

# Water Recycling Toolbox

## Water recycling strategy for

## Västervik / SE

## Västervik Municipality





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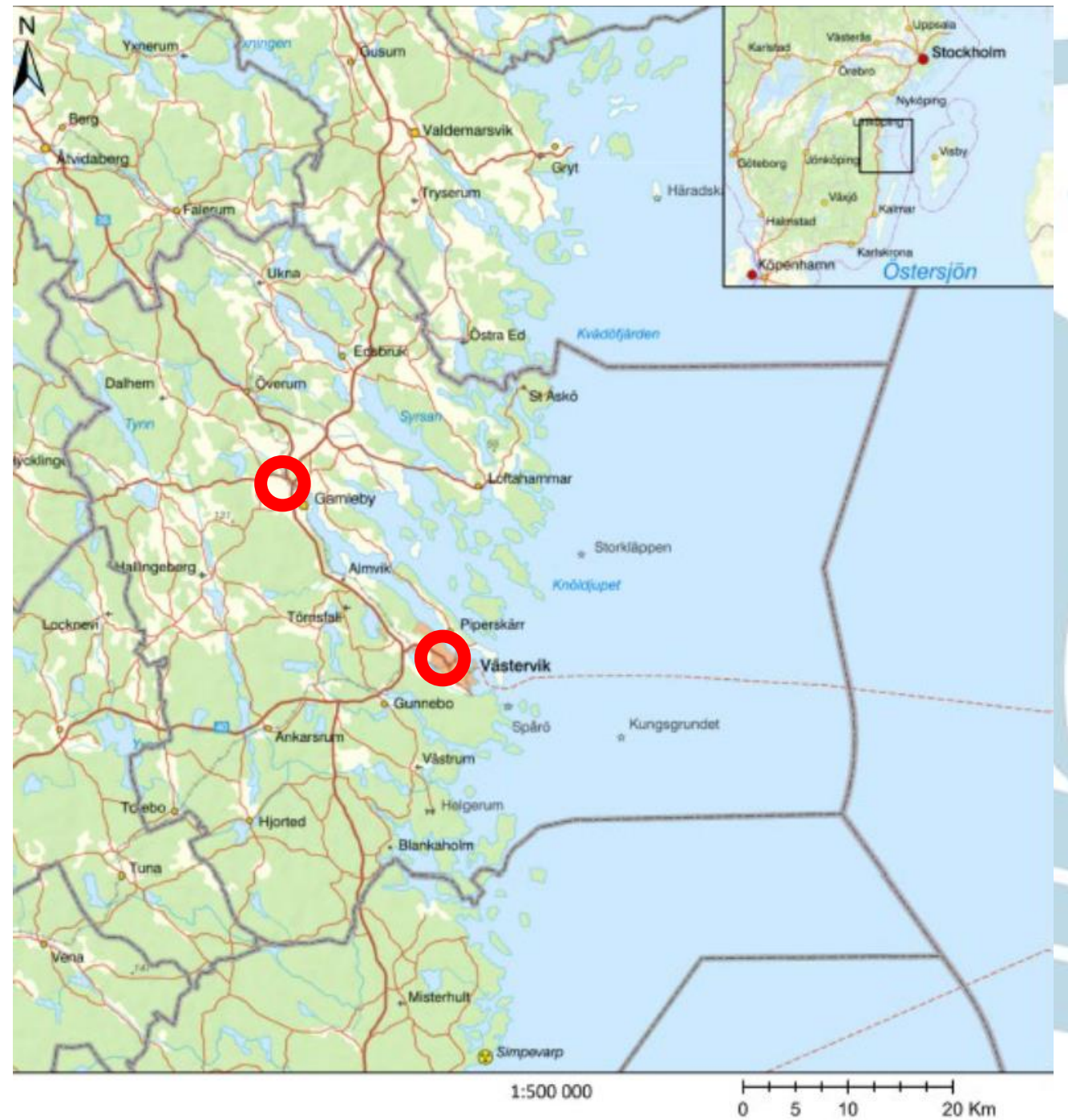
# WaterMan

## Västervik Municipality

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# Pilot area(s)



# Challenges in the pilot area

## *Climate changes*

>>>>>> Floods and droughts

- Nutrient leakage
- Sensitive archipelago environment
- Quality and quantity of drinking water

## *Solutions*

>>> Climate Change Adaptations

Win- Win



# Strategy Stormwater

Open stormwater treatment  
Ditches, vegetation, filter

- Action plan 2020
- Measures in private gardens, streets, parking areas, industrial areas
- Measures in new projects



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## Initial exchange

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# WaterMan Västervik Municipality Local water reuse strategy

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# Priority issue

- To much and to little of water  
Southeast of Sweden exposed area climate changes
- Waterrestrictions 4 of the last 5 years
- Touristarea, use of water increase in summer



# Local strategies

- Drinkingwater
- Stormwater



# **Local strategy**

## **Sustainable supply of drinkingwater**

- Development of production (new sources, better quality)
- **Watersparing**
- Waterprotection



# Local strategy Stormwater

- Local delaying and use
- Open stormwater treatment if possible (new areas)



# Resource instead of problem

Climateadaption, recreation,  
esthetic, irrigation, biodiversity

Multidam Gamleby  
Ekhagen, Örbäcken



# From actionplan

- Delay water 75% locally – Demand new houses and reconstruction
- Develop multifunctional dams
- Information to owners/business (resource)
- Manual - how to delay and use stormwater (private land)

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# Reuse of water

## Working together

- Project group in the municipality organisation
- VMEAB
- VBAB
- Other stakeholders Business, homeowners, clubs/associations (sports, housing), housing companies, construction companies

Who are interested, demands  
Information possibilities



# Where to start

- Where are we using processed drinking water for irrigation etc.
- Where can we use alternative to drinking water



# Step 1

- Irrigation sportfields
- Irrigation private gardens



# Step 2

- Irrigation plantations/parks  
Need for tap point

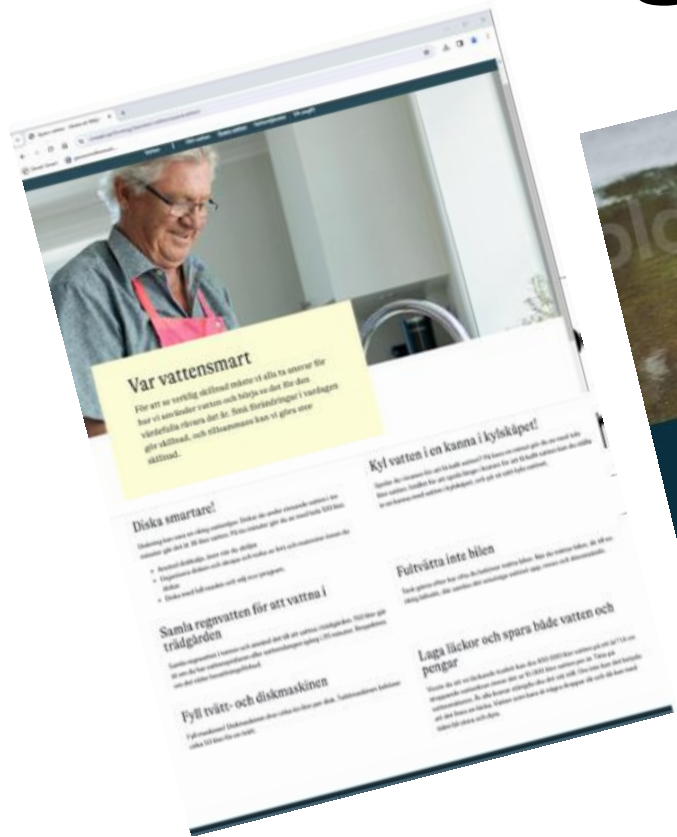


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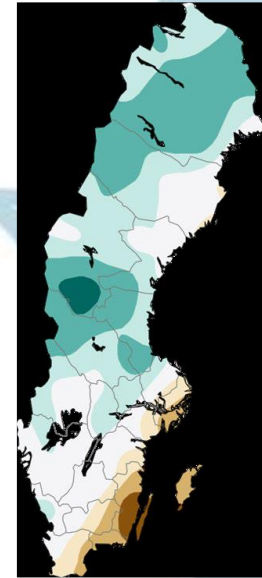
- Double pipes in buildings, roof water
- Public tap point (technical water) and information (new users)
- Restriction, not allowed to use drinkingwater for irrigation
- Reuse of processed sewage



