

(D)rain for Life project

SUDS in existing urban context: case study Võru, Estonia

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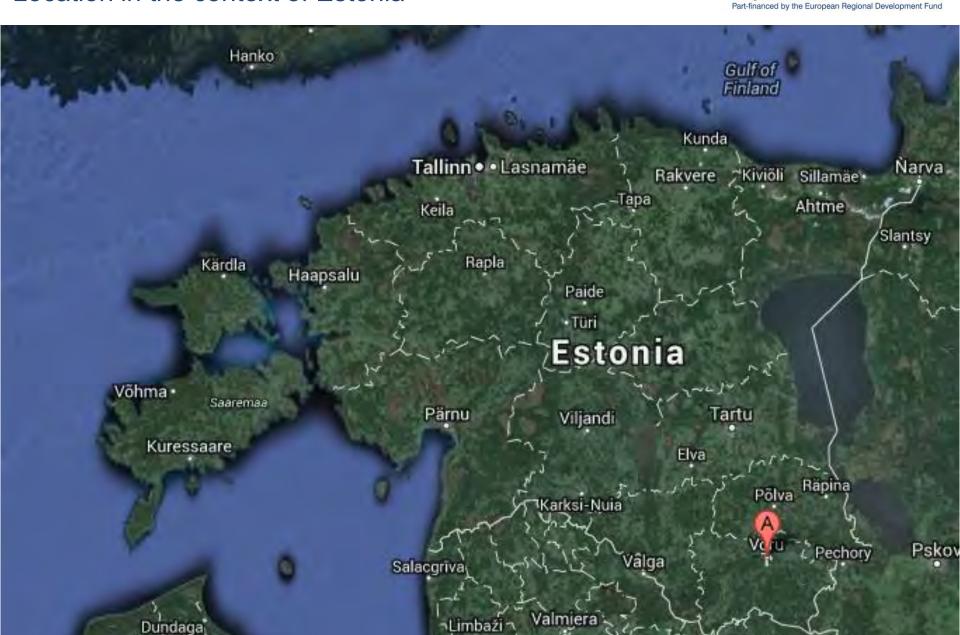










