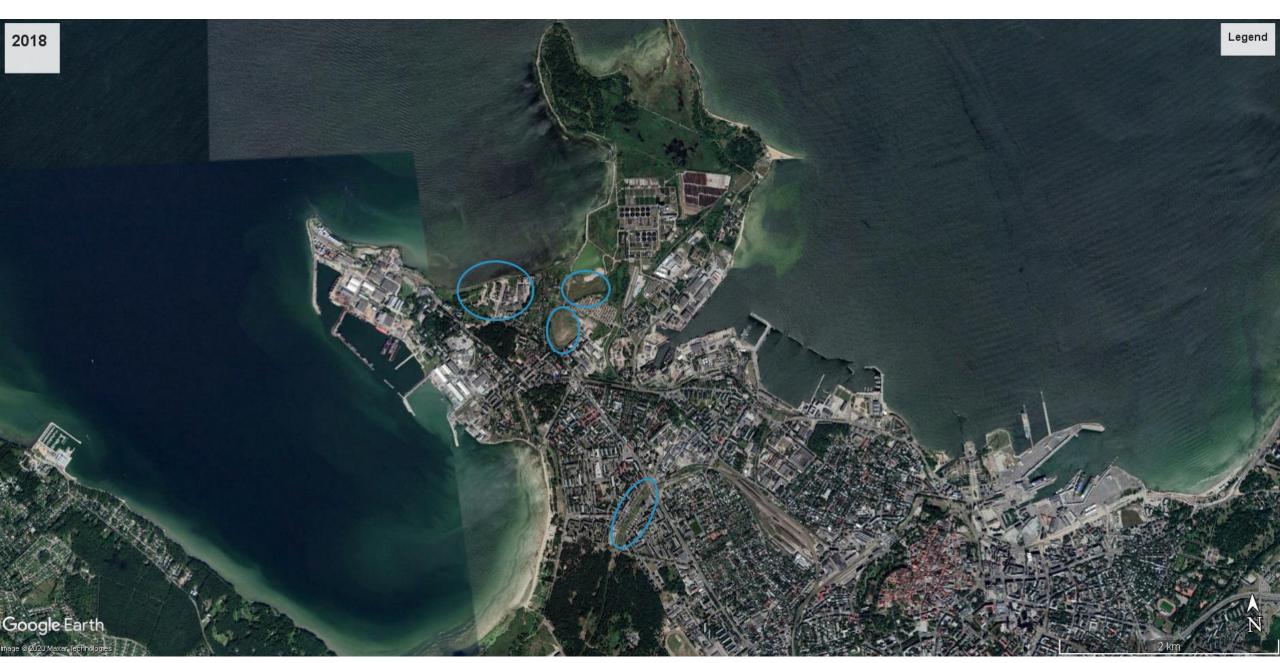


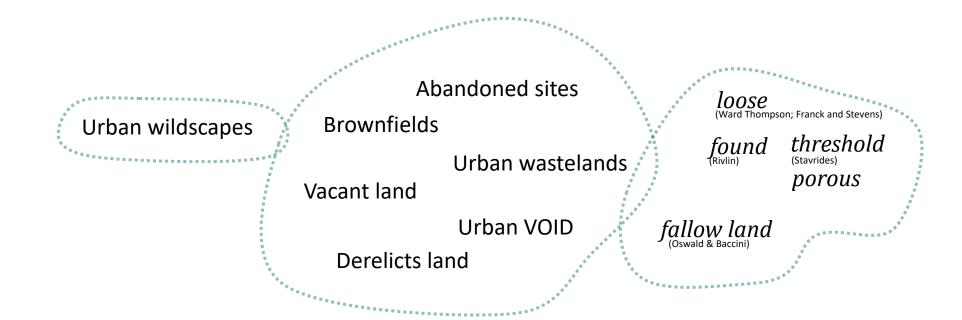












Informal green space (IGS)



Within the **ecosystem services** framework:

social ecological

Attention restoration theory:

Benefits of IGS

contact wild nature solitude open/creative use/playful/experimental space

There are restraints as well..

lack of infrastructure perceived or real safety issues marginal uses contamination

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Spatial enquiry:
Historical information
Spatial features (remains, buildings, elements)
Vegetation/land cover
Evidence of use
Observed use



Marginal/ destructive activities

construction debris
dumping litter
graffiti
destruction of existing elements
drug use

Short-time activities

shortcut for every-day walking, running, walking dog parking

Long time or quality activities

slow walks contemplation dog walk destination picnic swimming play etc.

Space co-creation

arranging the fireplace sitting elements graffiti creating play elements

Factors, which may impact presence of the quality and creative use

Perceived safety – area open for views
Existing, but limited canopy cover
Existing spatial elements on site (e.g. concrete locks)
Views to the sea or to the town



Research is continuing with behaviour mapping methods



BlueHealth is a pan-European research initiative investigating the links between environment, climate and health.

The programme is specifically focused on understanding how water-based environments in towns and cities can affect health and wellbeing.

