The City of Helsinki Storm Water Program

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Incentives

Climate change adaptation guidelines 2016

- 1. Preparedness for extreme weather events
- 2. Integration of adaptation into city planning and **comprehensive storm** water management
- 3. Development, capacity and knowledge
- 4. Business opportunities

The iWater project

developing integrated and multifunctional SW management in cities







Preparing process



Preparing process of SW program



1.6.2017- New city organisation, departments were discontinued and reorganised in divisions and services

Storm water group

Representatives

- Environment centre
- Public works department
- City planning department
- Building supervision department
- Real estate department
- Executive office
- Water works: Helsinki Region Environmental Service Authority

Storm water group supervised by Climate adaptation and Climate groups

• representatives also from health, education and sports departments

Baseline review

- SWOT
- Stakeholder analysis
- Collection of existing programs, decisions, recommendations, plans, projects dealing with climate change adaptation and sw management
 - Flooding strategy
 - Rescue plans
 - Different environmental and nature conservation plans
 - Green roof strategy
 - Projects on climate change adaptation
 - Etc etc... 70 in all!

Involvement of stakeholders

- 1. Questionnaire to city experts and planners
 - needs for storm water management
- 2. Workshop for experts and planners
 - aims and actions for sw management
- 3. Citizens' survey
 - how should storm waters be managed?

Comments continuously from involved departments/services within the city



1. Results from involvement: Obstacles and challenges

- 1. Lack of information and data
- 2. Attitude problems, lack of awareness
- 3. Unclear roles and responsibilities
- 4. Storm water handled mostly on detailed level
- 5. Lack of Finnish sustainable sw solutions (SUDS)
- 6. Lack of human or monetary resources

2. Results from involvement: Priorities for SW program

- 1. Management of information, data and knowledge
 - Database & website
 - Education and awareness raising, capacity development
- 2. Administrative management model for SW managent
- 3. Drainage-based storm water plans with infiltration and detention requirements
- 4. Pilots and examples
 - SUDS! (esp. from citizens!)
 - Cost-benefit anayses
 - Ecosystem services
- 5. Securing resources

The New Storm Water Program



Structure of the SW program

- DEFINITION OF STORM WATER
- NEW CHALLENGES
 - Dense city structure
 - Changing climate
 - Legislation
 - Development of city organisation
 - Improving storm water quality
- AIMS
- PRIORITY ORDER
- TABLE OF ACTIONS
- MONITORING AND REPORTING
- EDUCATION AND DISSEMINATION





Aims of SW program

- Storm water is used as a resource for a pleasant environment, for maintaining diversity and for increasing a good status of ground and surface waters.
- Regional and local drainage is secured with consideration of climate change effects
- The damage caused by storm water is prevented in changing conditions and dense city structure
- Storm water flows are managed and the quality is improved
- The amount of storm water led to combined networks (waste water) is decreased
- Cooperation and management models supporting integrated comprehensive planning and management of storm water is in use and resources are secured



Priority order for management in practice

- 1. Infiltration and use on site
- 2. Lead away through detending, retending and conveying open solutions allowing infiltration
- 3. Drainage pipes feading to a detending solution before ending up in urban water systems
- 4. Lead in pipes to water systems
- 5. Lead in combined pipes to the waste water treatment plant

Table of actions

- 40 detailed actions structured by responsibilities
 - Responsible service/ unit -
 - Action
 - Targeted aims
- Responsibilities for
 - SW group
 - general and detailed planning, city and landscape planning, construction supervision, real estate and lots, traffic and streets, maintenance and environment

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Snapshot of actions

- Among the first actions during 2018 will be to
 - make the management model for SW management in the new city organisation
 - construct a data base for handling storm water related information
 - plan, construct and maintain SUDS in constructed areas
 - intensively monitor storm water quality
 - compile indicators on the implementation of actions from the responsible units within the city
 - educate and train stakeholders in sustainable storm water management
 - ...and to disseminate the sw program and organise intensive trainings within the city on its contents as the journey has just begun...



The most important thing is to raise awareness on the benefits of sustainable sw management

Using the water on site!