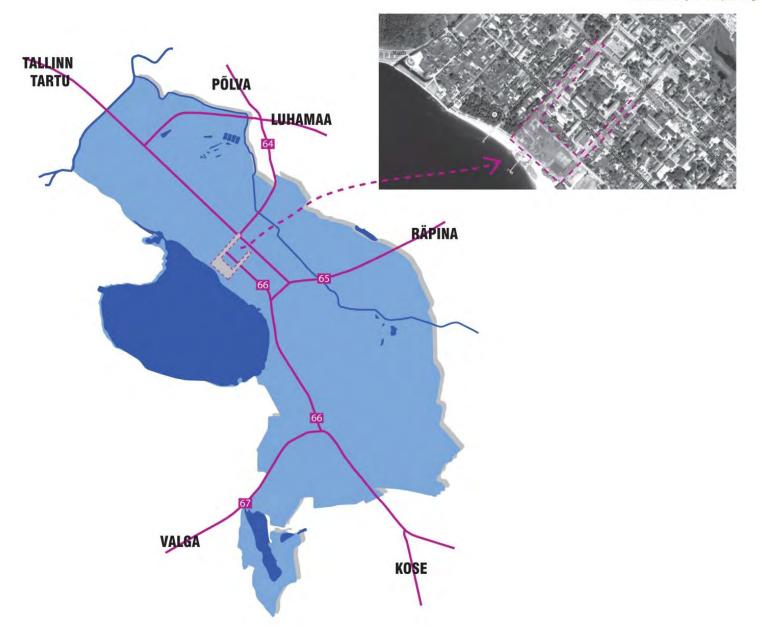


Location of case study area



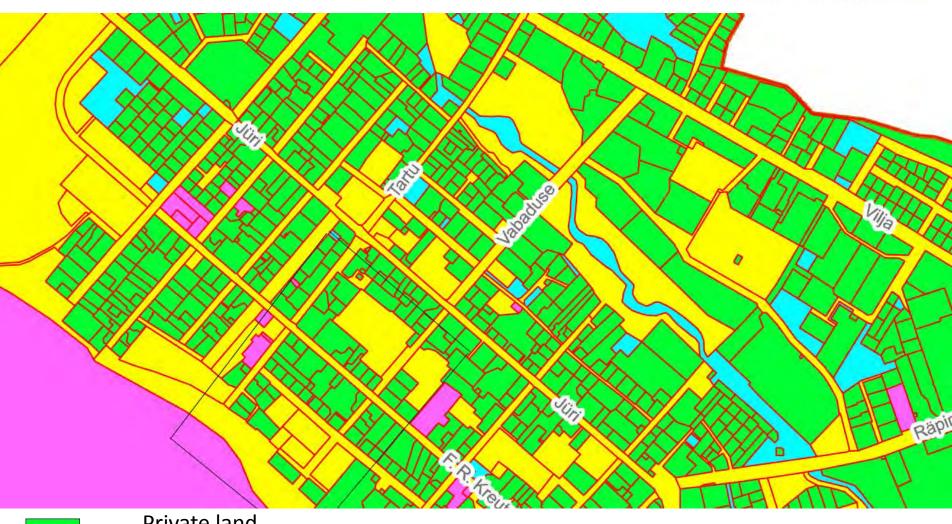


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Land ownership





Private land

Municipal land

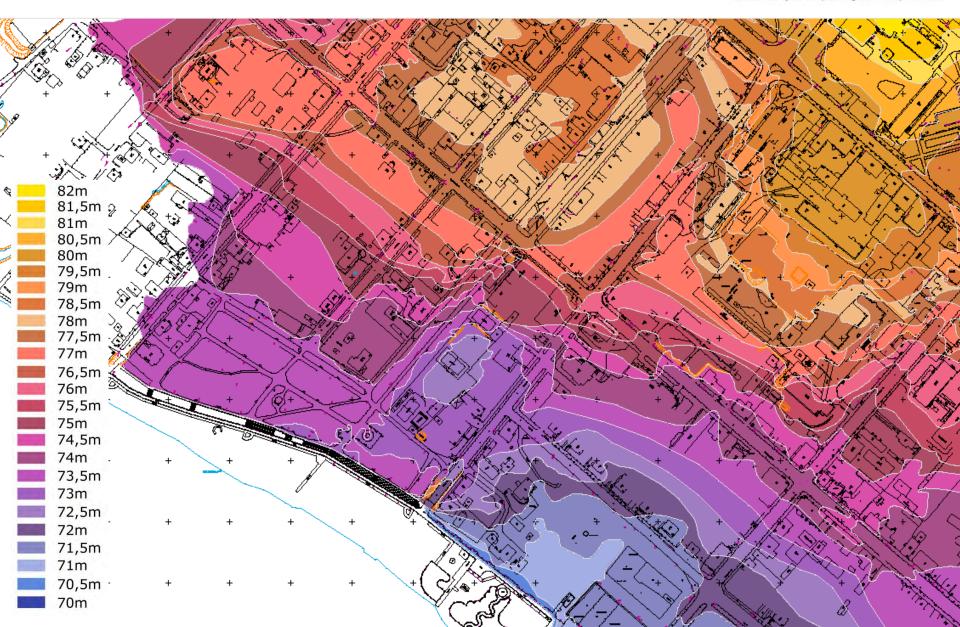
Public land

Unreformed public land

Terrain



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Tartu street



Problem with stormwater and melting water caused streets and beach errosion

In case of extreme rain event rainwater causes the flooding of the street and enters the lake unpurified





Vabaduse street





In case of extreme rain event rainwater causes the flooding of the street and area between Tartu and Vabaduse streets in the lower part of the area





Challenges



- Varying groundwater level
- Low infiltration capacity due to the high number of surfaced area
- Polluted runoff (salt, traffic pollution) enters the lake unfiltered
- Erosion

Needs

- Runoff delay to increase evaporation and infiltration
- Runoff water purification
- Instruments to stop erosion
- Instruments to stop flooding

