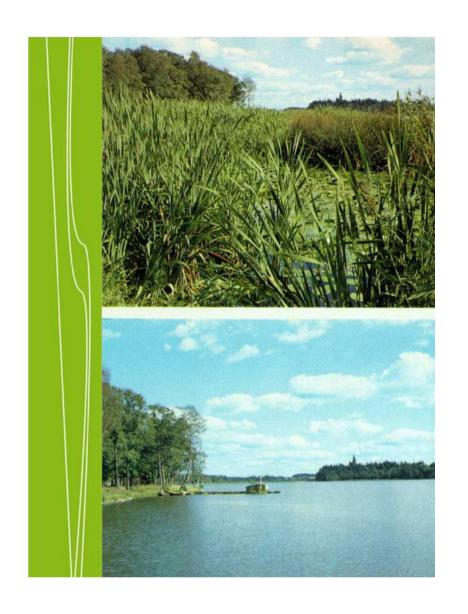


This is Växjö Sweden

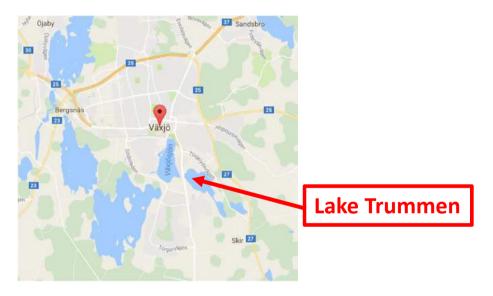
- Population ~90 000 (~70 000).
- Forests and 200 lakes.
- Centre of glass- and furniture production, bio energy & higher education.
- ~8 000 SME-companies.
- ~Political majority, conservative/ green party alliance.
- ~7,000 employees in the city administration/companies.





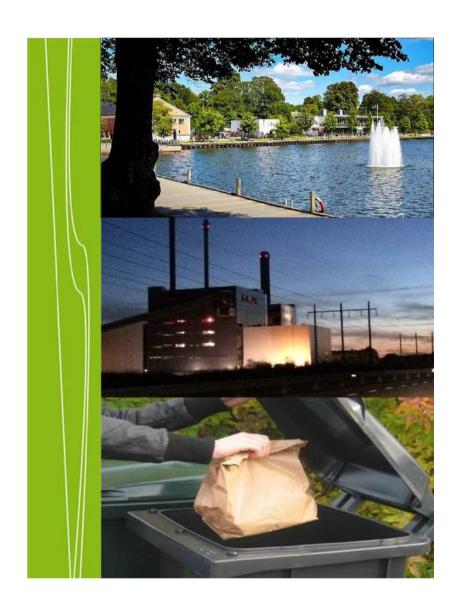
Local alarmbell

Lake 'Trummen' 1969



Lake 'Trummen' today





The major steps ...

- Lake restorations 1970 –
- Bio fuel1980 –
- Fossile free Växjö1996

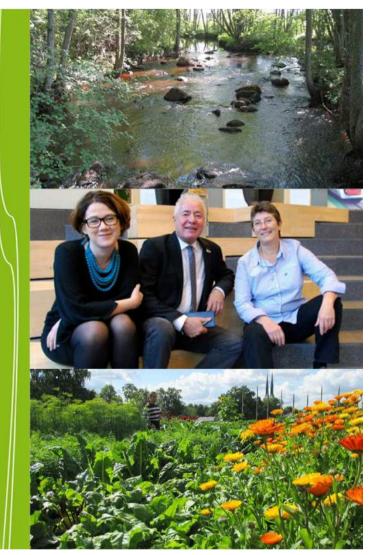




Greenest City in Europe

Was borne when BBC called Växjö "The Greenest City in Europe" in a recorded broadcast in 2007





Success factors

- Municipal autonomy decisions are taken at local level
- Political consensus and long term vision (with policies/plans)
- Broad co-operation with other actors

