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On the edge of the beautiful lake Möckeln, between forests and open meadows, a new sustainable and inclusive district is taking shape. This is achieved not by making something entirely new, but by embracing the qualities Karlskoga already has.

The district is sustainable, as it embraces all landscape characteristics and existing buildings on the site, giving new functions to the big box stores and increasing the biodiversity of the streams, forests, and meadows.

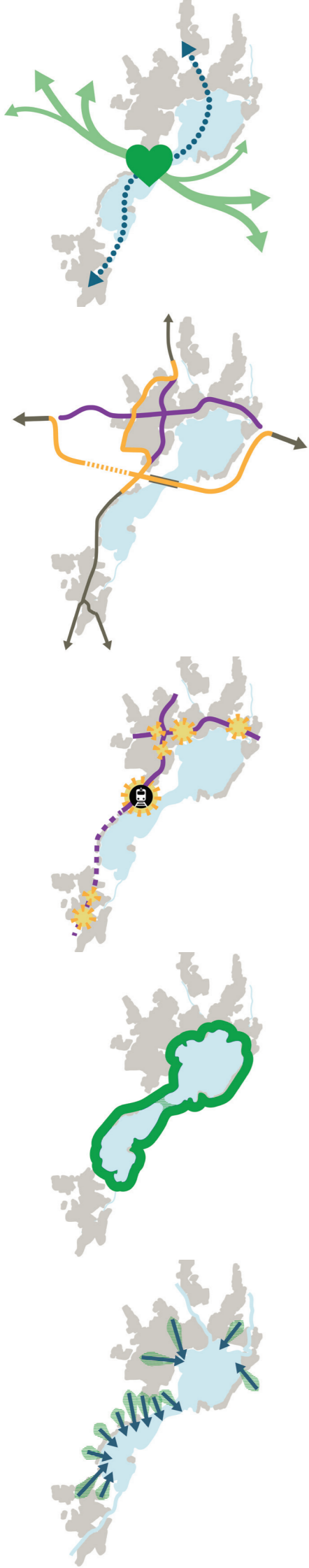
The district is inclusive, it introduces a wide variety of urban typologies that enable different ways of life. Each typology embraces the natural values found around the site, making outdoor activities, farming, and nature education the foundation for a more shared way of living.

The district brings new amenities, jobs and houses for the inhabitants of Karlskoga. As the new Nobel trainline connects the district to Oslo and Stockholm it is interesting urban dwellers that are looking for a different way of life. Away from the bustle of the city, in the quiet forests on the edge of a beautiful lake.



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The arrival of the Nobel Railway Line train station is a great benefit to Karlskoga. The connectivity of the train line is a catalyst for structural improvements to the region. The rail line does not only create a direct connection to the Scandinavian capitals of Oslo and Stockholm and reduce the travel times to Karlstad and Örebro. It also brings investment and capacity to make changes to the infrastructure and make better use of the natural assets in the region. Five big improvements can be made:



Create a green outdoor hub

The new railway station lies directly in between local and regional walking-, biking- and kayak trails like the Bergslagsleden trail. By connecting these trails, the Nobel station and the new district become a green node in a outdoor network.

Redirect infrastructure

The relocation of the E18 motorway improves the quality of life in Karlskoga. The restructuring of the traffic system can be more impactful if the regional roads 248 and 205 are redirected along with the highway, freeing the city center of through-traffic.

Transform the urban fabric

The spaces along the redirected infrastructure become attractive spaces for urban densification and the repurposing of industrial and commercial buildings into vibrant neighborhoods that relate to existing qualities.

Develop a recreational loop

The coastline of lake Möckeln is a fantastic asset for the surrounding towns. Income from the new district will be directed towards developing an active and programmed loop along the water for all inhabitants to enjoy.

Open up the existing creeks

Today's landscape is characterized by creeks that have their outflow in lake Möckeln. By opening up the creeks the water becomes visible, and biodiversity thrives. The creeks connect several types of nature and is part of a recreational network that brings inhabitants to the forests and the lake.