IMPLEMENTING SUDS SOLUTIONS IN VORU SEstonia

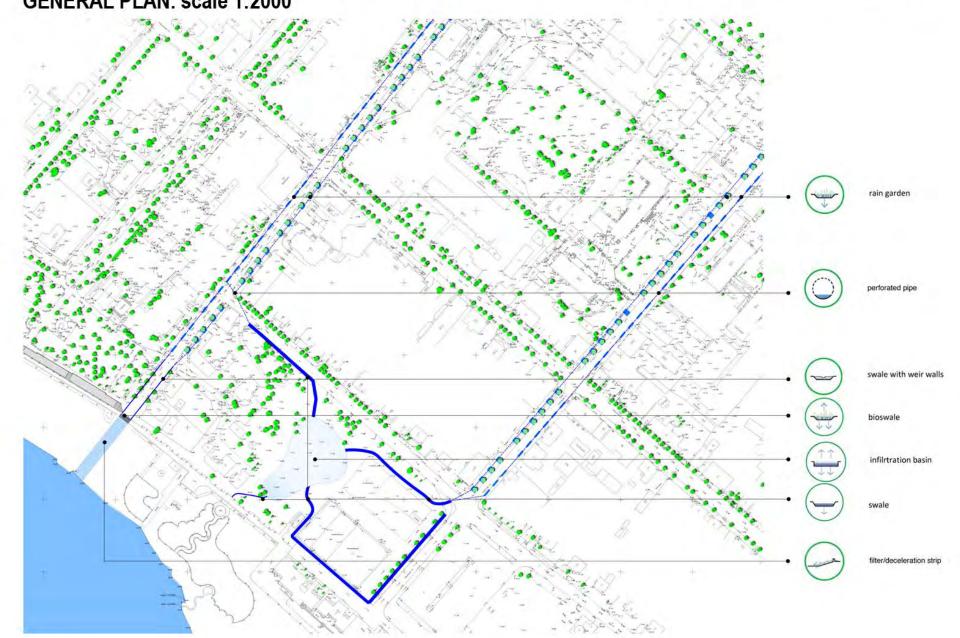


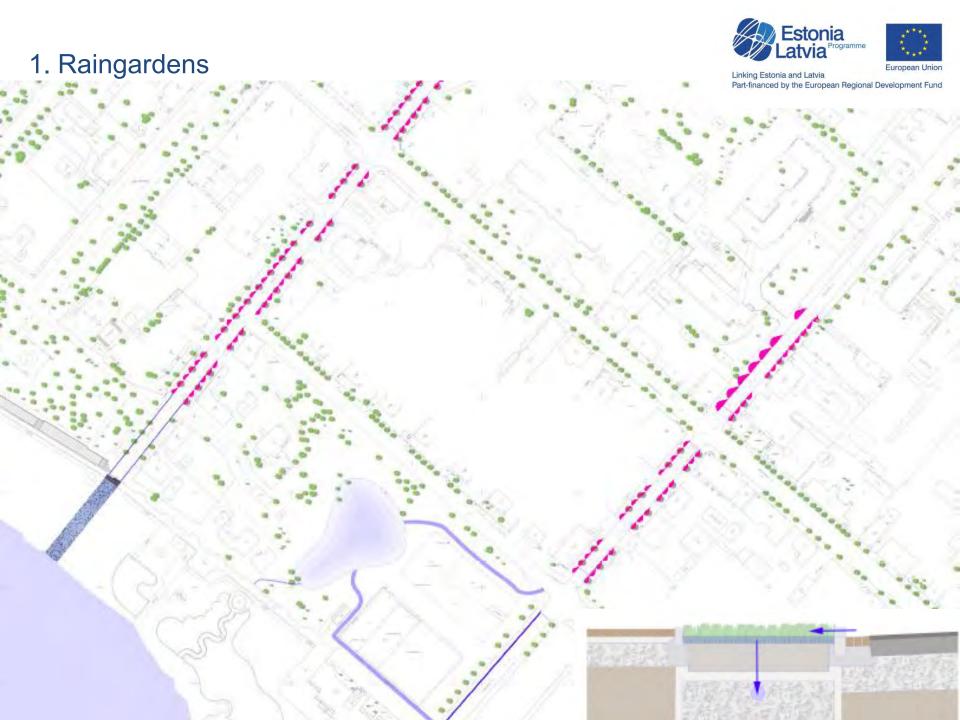






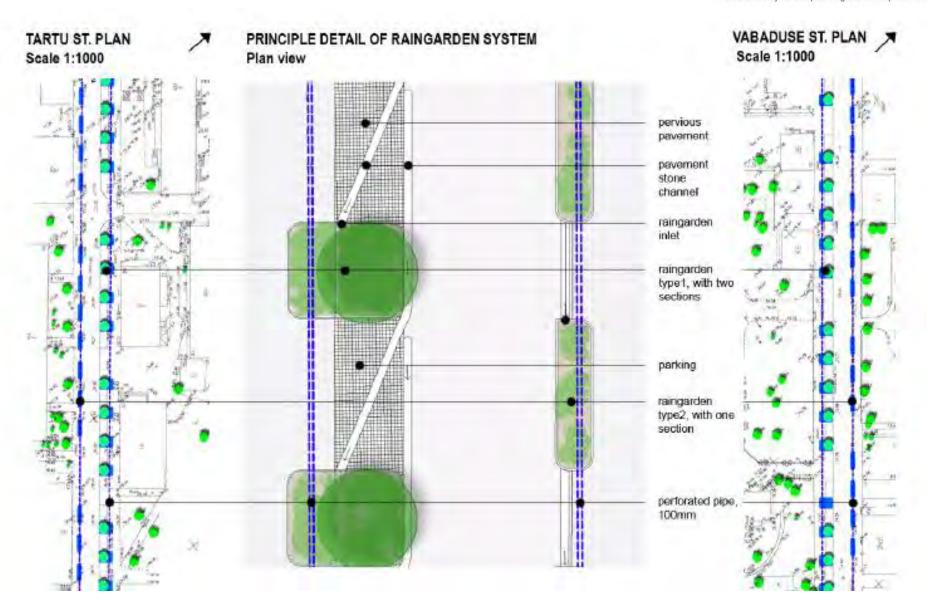