Project is lead by Exeter University, it brings together experts from nine institutions and is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 programme.

https://bluehealth2020.eu/



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Research areas

The BlueHealth research programme involves specialists from a number of disciplines, institutions and countries.

Whilst studies are focused in several core areas, researchers and their respective projects deliberately cross academic boundaries to ensure the complex connections between urban blue space and health are accurately captured.

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engagement

6 x case study areas

with spatial interventions

Rubi, near Barcelona

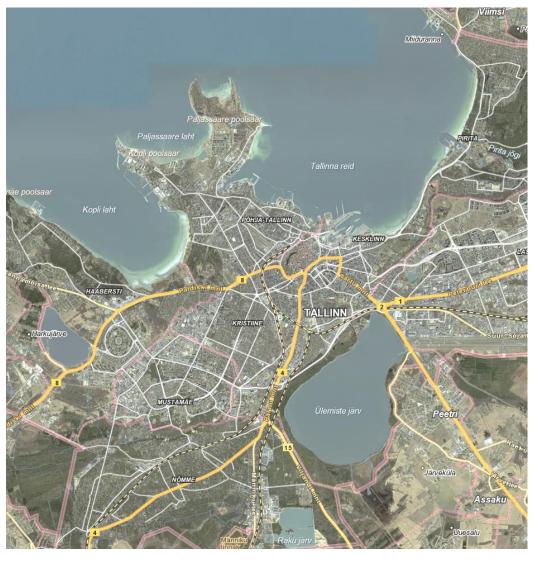
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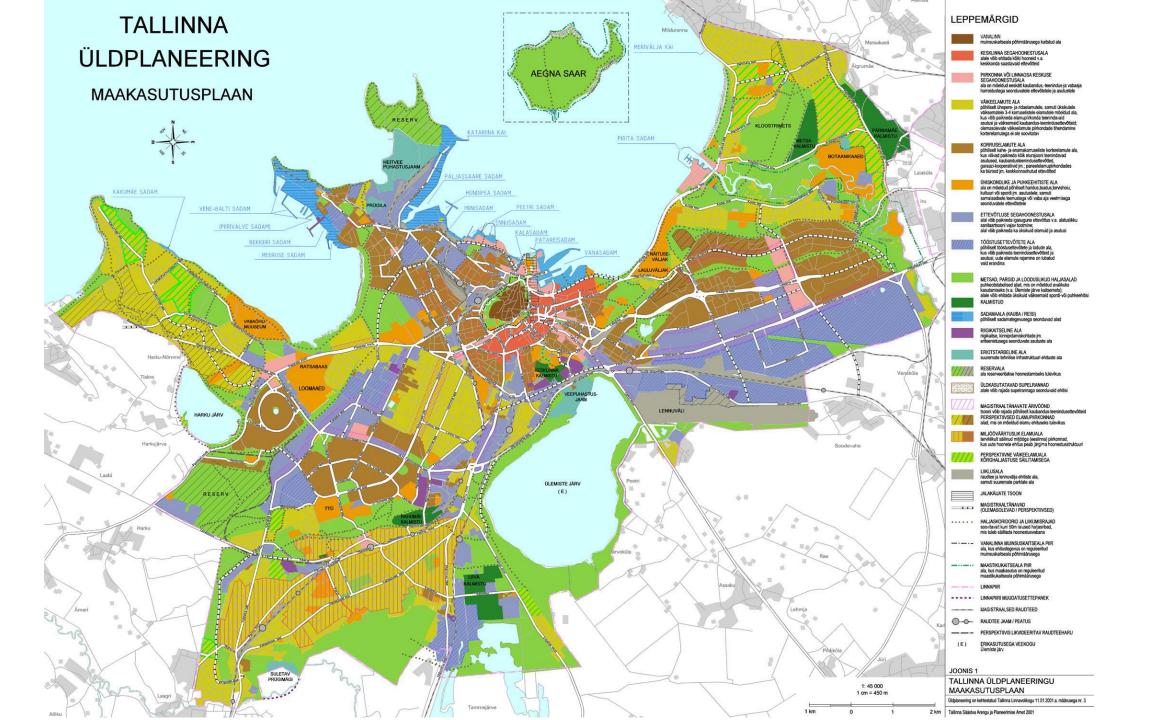
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Is there any **changes in space use** patterns/amount as well as is there any **self-reported health and well-being change** after the intervention?

How they are using the space?

What they say they are using the space/about the space?

