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Luonnon läheinen kylä. Vicus Selvaticus is a profound and radical vision of how to inhabit, think and feel the city of Turku in a different, integrated and sustainable way. It is the promise that nature and human life are no longer considered separate or conflicting entities, but that they intertwine and support each other within a living, evolving ecosystem. Water is embraced as a vital and visible resource, managed through nature-based solutions that regenerate soils, support biodiversity and build climate resilience. The project unfolds through incremental phases, each one creating a local centrality with small village-like clusters, fostering social cohesion and a sense of belonging from the start. It embodies the spirit of *luonto*, the Finnish cultural bond with nature, water and forests, and the collective responsibility to care for the commons. It heals the fractures of past urbanisation, enhances local economies, and regenerates the existing industrial area through adaptive reuse, circular practices and energy efficiency, giving life to a vibrant new urban hub. At its core, lies a vision of interspecies coexistence, where humans, animals, plants and microorganisms cohabit and thrive as equal parts of a shared environment. Like a small *Aurajoki* flowing into the urban fabric, Vicus Selvaticus tells a regenerative story - one of connection, care and transformation - that reflects Turku's most authentic values and offers a living model of future-oriented, nature-connected urban life.

Phase and type of intervention

Stormwater management principle

Urban mobility

Green infrastructure and biodiversity principle