# Encourage/inspire to save water



Webpage, brochures, social media, newsletters



- Public space
- Awareness water, stormwater, climate
- 12 months season winter/summer
- Cooperation with school

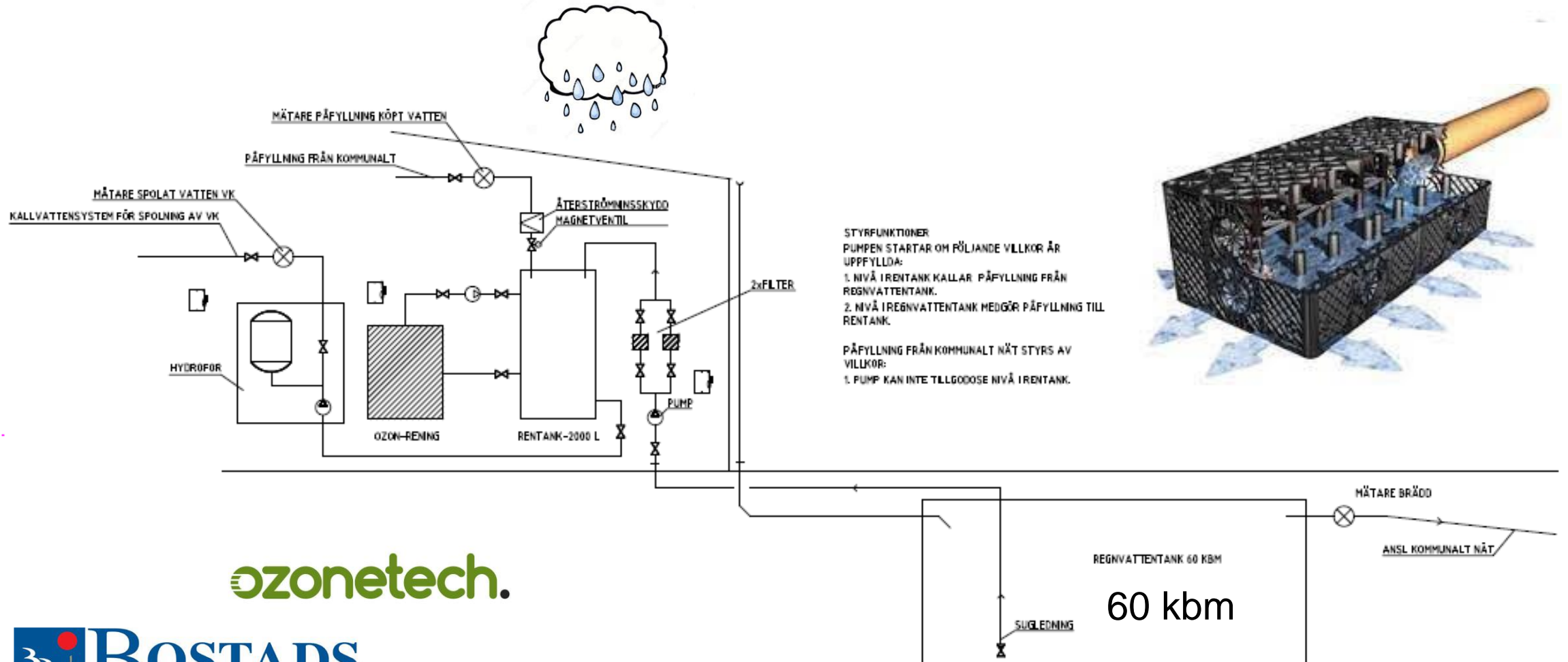


# Åbylund



# Reuse of rainwater for flushing

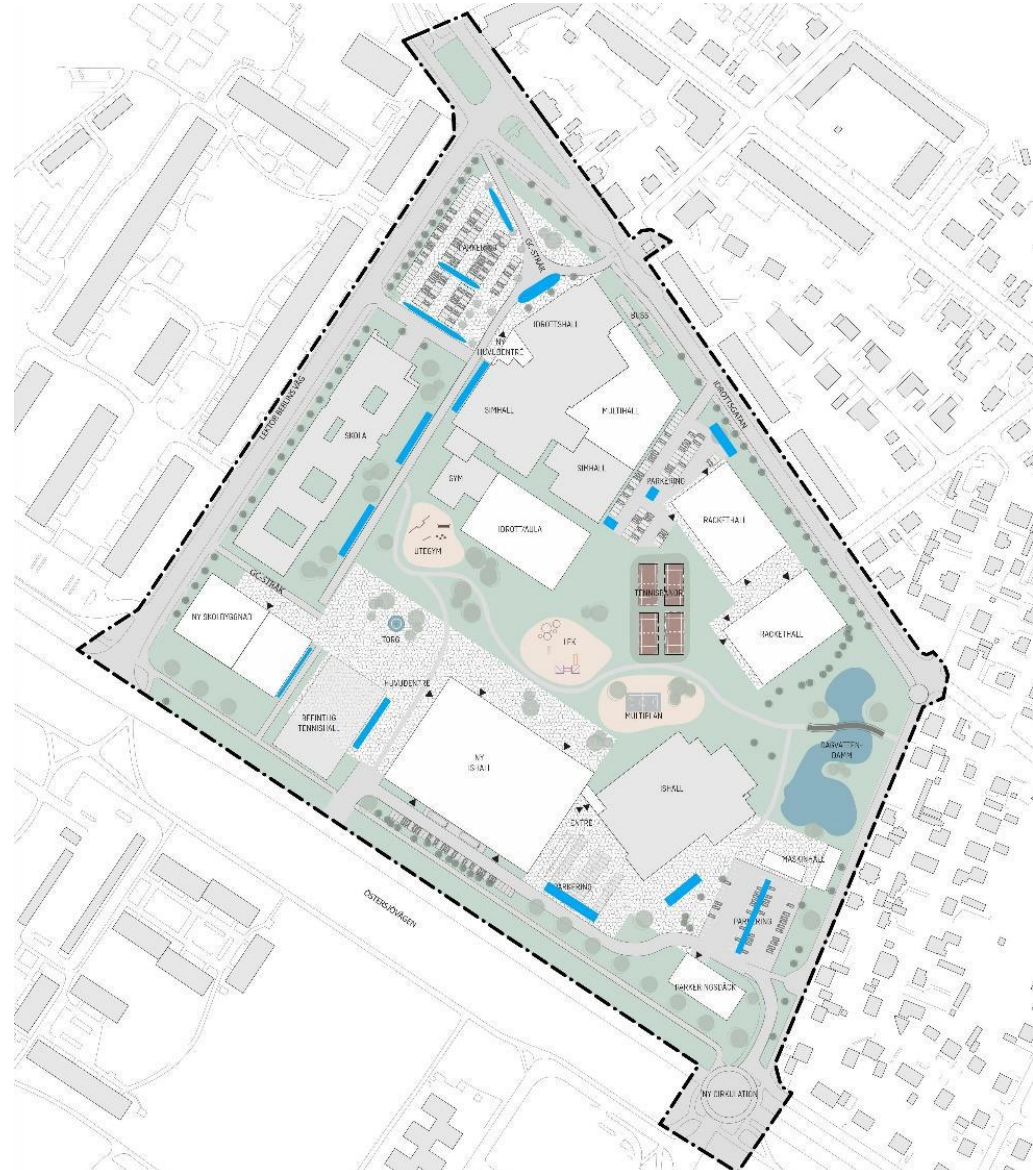
## Åbyhöjden



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# ”New” sportsarea Bökensved and arena

