

Indicator 20: Resident Cooperation



Figure: Residents participating in the “Moment as a Planner” workshop, which was part of the preparations for the Helsinki General Plan. The theme of the workshop and info event, organized in February 2014, was East Helsinki. A total of four such events were organized and the number of participants was ca. 250. These events included much discussion about the future of recreational and nature areas. (Photo: Mikko Uro/Helsinki City Photobank)

Status:

Helsinki engages in cooperation with its residents regarding questions related to biodiversity. In urban planning, for instance, there is a legal obligation to publicly display plans before they are ratified. Additionally, for major developments, resident events, seminars and web-based participatory activities are organized. In the case of the drafting of the General Plan for Helsinki, for instance, web-pages have been established via which the progress of the planning process is published in blog format, to which comments can be posted. Information on the opinions of residents have also been collected electronically using GIS-based programmes, in which residents can mark directly onto maps which areas could be developed and which should be conserved as green space. Residential events have also been organized on the planning of management plans for major nature conservation areas.

Score:

- 0 points: No official or unofficial cooperation with residents.
- 1 points: Official or unofficial cooperation with residents considered as part of activities.
- 2 points: Unofficial or official cooperation planned as part of activities.
- 3 points: Unofficial or official cooperation being implemented as part of activities.
- 4 points: Cooperation with residents is already part of normal activity.

Monitoring:

Helsinki gets an excellent result for this indicator, and therefore the objective is to ensure, that the level does not decrease. It is unlikely to decrease, though, as there are constant efforts to enhance such cooperation. It could be more beneficial to set as an objective for this indicator to measure how well cooperation with residents succeeds in involving residents.

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