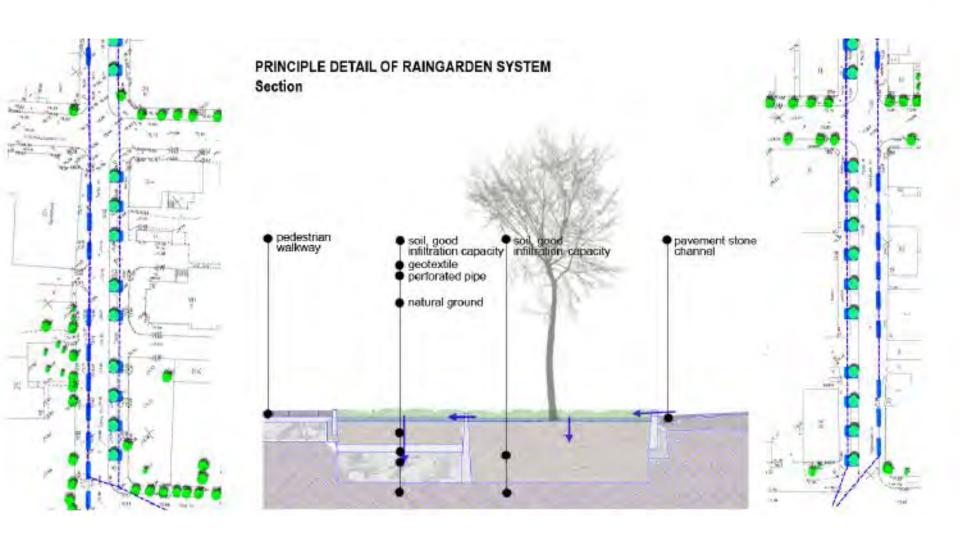
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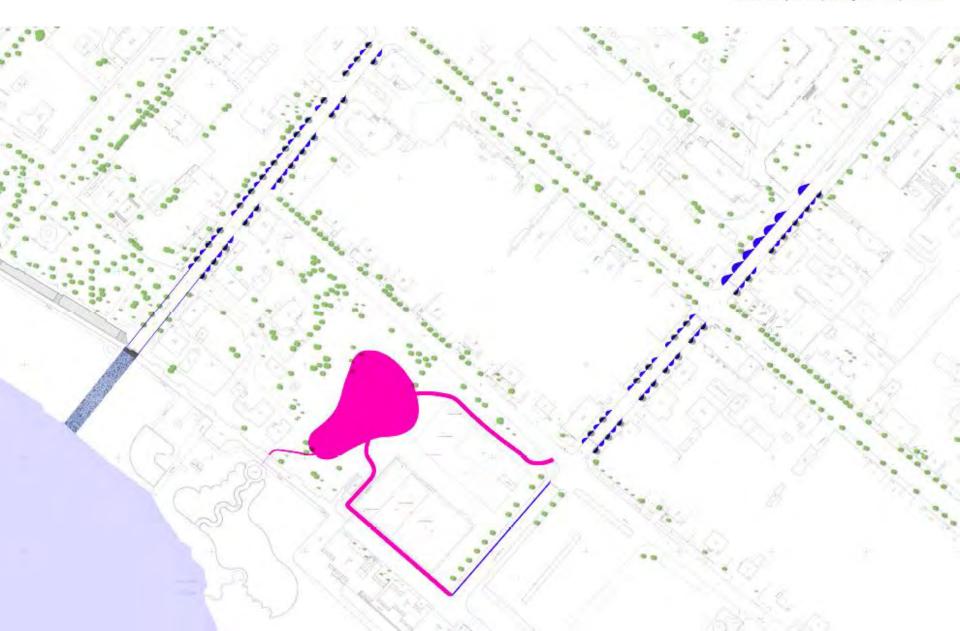
2. Open vegetated drains