- Pilot area Stormwater
- Open stormwatercare
- Rain(roof)water for irrigation
- Multidam



# **Thank you for your attention**

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## 1st Peer-review session

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# WaterMan Västervik Municipality Local water reuse strategy – elaborated version

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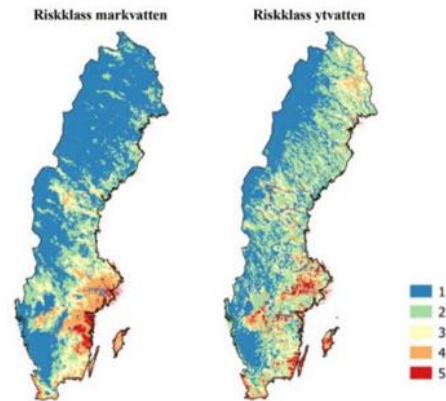
# Elaborated version of Action plan for reuse of water

- Revised version after meeting in Bornholm



# Priority issue

## Why we need water reuse



*Riskområden avseende mark och ytvatten, högst risk för minskning i sydöstra Sverige*

Risk areas regarding ground water and surface water, highest risk of decline in the southeast of Sweden

- To much and to little of water Southeast of Sweden exposed area climate changes
- Water restrictions 4 of the last 5 years
- Tourist area, use of water increase in summer



# Priority issue

## Water scarcity only parts of the year



- Higher precipitation in wintertime
- Increased risk of flooding
- Measures to mitigate water scarcity should preferably also mitigate effects of heavy rains



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- Project group in the municipality organisation
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- Other stakeholders Business, houseowners, clubs/associations (sports, housing), housing companies, construction companies



# Preparatory work (Step 1)

Strategic documents, guidelines and national legislation

- Water supply, Drinking water
- Stormwater management



## Dagvattenstrategi

Dagvattenstrategi för Västerviks kommun med handlingsplan för en långsiktigt hållbar dagvattenhantering

Antagen av kommunfullmäktige 2020-05-26, § 94



# Local strategy Stormwater

- Local retaining and use
- Open stormwater treatment if possible (new areas)



# From action plan

- Retain water 75% locally – Demand new houses and reconstruction
- Develop multifunctional dams
- Information to owners/business (resource)
- Manual - how to retain and use stormwater (private land)

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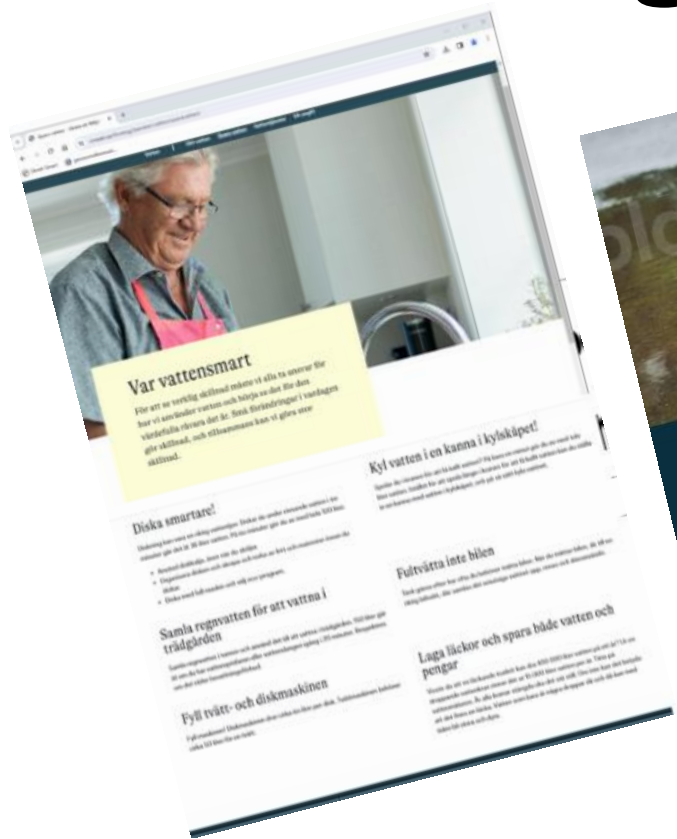
# Local strategy

## Sustainable supply of drinkingwater

- Development of production (new sources, better quality)
- **Water saving**
- Waterprotection



# Encourage/inspire to save water



Webpage, brochures, social media,  
newsletters  
Nudging as a strategy

# Continuation **Preparatory work (Step 1)**

- Mapping of needs, possibilities and stakeholders
- Where can we reuse stormwater to a greater extent
- Information
- Counseling



# Continuation **Preparatory work (Step 1)**

## National legislation

- Unclear stormwater legislation
- Swedish Water's new recommendation for stormwater regulation?
- Changes in the Public Water Services Act?
- Changes in laws about city planning?



## Where we start to make changes (Step 2)

- Irrigation sportfields
- Irrigation private gardens
- Irrigation agricultural businesses (counseling)



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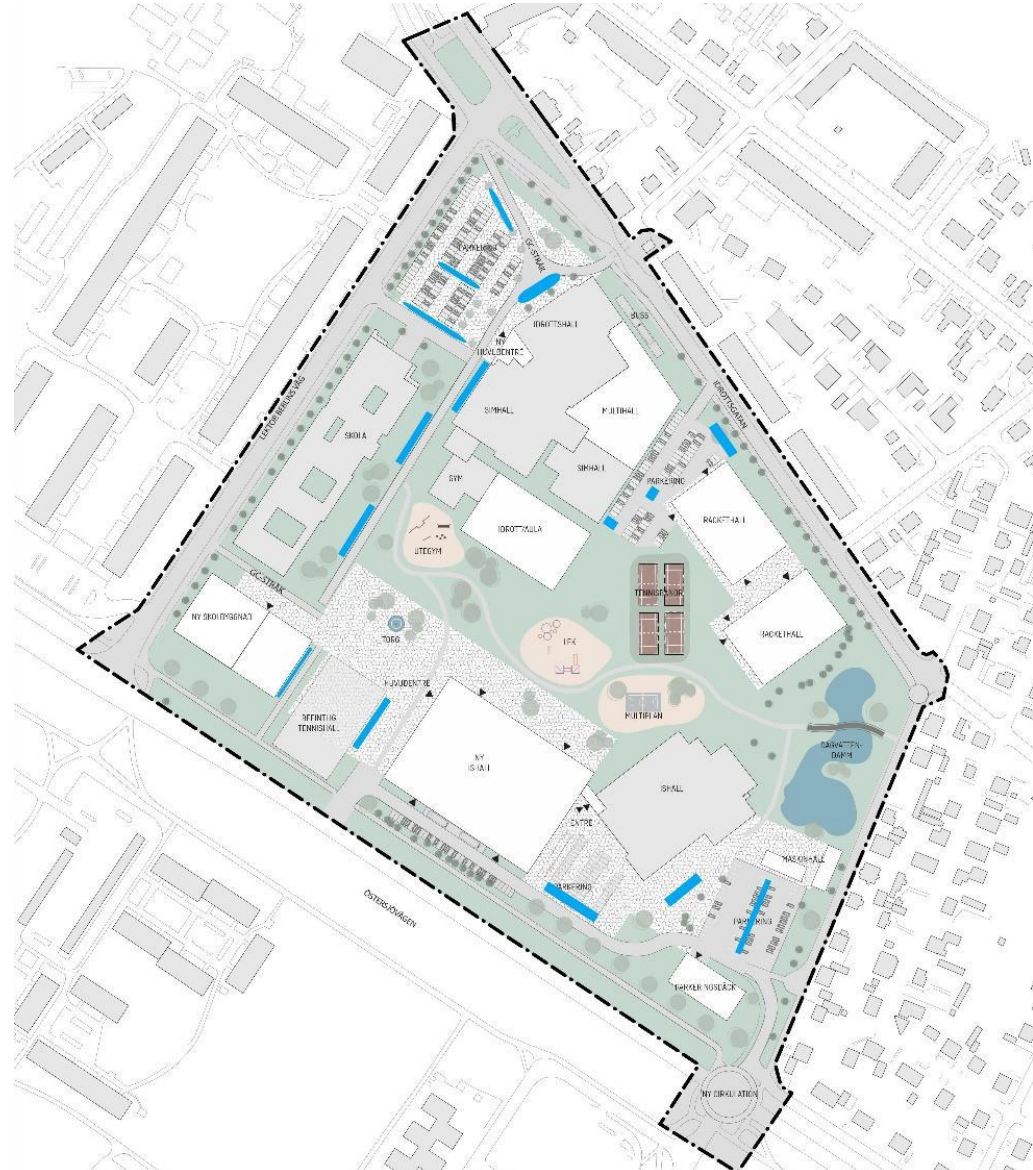
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# Tap points for retrieval of collected stormwater (Step 3)

