

Developing a NATUREHOOD by the Green barz #no_cars

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Our main proposal is the development of a “Naturehood”, a space for habitation that welcomes both human and natural species in a symbiotic relationship.

Our proposed interventions are divided into four themes based on the main issues identified at Gullmarsplan. The First theme is social and natural connection. The main issues are defragmented socio-ecological networks, infrastructure barriers separating communities and dimly lit underpasses connecting the areas. We propose making underpasses and pathways welcoming by adding artworks, lights, greenery, and building a “Naturehood Centre”, that will first serve as an information hub for Årstaskogen with interactive stands.

The next theme is creating an inviting *naturehood* as the area currently lacks sense of community and identity, so we propose utilizing existing structures and adding small interventions in Årstaskogen like timber megaphones.

The third theme is symbiotic cohabitation. The idea is to make Gullmarsplan and Årstaskogen a shared space for humans and wildlife. We propose developing a sense of stewardship, where residents will take responsibility over nature and its habitats, planting trees and other plants from Årstaskogen at and around Gullmarsplan metro station.

The final theme is participatory planning, as we saw an opportunity to better involve residents in active citizenship.