3. Dry infiltration basin and system of ditches





4. Cobblestone stripe







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SUDS in context of planned urban development:

case study Pärnu, Estonia

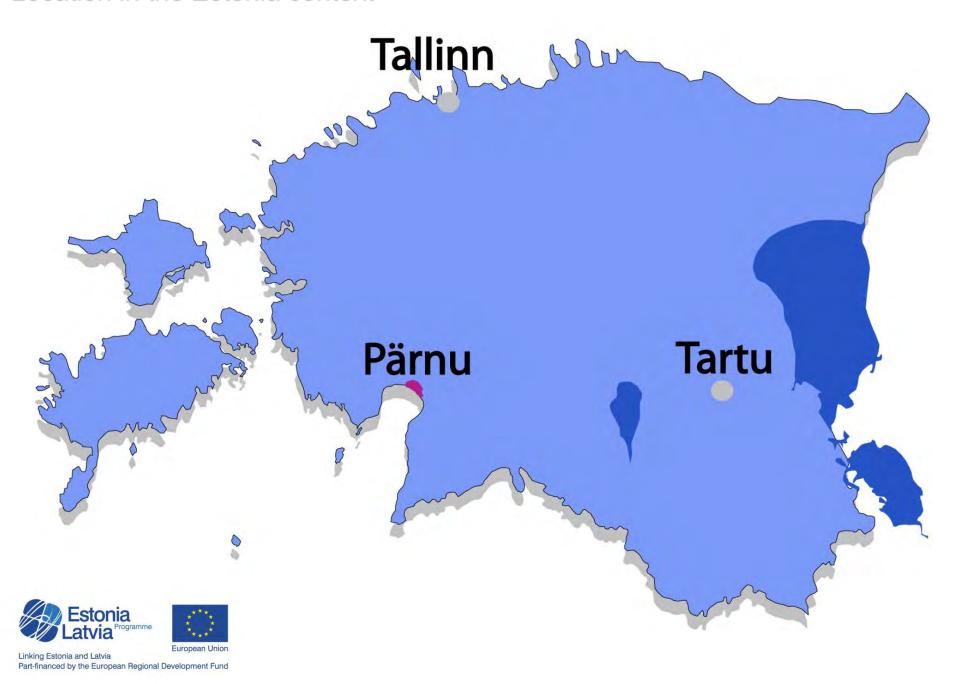
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Location in the Estonia context