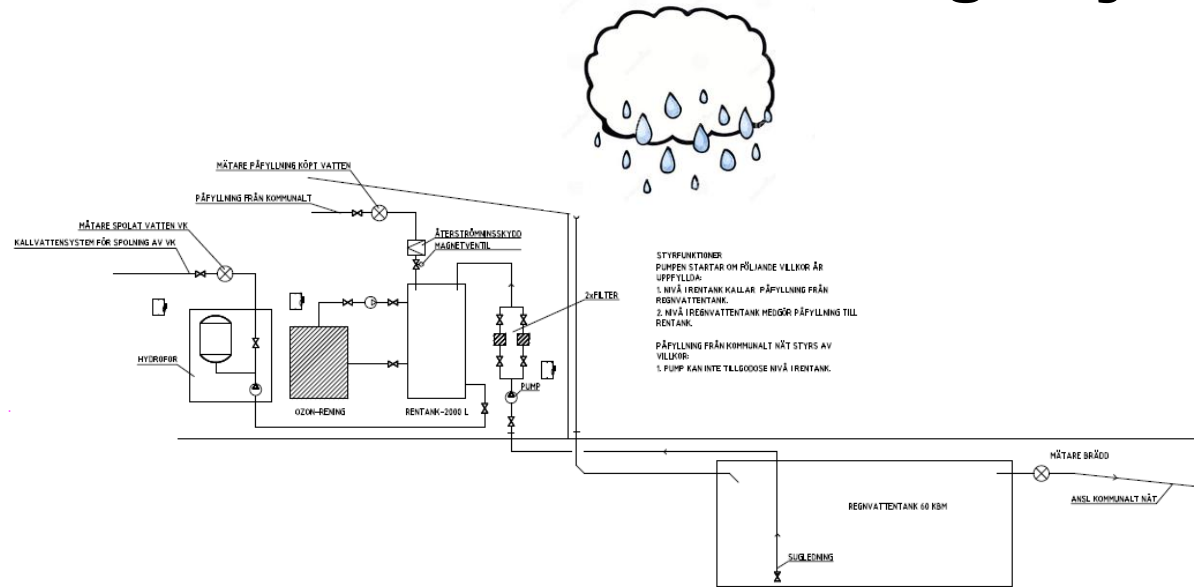
- Irrigation plantations/parks. Need for tap point
- Public tap point (technical water) and information (new users)



# Reuse of rain/storm water in apartment buildings and businesses (Step 4)

- Double pipes in buildings, roof water

## Reuse of rainwater for flushing Åbylund



# Reuse of process water (Step 5)

- Reuse of process water and treated waste water if priority of storm water is not enough/applicable
- Continued use of treated waste water at Loftahammar golf course



# Challenges and work ahead

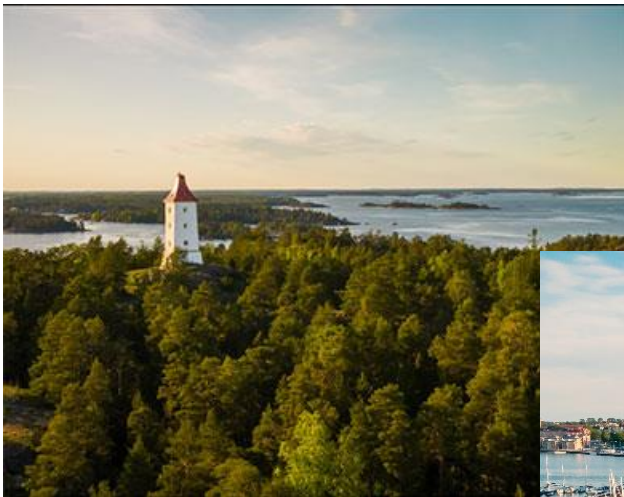


- Meetings with focus groups
- Uncertainties regarding storm water legislation
- New draft of local water reuse strategy
- Synergy with new urban planning work e.g. plan for blue-green infrastructure?



# Thank you for your attention

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Peer & expert review session: Recommendations & conclusions

## Comments from the peer & expert review:

- Consider if you need a new monitoring process for the storm water quality, based on future potential use cases (on top of screening/evaluating the catchment areas).
- Consider other potential water sources in the strategy (beyond stormwater).
- Check if there any legislation rules or initiatives related to re-use of rainwater / stormwater in private houses.
- Stormwater is also in the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive. It's urban – so may not apply to smaller municipalities, but maybe that's a good point to have a look into it, see what guidelines are there for bigger cities and if they could be partly applicable also for our local strategies.

## Related project examples:

- SWaT–SmartWaterTank (in German only)  
<https://www.leader-vechta.de/projekte/projekte-2021/wassermanagement-ooov/>  
*Prototype (hardware and software) for precipitation-dependent rainwater management. The basis is a control system that evaluates precipitation*

*forecasts depending on the location so that the storage tanks are emptied in a targeted manner before heavy rainfall. If this is successful for a large number of storage tanks, a considerable retention volume can be activated to relieve the rainwater drainage system and save potential drinking water consumption. The prototype consists of an IBC container whose solenoid valve can be opened and closed for emptying depending on precipitation, a control module that receives the precipitation data via the in-house router and controls the solenoid valve, as well as the SmartWaterTank (SWaT) app, which is used for visualization, evaluation and monitoring by the user.*

- CATCH - Water sensitive Cities: the Answer To CHallenges of extreme weather events <https://northsearegion.eu/catch/>
  - Pilot: Reducing surface flooding in Norwich <https://northsearegion.eu/catch/pilot-projects/norwich/>
  - Pilot: How can serious gaming raise awareness for climate adaptation? <https://northsearegion.eu/catch/pilot-projects/zwolle/>
  - Water sensitive communities: <https://northsearegion.eu/catch/water-sensitive-communities/>

