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Integrated Local Action Plan (iLAP)

Summary

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| City: | Växjö | Burlington |
| Province, State, Department...: | Kronoberg County | Ontario |
| Country: | Sweden | Canada |
| Population: | 90,000 | 183,400 |
| Size (km²) | 30.28 km ² | 185.7 km ² |
| Period of cooperation | November 2017-November 2019 | |
| Cooperation Themes: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green infrastructure and ecosystem services for industrial revitalization. • Urban parks design for social and environmental benefits. • Capacity building on sustainable development measures in the face of climate change. | |
| Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics: | <p>SDGs: 11-Sustainable Cities and communities 12- Responsible consumption and production 17- Partnership for the goals</p> <p>EU Urban Agenda: -Energy transition -Security in public spaces</p> | |
| Key focus of cooperation themes: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature and cultural heritage conservation - Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions | |
| Key challenges of cooperation theme: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balancing the time requirements to participate in the partnership can be difficult during day to day operations. - Municipal participants should each have a lead staff person to help manage the timetables of the projects, including setting up skype calls, webinars, coordinating other staff and liaising with the IUC coordinator. | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application of an ecosystem services approach to the Västra Mark project. The timetable for this project accelerated the process and workload for this project. The exchanges with Burlington and relationship building provided new inspiration and knowledge for Växjö staff. |
| <p>Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create vision of green infrastructure and ecosystem services for Västra Mark (Växjö). - Create an Urban Parks Strategy and use it to design a new urban park (Burlington). - Continue relationship between Växjö and Burlington to foster ongoing learning and partnership opportunities around sustainable urban development. |
| <p>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</p> | <p>The Burlington-Växjö city pairing participated in six exchanges, with Växjö team members visiting Burlington on three occasions and vice versa. Through these visits, the cities learned about sustainable urban development through technical field visits and meetings with experts, with a particular focus on urban parks and ecosystem services. The cities also hosted six webinars to support additional learning between the two municipalities. Webinar topics included: fossil free cities; stormwater management; wood buildings; community engagement; transportation planning; and applying an ecosystem services approach.</p> <p>The core team members of Burlington and Växjö joined for a final meeting in Valencia, Spain, after attending the 13th International Conference on Urban Regeneration and Sustainability. This meeting enabled the group to make their final presentations in person, provide updates on progress since the previous staff exchanges and share information on related projects.</p> <p>As part of the IUC project, Växjö finalized a report on green infrastructure for the Västra Mark industrial revitalization project based on ecosystem services. The report is a basis for future decisions in connection to city planning and is already an input to a new detailed plan for part of Västra Mark and to the master plan of Växjö.</p> <p>Burlington has drafted an outline for an ecosystem services approach to be applied in the City's Parks Master Plan update to commence in 2020.</p> |



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| | <p>As a pilot project of this methodology, the City developed a plan for the Masonry park project using the ecosystem services approach. Burlington staff will continue to pursue ecosystem services in decision making.</p> <p>Burlington is also working on applying a climate lens to all municipal decision making through the development of a Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>This includes working towards setting environmental targets in parks construction.</p> |
| <p>Expected results and benefits:</p> | <p>For Växjö the cooperation has been an opportunity to increase the application of an ecosystem services approach to the Västra Mark project. The timetable for this project accelerated the process and workload for this project. The exchanges with Burlington and relationship building provided new inspiration and knowledge for Växjö staff.</p> <p>For Burlington, the application of an ecosystem services approach was a relatively new term and way of thinking for planning municipal infrastructure projects, such as urban parks. Staff found it beneficial to work with the Växjö staff team throughout the partnership to discuss this new approach and its application.</p> |

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