Main directions and characteristics of Pärnu



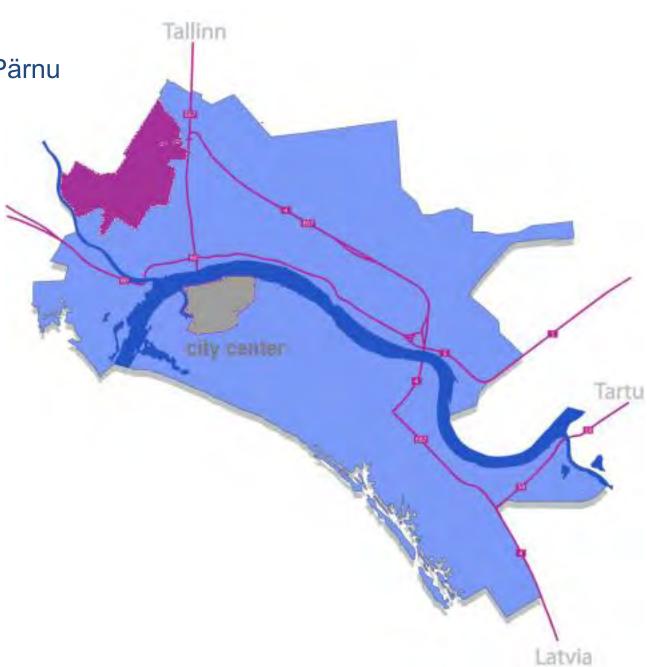
- Area 32,2 km2
- Population 42 435 (2012)
- Distances :

Riga – 182 km

Tartu – 170 km

Tallinn – 129 km





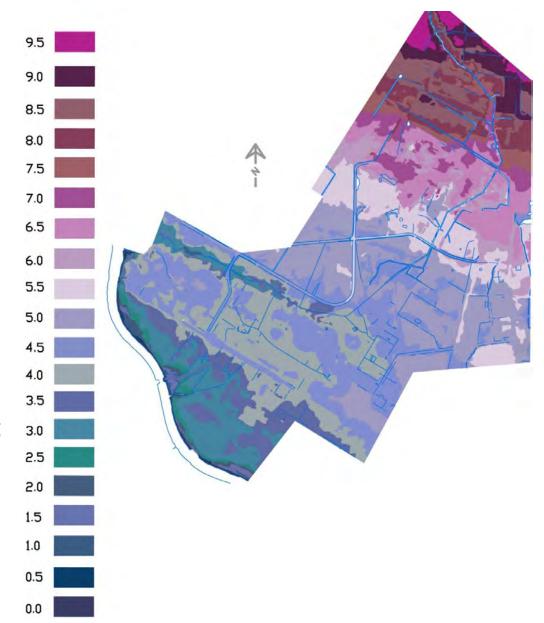




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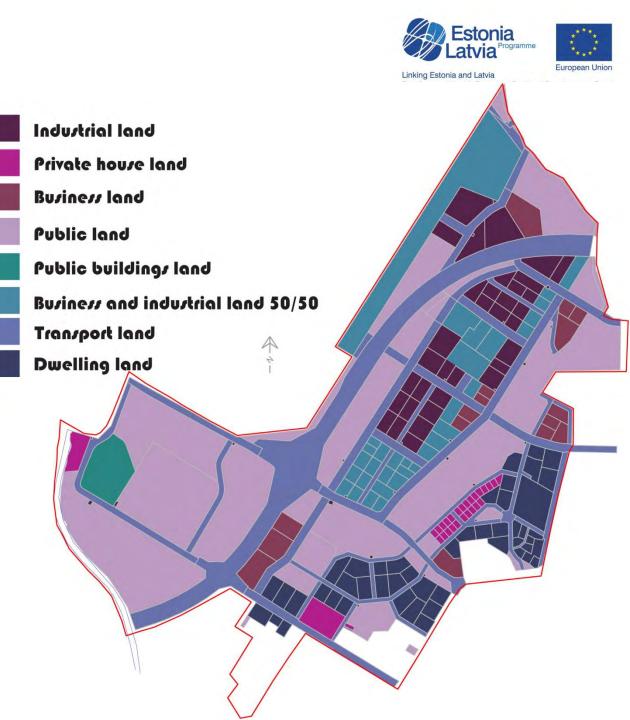
Surface and ground water

Top layers of a natural surface are mainly sandy soils. The investigated area is located at the coastal lowland, where natural ground is relatively flat sloping towards the south-west. Ground water level at the case study area is relatively high through the year, because of the flat terrain and specifics of the soil layers. According to the field study conducted in March 2005 the ground water level was measured as an average of 0.6 - 0.8 m. During rain period ground water level may rise to the ground at most of the area.



PLANNING SITUATION

The Master plan for the North-West Pärnu development area was ordered by Pärnu city municipality and developed by the company OÜ Tinter-Projekt in 2008. The study and project proposal of the Estonian University of Life Sciences for the (D)rain for Life project is based on this master plan.