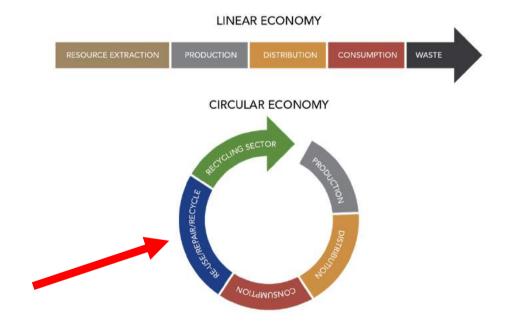






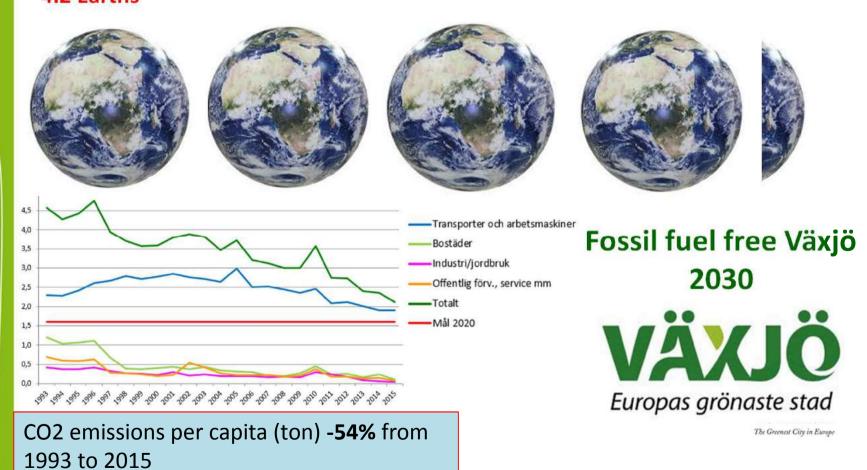


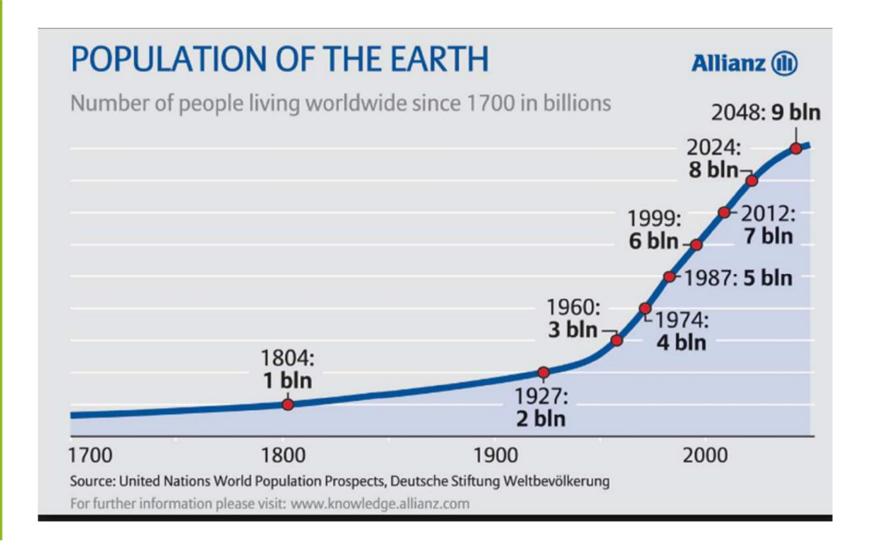
Växjö and Circular Economy





Current resource usage in with Sweden's consumption level **4.2 Earths**





Why circular economy?



Growing world population (8.5 billions 2030) and increasing middle class (5 billion by 2030). Larger part of world population wants to consume like us!



Increased demand for products gives increased demand for raw materials, depleting the material stock. When those getting scarce, raw material prices increases, products gets more expensive and challenge our life styles.















