



The wildland that has grown spontaneously following the abandoned railway tracks, is the only consistent presence of vegetation of the project area.

It is a fragment of landscape that contributes to build the identity of Mälarpporten and has the potential of becoming the starting point for the propagation of a green infrastructure. It will have the power of reconnecting urban and territorial fragments, pro-

mote movements in between, and create a city that is resilient to climate change.

In the meantime, this secret rail garden become an attractive place for trigger activities that involve people: the archetypes are configured as a kindergarten in the nature, and a community garden, where people can bond while taking care of the vegetable garden and then sell the products at the local market.

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TODAY - EXPLORATION

The first phase of the project consists of an exploration of the area, assembling a route that crosses Mälarpporten and connects it to the city center with a new bridge over the railway. The assembly building has to be built immediately, to allow citizens to meet and discuss. The (temporary) project enclave, located in front of the Vasaparken, function as the "display window", by attracting the attention and interest of citizens, and telling what is happening on the other side of the railway.

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TOMORROW - LAKE AND THE CITY

The availability of the silos area on the waterfront allows the ny väg to extend and reach the lake, finally re-establishing the connection denied by the infrastructural barriers. The new travel center allows Mälarpporten to further connect with the rest of Västerås. On the route of the buried rivers, platforms/oases appear and introduce new (temporary) vegetation into the site, hinting that something is flowing underground

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE - INFRASTRUCTURES.

The vegetation, starting from the dead-tracks area, reaches the lake, generating a green infrastructure that re-establishes a connection between the lake and the city. The rivers (Lillån and Persbobäcken) re-appear, and re-establish the blue connection between the city center and the Mälarpporten area. Ny väg, modified over time by the uses and needs of the community, becomes the backbone of this new park, the gateway to Lake Mälaren.