## Status update

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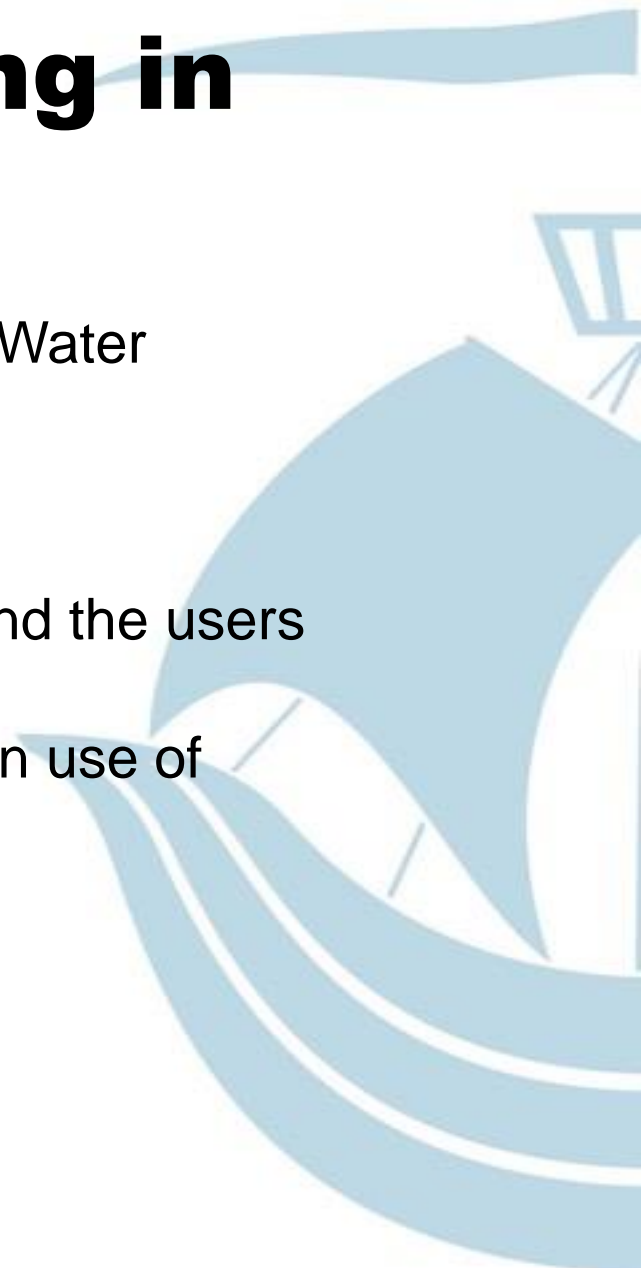
# WaterMan Västervik Municipality Hamburg 18-19/9

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# Changes since start meeting in Kalmar/Västervik

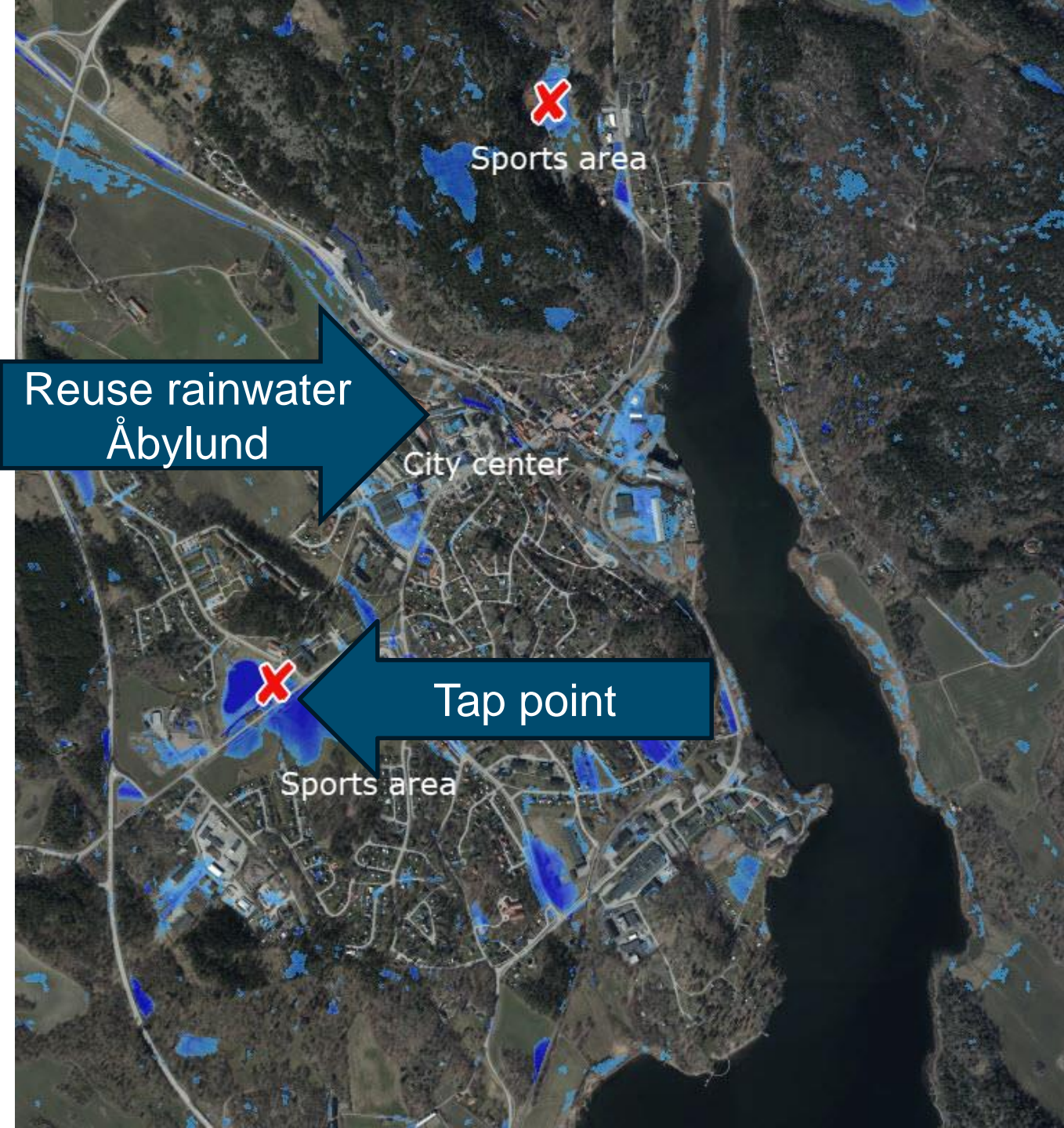
- Involving Local agency for environment protection, Local Water Company VMEAB and Local Housing Company VBAB
- Not only one big multifunctional pond.  
Find interesting locations – Adaption to local conditions and the users
- Actions in residential areas and public buildings (exhibition use of rainwater)
- More specific plan of actions and measures.



# Actions in Gamleby

- Tap point  
Use for irrigation in a larger area  
Plantations and trees in city
- Experiences double pipes flushing with rainwater – Åbylund
- Tjustvallen  
Reuse of stormwater – Icefield/footballfields