The area development concept as a case study for the (D)rain for Life project





Since the Master plan detail level wasn't sufficient for the cost-benefit analysis implication, the project aim was to concentrate on the two development blocks with different land-use functions

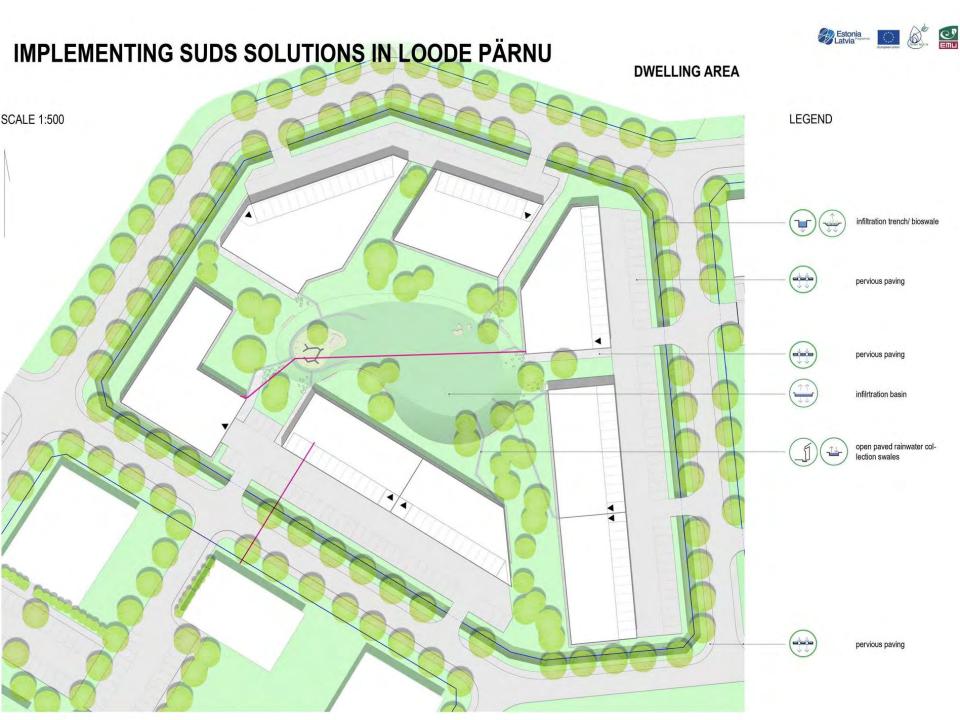
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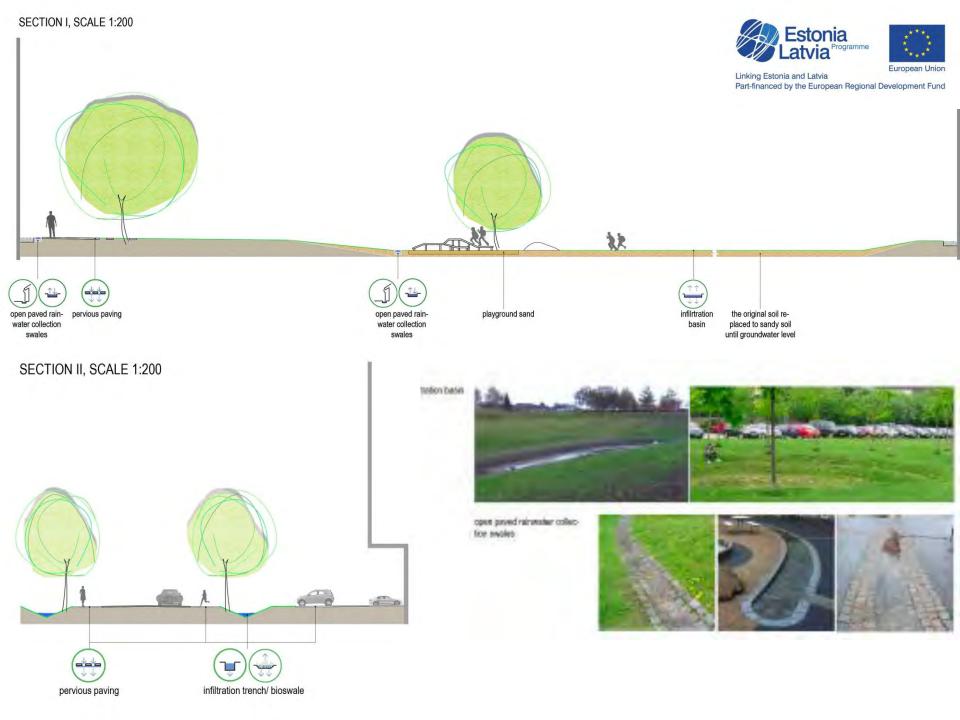


