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Population  
around 40 000

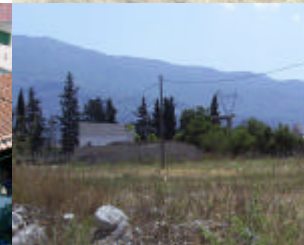
Location  
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Study area  
99.5 ha

Site area  
21 ha

## Theme

The whole area is typical of one that has undergone erratic construction, but nonetheless represents a vast open space suitable for urban regeneration and the creation of housing.



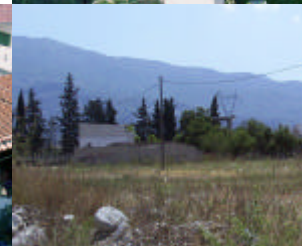
## Conurbation

Nea Ionia and Volos together form a large town, located at the centre of the country and stretching out towards the east. In 1922 there was a large influx of refugees into the town from Asia Minor. These people played an important role in the formation of the town's present day social and economic make-up. Currently, Nea Ionia is much like all modern towns in Greece. Composed of a historical centre and three rural areas, numerous factories were once located in the town which greatly polluted the environment. These have now moved to an industrial zone in Volos.

## Site

Aliveri is a development zone to the north west of the town of Nea Ionia. A large number of Romany gypsies live in the zone, and their culture is very different from that of the town's other inhabitants, something that is particularly noticeable in economic and social terms.

The Xirias stream forms a natural border to the zone, and drains all the area to the west. It is, however, a natural element that is in danger of disappearing because of the never-ending arrival of new inhabitants.



## Programme

The whole area is to be devoted to sport and education. A centre for autistic people is already under construction. According to the general urban plan, a pan-thessalic sports centre is to be built here for the 2004 Olympics.

A group of Romany gypsies are living illegally on part of the zone; other people are living on the town's borders.

## Issues

**functional** : In addition to the already planned sports facilities, there is a need for quality housing that fully exploits the environmental potential, and has an innovative typology that will take into account the needs of present and future inhabitants.

**social** : Proposals must help to understand and solve the social and economic difficulties linked to the differences between the various sectors of the population.

**perceptual** : The zone is the only area available for urban expansion, as the town is halted to the north by Mount Pelion and to the south by the sea. The town's future therefore depends on how the zone's environmental qualities can be developed.



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- 1,2 Site for development.
- 3 Xirias Stream.
- 4 Aliveri area.
- 5 Area with a group of dwellings inhabited by ROM.
- 6 Broader area tha is about to join.
- 8 Centre for supporting autistic people.
- 9 Area for educational purposes.
- 10 Area within this city limits inhabited by non-Rom.

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