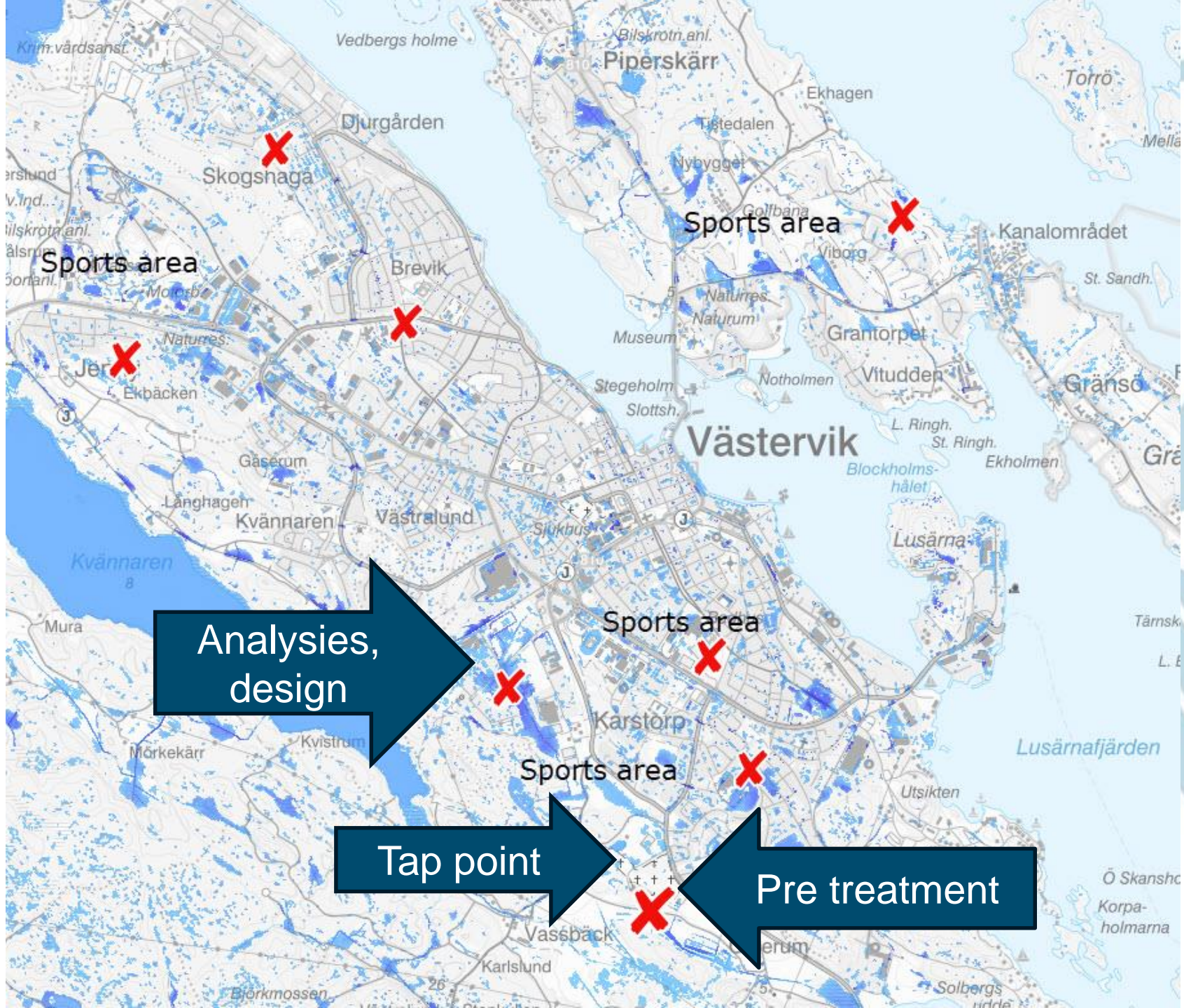
# Actions in Västervik

- Analyses to find the right places for multifunctional ponds.
- Prestudy Karstorp area

Development of existing dam (Örserum)

- Tap point (station for technical water)
- Pre treatment Open stormwater treatment (aeration)





Analyses,  
design

Tap point

Pre treatment



# Where to start

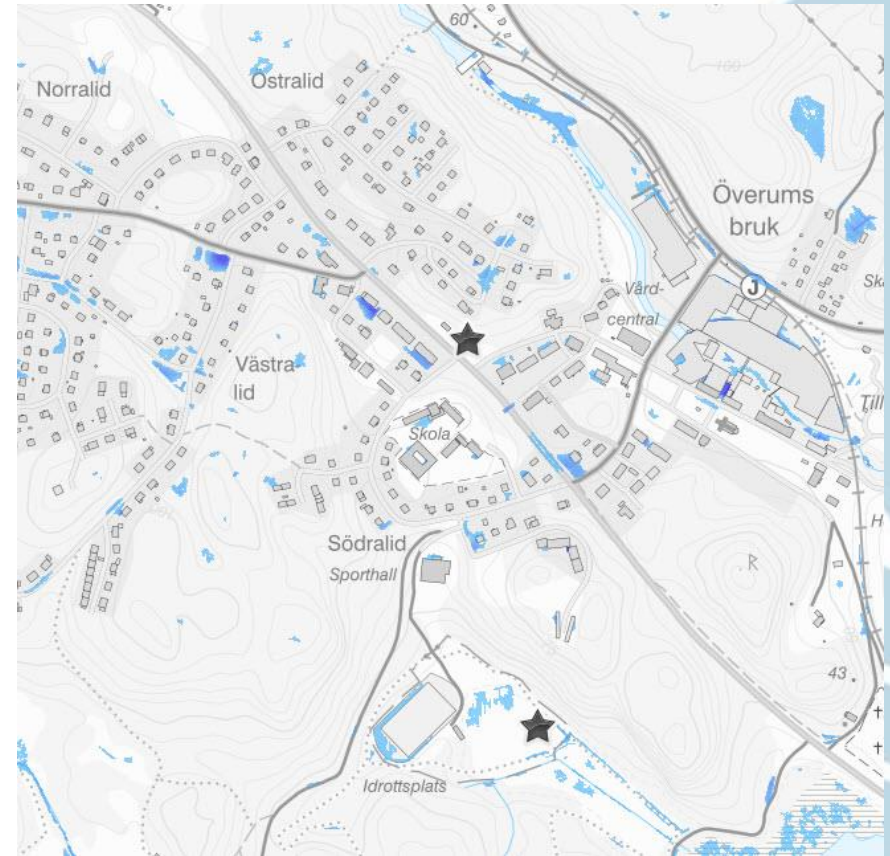
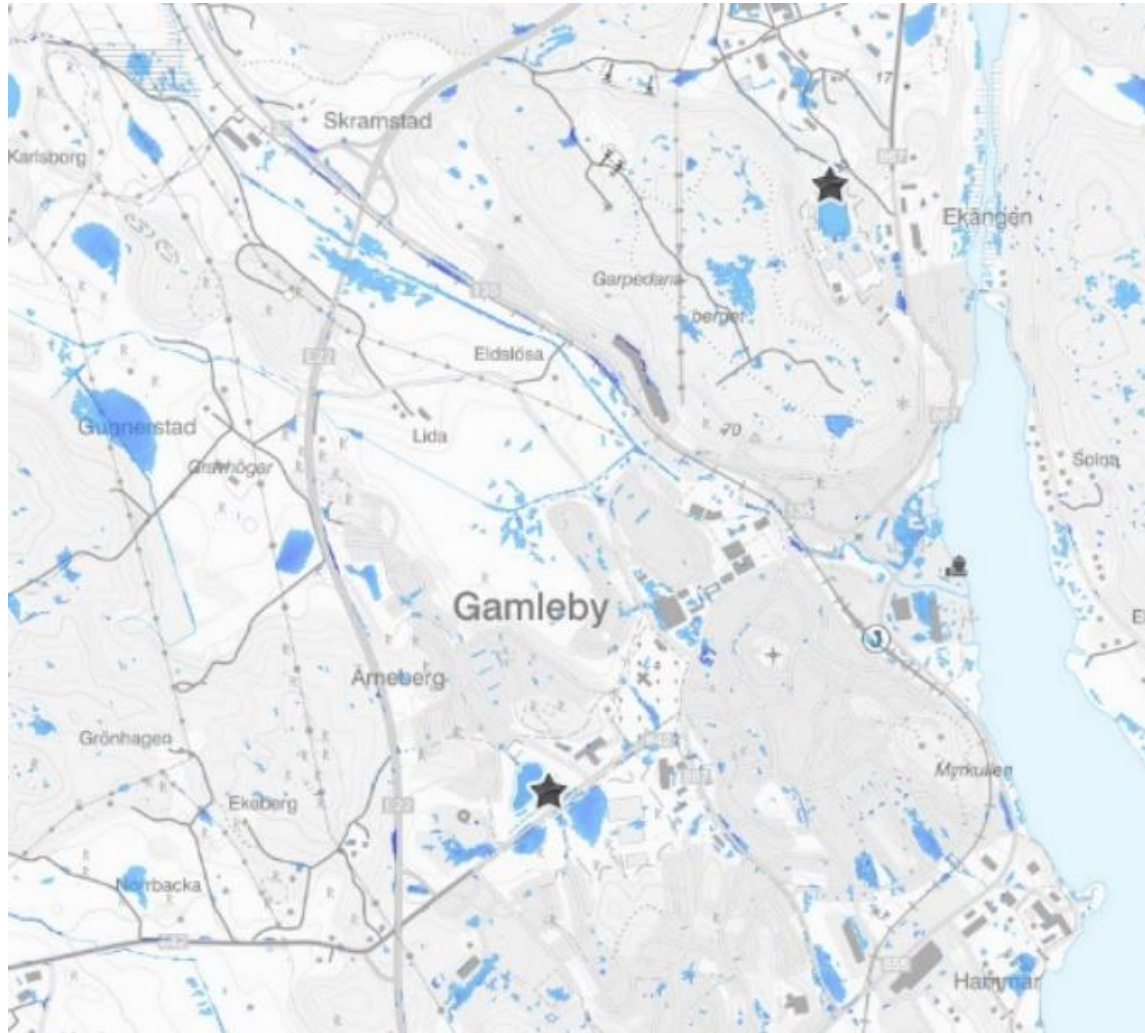
- Where are we using processed drinking water for irrigation etc.  
Dialog
- Where can we use alternative to drinking water  
where are the users
- Waterdelaying  
interesting areas



