



## **Sustainable Järva - Re-building the Suburbs**

Vision for Järva is a long-term project to promote social and economic development in the districts bordering to the culture reserve program Järvafältet. Vision for Järva is a joint program involving various city departments, the three municipal housing companies, private property owners, business associations, the police and last but not least – local residents.

Järva was built between 1965 and 1975 as part of the “million homes program” to meet the housing shortage. Problems emerged at an early stage of the development project. Many initiatives have been carried out in the neighborhoods part of the program over the year. The goal is that Vision for Järva will stand out from previous efforts. This will be achieved by focusing on improving safety, security and education.

### **Sustainable regeneration project**

Sustainable Järva is a sustainable regeneration project in the above mentioned housing from the mid-sixties. The project is on-going 2010-2014. The politicians in the city of Stockholm have decided that the city should become fossil fuel free in 2050. Sustainable Järva is a pilot project to address how to reach those targets. 7 residential buildings are being retrofitted with 50 % energy reduction. The goal is that energy demand shall decrease from 180 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> and year down to 88. The housing company “Svenska Bostäder” is planning to refurbish 5200 apartments until 2022 using the experiences from the pilot project.

### **Photo voltaic**

In addition 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> photo voltaic, 1,4 MWp, are going to be installed on approximately 40 roofs in the area. This will be a great inspiration to other cities in the north climate zone.

### **Culture and environment education**

Technical solutions alone are not sufficient to promote a sustainable lifestyle. Therefore the project has carried out information campaigns and a constructive dialogue with residents that give them an opportunity to comment on and participate in decisions about the renovation. The Housing Company started the “Järva Dialog” by inviting the inhabitants to open meetings. 10 000 participated and gathered 30 000 opinions about what is good and bad in the area. Property managers and service personnel are trained to spread knowledge about sustainable lifestyles. Residents are informed about how to save energy and how to sort out waste at source.

Stockholm City Museum seeks to raise awareness of and pride in living in Järva through initiatives that include *Tidens Väg* (“The Path of Time”), a new, signposted walk around Järvafältet with information about the area past and present.

### **Sustainability mobility**

Several upgraded and/or new cycle paths with LED lighting improve links between the northern and southern parts of Järva. Examples of the city’s commitment to facilitate and promote the use of cycles include a loan-a-bike facility in Akalla and an annual cycle week.

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