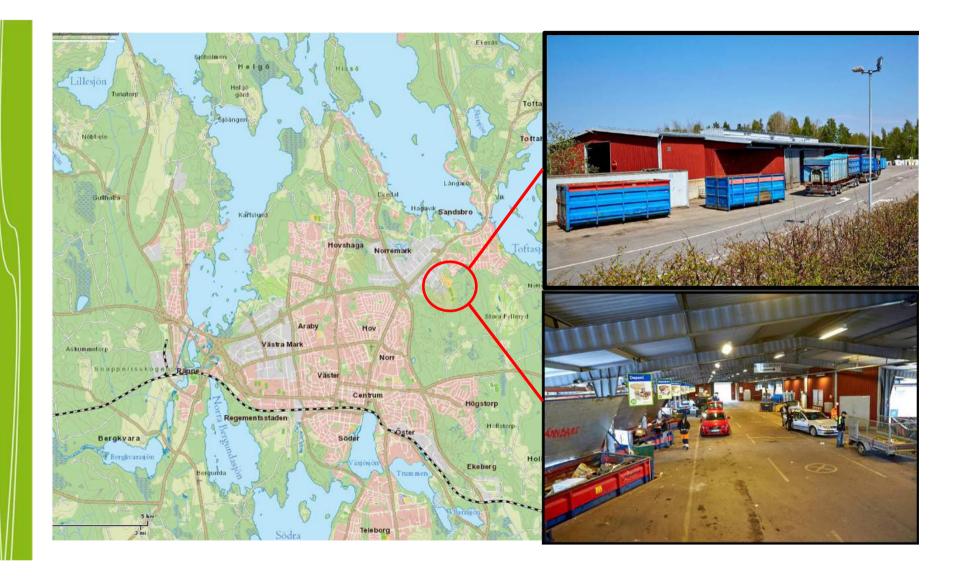


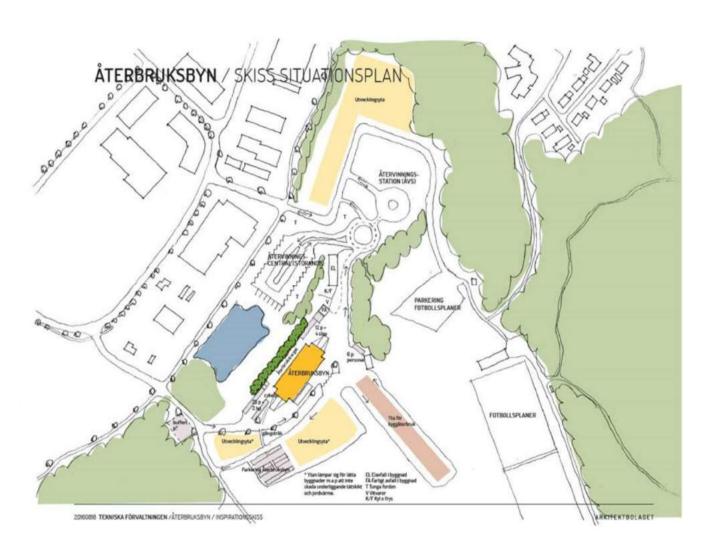










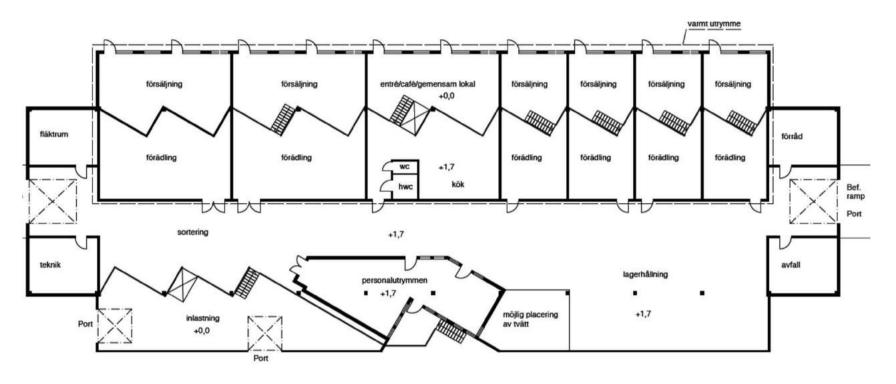




Växjö Re Use Village



Sell products















Possible businesses in the reuse village

- Collection point with professional staff;
- Storage/handling;
- Construction waste facility;
- Workshops (wood/furniture, textile, bicycle, elecronic) maker spaces;
- Shops (second hand vintage swap space) on-line-sales;
- Business training center incubator;
- On-the-job language school;
- Visitors center for the Greenest City in Europe;
- Exhibition, Coffee house/restaurant, conference facility;



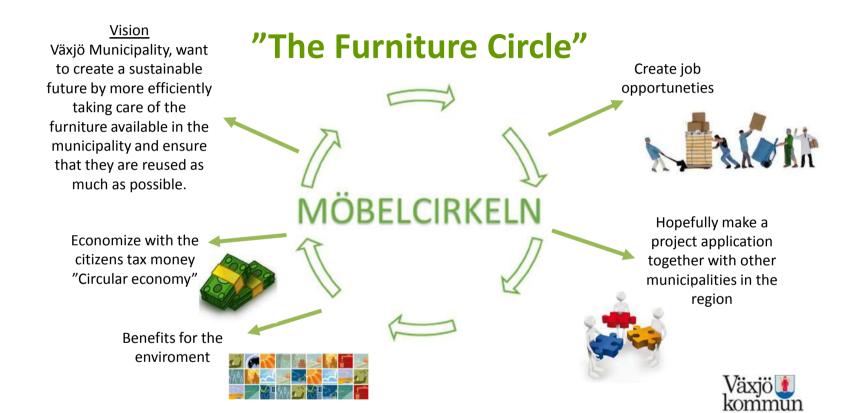












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