# Västervik



# Gamleby, Överum



# Step 1

- Irrigation sportfields Stormwater
- Irrigation private gardens



# Step 2

- Tap points Stormwater  
Irrigation plantations/parks



# Step 3

- Reuse of stormwater  
Public housing areas  
Business
- Good examples  
Dubble pipes in buildings, roof water  
Public buildings
- Information  
Local authority, local water company, local housing comany



# Step 4

- Advisingservice for famers/landowners  
Reuse of water, waterdelaying



# Step 5

- Reuse of processed sewage



# Reuse of stormwater today



# Plans Gamleby

Measure	When	Status	Comments	Costs
Tap point Use in wider area	2023	x		
Follow-up double pipes	2024-2025	Ongoing	Recirculation in residential area	
Analyses waterquality	2023-2025	Ongoing		
Circulation, stormwater	2024-2025		Tjustvallen Irrigation and	

# Plans Västervik

Measure	When	Status	Comments	Costs
Tap point Use in wider area	2024	Ongoing	Place located	
Pre treatment aeration	2025	Ongoing	Design, procurement 2024	
Analyses Multi ponds	2024	Finished	Where, how	
Analyses, design Karstorp Lev 2	2024	Procurement		
Residential area public	2025		Exhibition	

# **Thank you for your attention**

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## 2nd Peer-review session

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3 April 2025



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Peer & expert review session: Recommendations & conclusions

- Comment: Very clear and well thought-through action plan and communication with different stakeholders.
- How do you interact / incentivise private house owners?  
Answer: From time-to-time we have meetings with private sector, and we have also breakfasts with the private sector, where we can act as a role model – we show that we have real savings in the money, because we reduce consumption of water, and we also do not need to increase prices of water.

## Final review

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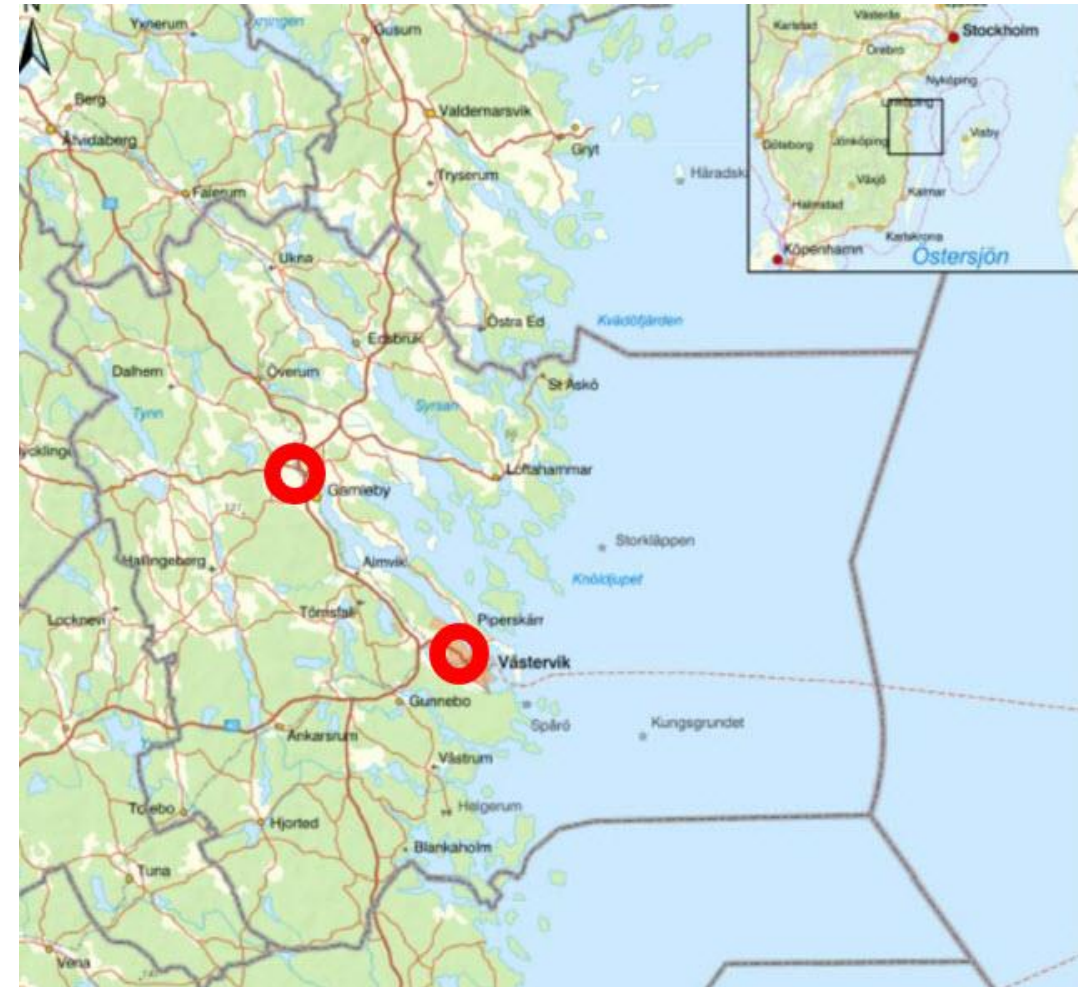
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# Local model strategi Västervik

## Main objectives

- Increase the problems with too much and too little of water
- Save drinking water
- Water retention
- Public raw water model, good examples



# Scope of the strategy

- "Action plan"  
Political governance in existing strategies
- Goals  
Save drinking water, Water retention
- Focus – Use of storm water as a resource
- Document for Västervik municipality



## Links to goals and strategies

Sustainable and open stormwater treatment

Sustainable supply of drinking water

- Action plan 2020-2030
- Measures in private gardens, streets, parking areas, industrial areas
- Measures in new projects (houses)
- No drinking water for irrigation (municipality owned)



