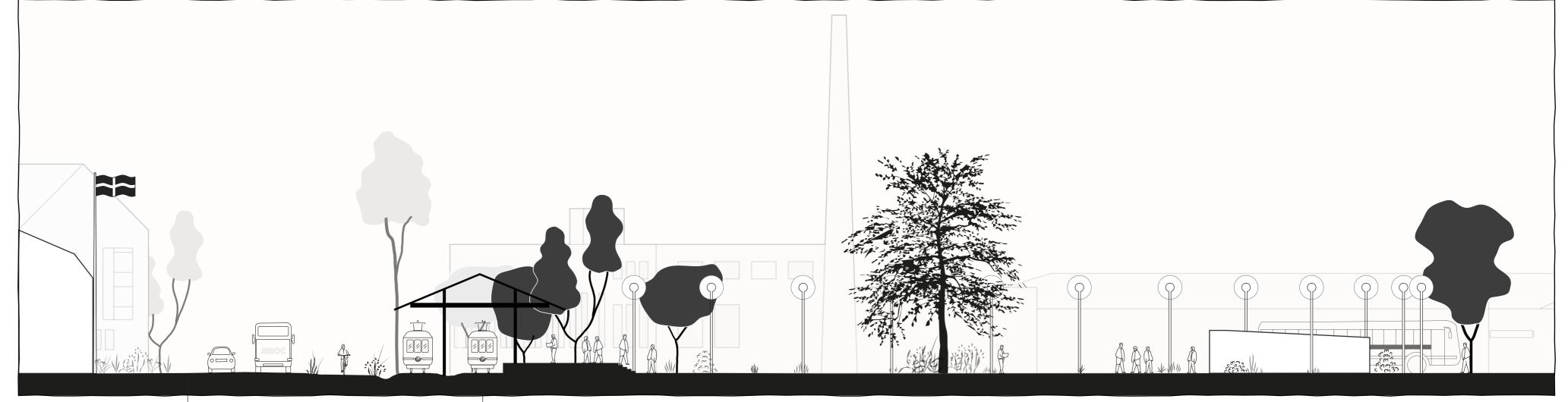


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5. Center + 7. Addition





Sektion C-C 1:200

1. Greenway Network

The system of existing pathways separated from car traffic that extends throughout Rimbo is an omnipresent part of the towns urban toolkit, and is adopted by us as a model for thinking about this project, and concretly for the new residential area of Rimbo. The pathways are in some cases formally planned and paved paths, others are organically created by resourcefully appropriating abandoned infrastructure. An important discovery for this proposal was the civic utility of the track from the old railways that once serviced Rimbo, have been transformed into paths for leisure, recreation and transport. In their found state, a biodiverse ecosystem of local plants and animals make their home along the track beds together with their human counterparts. These paths form a large network of transport routes throughout rimbo and easily integrate these residential areas with green spaces, points of interest and to public spaces while celebrating rimbos lush and biodiverse natural setting.

2. New Zones

Our site becomes a new center for Rimbo, uniting the disparate elements typical of rural towns, and seeks to create a new visual expression. Three zones are defined in this proposal that will allow Rimbo to be organised in a new way while being sensitive to its current character as well as maximising reuse.

By creating a well defined town square with plenty of space for markets and festivals we aim to localise a centerpoint. By designing a thoroughly planned transportation hub integrating multiple transportation types and transportation scales Rimbo becomes better connected to its regional context. The new mixed residential/commercial area aims solves a typical problem of sprawl afforded by the rural context. These zones are strategically placed along an organisational spine running through the site.

3. Housing + 4. Transformation

3. Housing

Using the existing language of rimbos green paths an area in the southern part of the site is defined by a new network of pathways through a mixed natural, ruderal and post industrial landscape in need of care. the vegetation present comes in all sizes, and give shade, provide flowers, and in some case act as a food forest where berries, fruits and mushrooms can be harvested. the area within the network is filled porously with tall and slender residential spaces that integrate into an existing landscape of low, wide commercial and industrial spaces.

The typologies utilize large windows to and generous floorplans. We describe them as: the penthouse tower, the tall villa, row-house, tower block, and terrace house. The strategy for this housing grid allows for easy integration of existing natural elements, such as trees or flowers or rock formations. The old railway track bed is reimagined as a new main street, in order to preserve the natural biomass and current pedestrian functionality by placing the new rail line along västra stockholmsvägen

The diagram map below shows existing pathways in Rimbo in light green and our proposed new paths in darker green.

The first map below illustrates these zones, top to bottom: center, transport, and housing. The second shows: new housing as black, green as transformation, gray as existing.