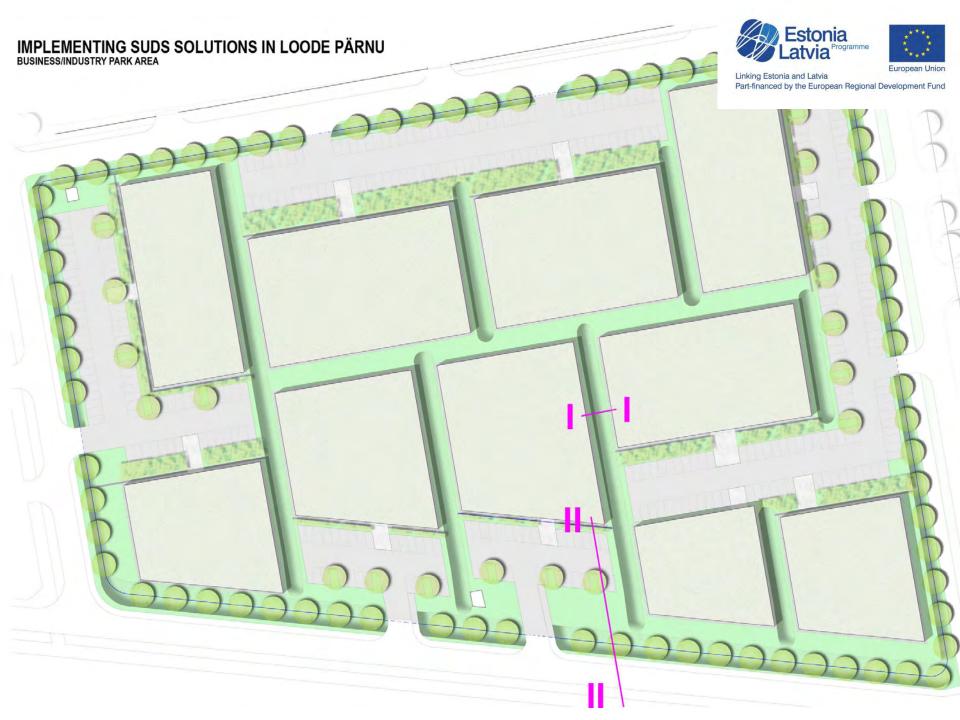


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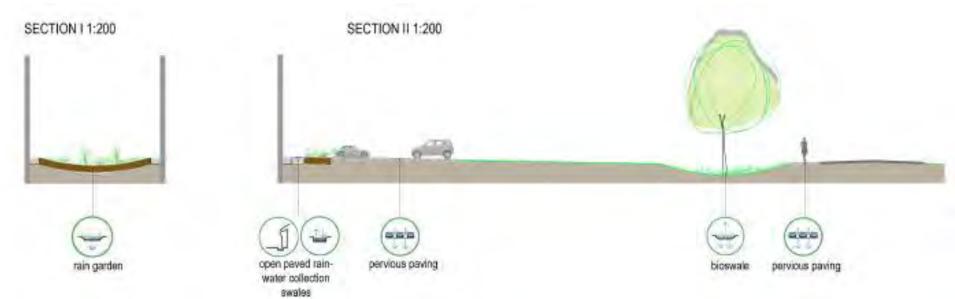












The maximum of the area in this design proposal is dedicated to the SUDS purposes:

- The area between the buildings is occupied by vegetated raingardens, which should collect the stormwater from the roofs;
- The area of the parking is covered with the pervious pavement, which is angled to the side of the street;
- The raingardens are connected through the overflow with the swale, which is embracing
 the development block and collecting both, the water from the car traffic areas and the
 overflow water from the raingardens. The swale is connected with the pipe to the main
 pond.



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