# Action plan Step 1

## Low hanging fruits

- Irrigation sportfields
- Irrigation private gardens



# Action plan Step 2

- Tap points for reuse of storm water  
Irrigation plantations/parks



# Action plan Step 3

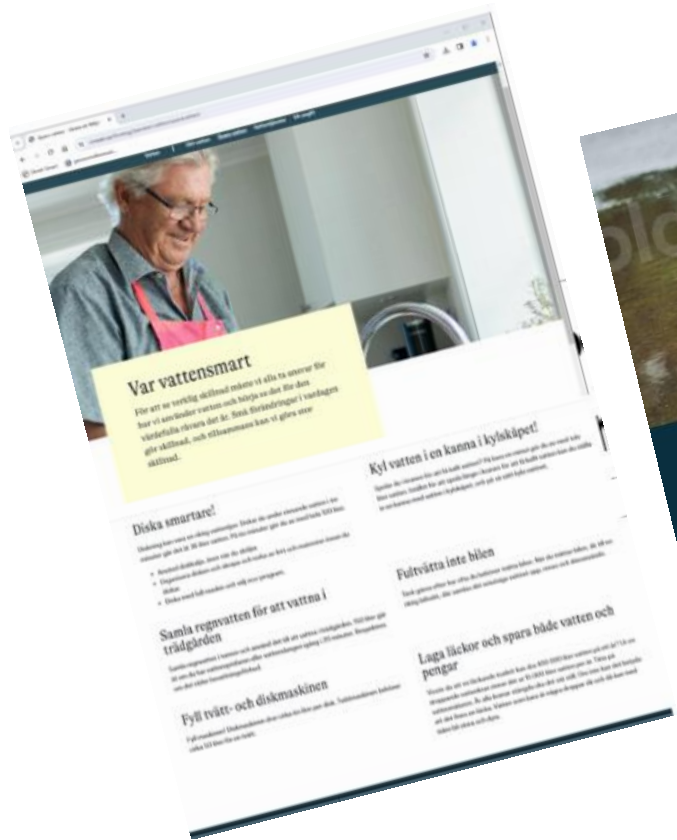
Involve private business

New users, information and dialog

- Water from the tap point
- Local rainwater/stormwater



# Encourage/inspire to save water

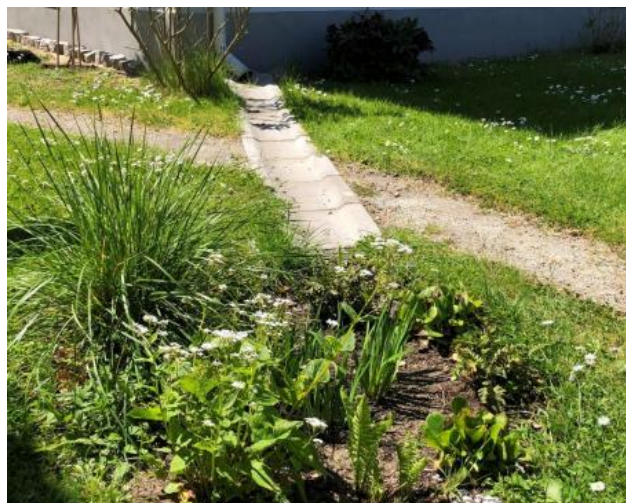


Webpage, brochures, social media, newsletters



# Reduction in storm water tariff

- Retaining water gives 50 % reduction



# Capacity based water tariff – incentive for water conservation

## Water tariff

### Brukningavgifter (periodisk avgift)

Avgifter för allmänna vattentjänster är belagda med lagstadgad mervärdesskatt.

#### § 14 Brukningavgift för bebyggd fastighet

14.1 För bebyggd fastighet skall erläggas brukningavgift.

Avgift utgår per fastighet med:

A	Grundavgift - en fast avgift per år	1 250 kr
B	Kubikmeteravgift - en avgift per m <sup>3</sup> levererat vatten	25,50 kr
C	Kapacitetsavgift - en avgift per år och mätarkombination	
C1	Småhus	2 365 kr
C2	1 x 2,5 Qn	7 095 kr
C3	2 x 2,5 Qn	21 285 kr
C4	3 x 2,5 Qn	47 300 kr
C5	4 x 2,5 Qn	70 950 kr
C6	1 x 6 Qn	28 380 kr
C7	2 x 6 Qn	94 600 kr
C8	3 x 6 Qn	189 200 kr
C9	4 x 6 Qn	236 500 kr
C10	1 x 10 Qn	70 950 kr
C11	2 x 10 Qn	212 850 kr
C12	3 x 10 Qn	354 750 kr
C13	4 x 10 Qn	520 300 kr
C14	För småhus som saknar mätare tas avgift ut för motsvarande som för Småhus	2 365 kr
D1	Dagvattenavgift för småhus	1 065 kr
D2	Dagvattenavgift, per 1 000 m <sup>2</sup>	1 330 kr
D3	Dagvattenavgift för allmän plattshållare - Dg (APH)	1,25 kr/m <sup>2</sup>

- Higher cost for water meter size for large capacity
- Incentive to use other water sources where drinking water quality it not needed



# Components and key actions

- Waterretention but also saving
- Focus on reuse of stormwater
- Good examples, information
- Low hanging fruits



# Development process

- Municipality  
Project managing, coordinating
- Together  
Local authority, Water company, Local housing company  
Project group
- Survey Problem/possibilities
- Information and contact with users



# Challenges in implementation

- Make it a prioritated issue
- Time for stakeholders
- Motivated users (to realise proposed measures)



# Adaptability

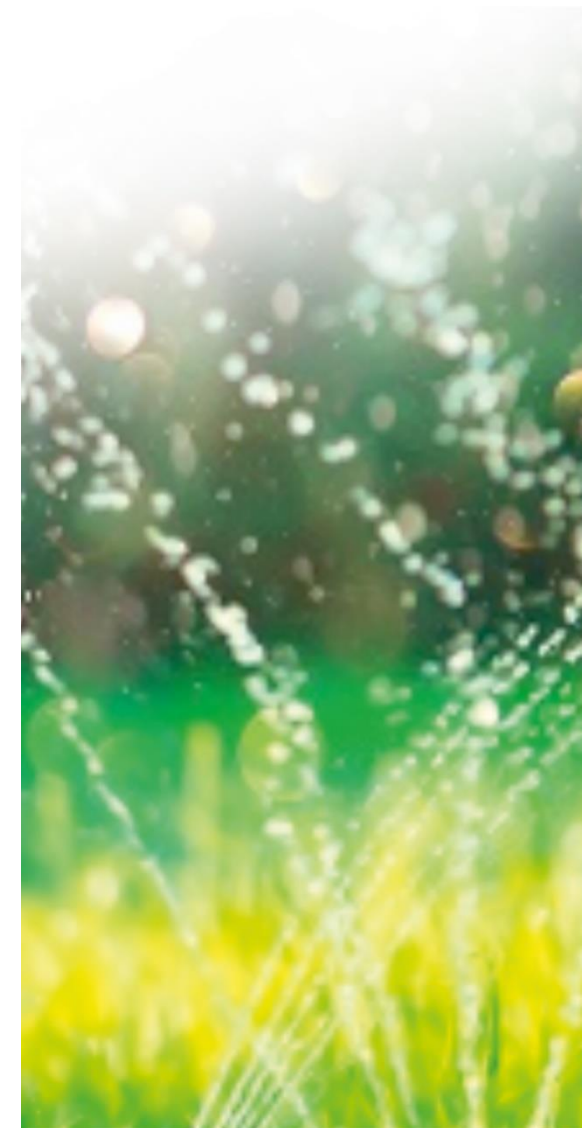
- Adaptability – Yes  
Adaptions possible – contacts, evaluation
- Potential for scaling up  
Easy for other to use the ideas





# Final reflections

- Already implemented
- Work step by step
- Involve the users
- Reuse of storm water from "multidams" are working
- Demands in Building permits/planning
- Technical water  
Not storm water, but potential with treated waste water
- Making interest Ripple effect





ALREADY  
IMPLEMENTED



START WITH LOW  
HANGING FRUITS AND  
THE BIG CONSUMERS



WORK STEP BY STEP



REUSE OF STORM  
WATER ARE WORKING



INVOLVE THE USERS



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[interreg-baltic.eu/project/waterman](http://interreg-baltic.eu/project/waterman)

WaterMan promotes a Baltic Sea Region-specific approach to water recycling, which makes use of the alternation of too much and too little water that has become typical for humid areas in the EU to strengthen the resilience of local water supply. Building on this approach, the project supports municipalities and water companies in adapting their water supply strategies.

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