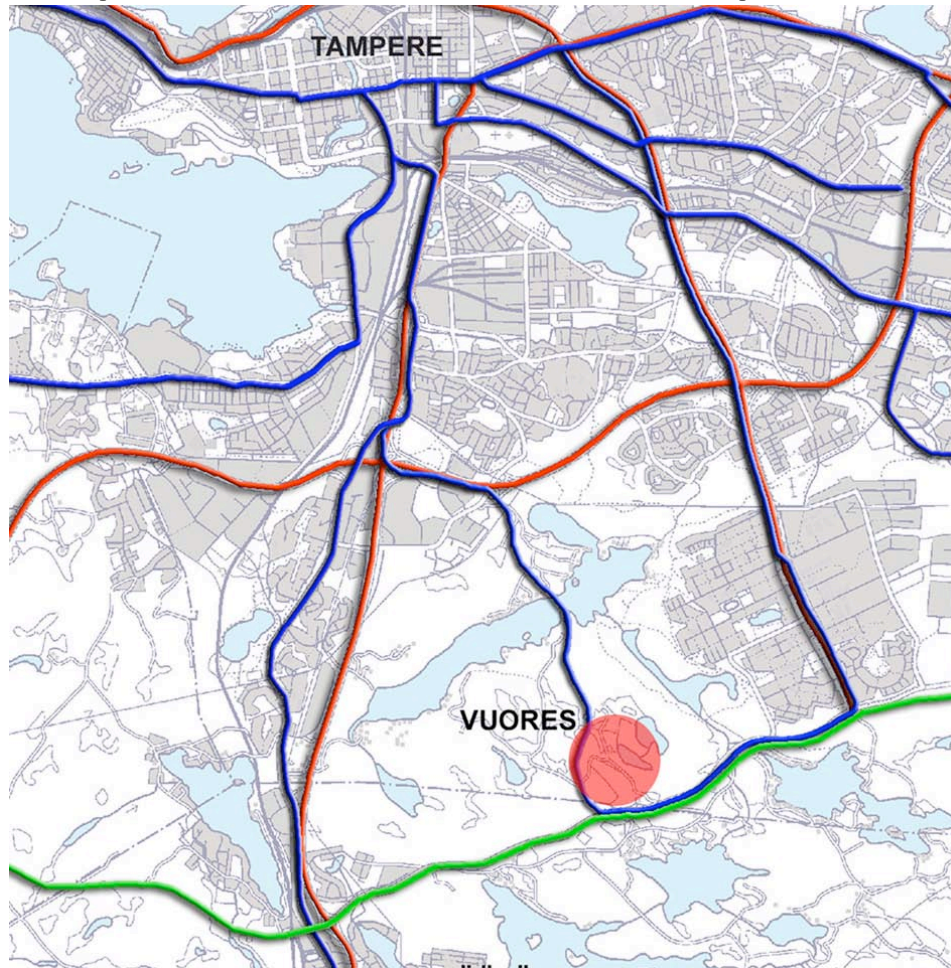




CATEGORY
urban/architectural
LOCATION Tampere, Vuores
POPULATION 320 000
STUDY SITE 3,4 ha **SITE OF PROJECT** 0,7 ha
SITE PROPOSED BY Municipality of Tampere
OWNER OF THE SITE Municipality of Tampere
COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION Possibly building design commission

TRANSFORMATION OF SITE
In the future the Vuores district will be transformed into a dense low-rise dwelling environment. The overall look is close-to-nature since building will be adapted to varying topography and landscape. Building will be carried out with minimum damage to the environment.
THE AIM IS TO FIND FRESH DWELLING SOLUTIONS, AND TO SHOWCASE THE LATEST INNOVATIONS IN HOUSING-RELATED ISSUES.
In 2012 the Finnish Housing Fair will be organized in Tampere, Vuores. The principal function of the annual Fair is to improve the quality of housing and living conditions in Finland.

CITY STRATEGY
The City of Tampere is one of Finland's most vibrant growth centres. All growth cannot be accommodated by the infill building areas in the centre and the old districts. Also, waterways set limits to the city's expansion. The city has decided to direct part of the growth to the new district of Vuores, which will be built south of the city centre.
It is important for Tampere to offer a variety of high-quality housing possibilities. The Vuores district will be the next showcase for dwelling solutions. Environmental well-being is important in Tampere, and ecological sustainability plays an important role in city planning.



SITE DEFINITION

Nature is always close in Vuores – most of the land consists of green areas and lakes. The lake shores are in close proximity to each housing block, making the area an attractive living environment. Art and culture will play an important role in the everyday life of the area, with artists from different fields becoming involved in its development. Due to its location near the high tech centre of Hervanta, Vuores also aims to attract IT business to the area. The plan is to build a dense housing district with innovative housing solutions, and to include a mixture of recreational areas. The site is part of Vuores district, which will be built during 2009-2015 and become home to 14 000 inhabitants.

The site is located north of the centre of Vuores, seven kilometres from Tampere city centre. The site is mostly fields and forest, and is connected to two lakes. Together with the block north of the street, the block subject to the competition forms a gateway to the Virolainen area. As a part of the Housing Fair, the development of the site will gain wide national media attention.

NEW URBAN MOBILITY

Initially there will be a fast bus connection from the site to Tampere centre, running over Särkijärvi bridge. A rail connection has also been planned, but implementation of this project will be decided later. Light traffic connections will make commuting within Vuores district fast and fluent.

NEW SOCIAL LIFE

The dwelling possibilities of the Vuores district will vary between different solutions – apartment blocks in the centre, detached houses, row houses and town villas in the surroundings. The aim is to create an art community in Vuores, and to attract people working for the IT centre of Hervanta, located close by.

NEW ECOLOGY

Closeness to nature is an important part of the character of the area. Building projects will respect the existing valuable nature areas and will fit in with the landscape. There will be various green areas around the dwelling blocks, with different types of recreational activities.

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Aerial photo of the area covered by the competition



Pieni Virolainen lake



View from the site



A meadow to the east of the project site



Pieni Virolainen lake