Behaviour mapping (BCLS)

Community involvement process

Qualitative interviews (Master thesis of Helene-Terese Jürgenson in process)

Survey (district level)

SoftGIS (city level)

1. How they are using the space?









2. What they say they are using the space/about the space?
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Use

Walks with dogs, walks with family members and children, picnic, swimming, winter-swimming, "time alone with the sea", fishing

Perception

Solitude space

Wild Neighbourhood space

Industrial heritage

Natural Hidden

Precious

Dangerous

No infrastructure

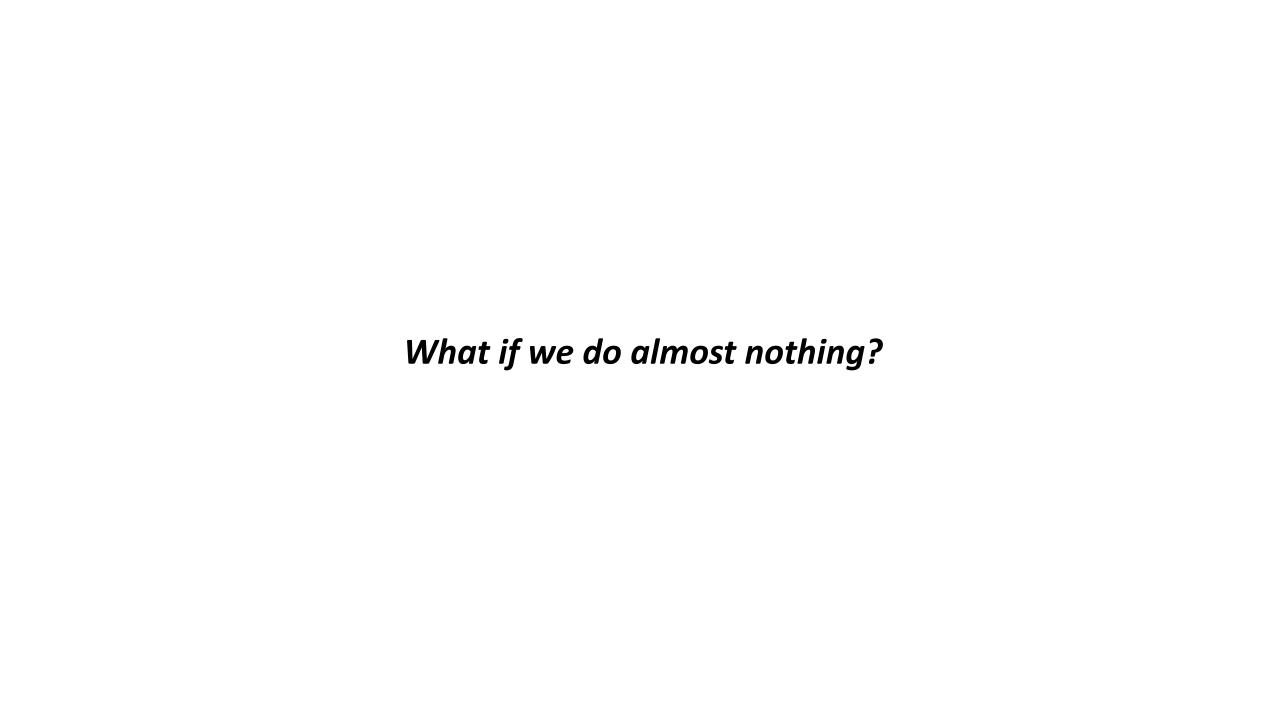
Alcohol use

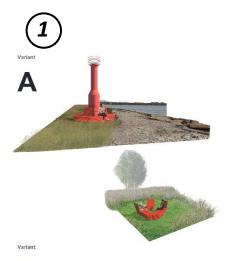
Drug use Litter

Contamination

Running dogs





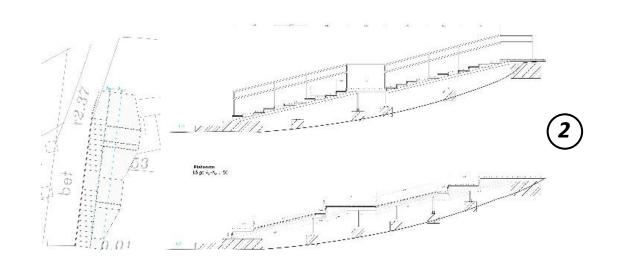


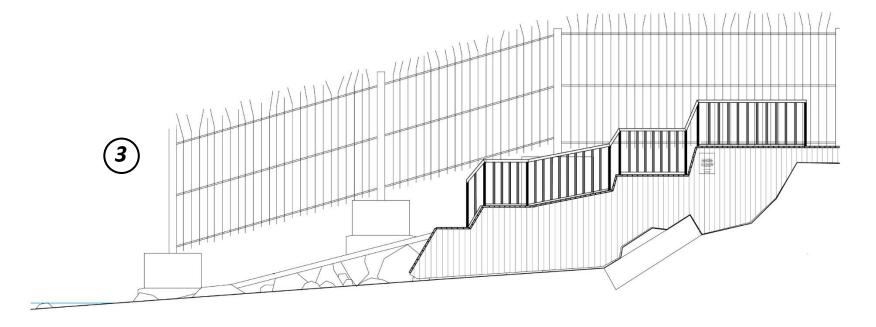
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Informal green space should be considered as apart of urban blue/green space network.

IGS is providing functions, which formal green space often providing

Perceived safety and lack of basic infrastructure is an issue

Small scale interventions might be one of the instruments



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