

# Reduction of Climate Change Effects on Water Quality

**Josefin Andersson**

**Teknik I Väst AB (Arvika, Sweden)**

**NuReDrain Conference March 2021**



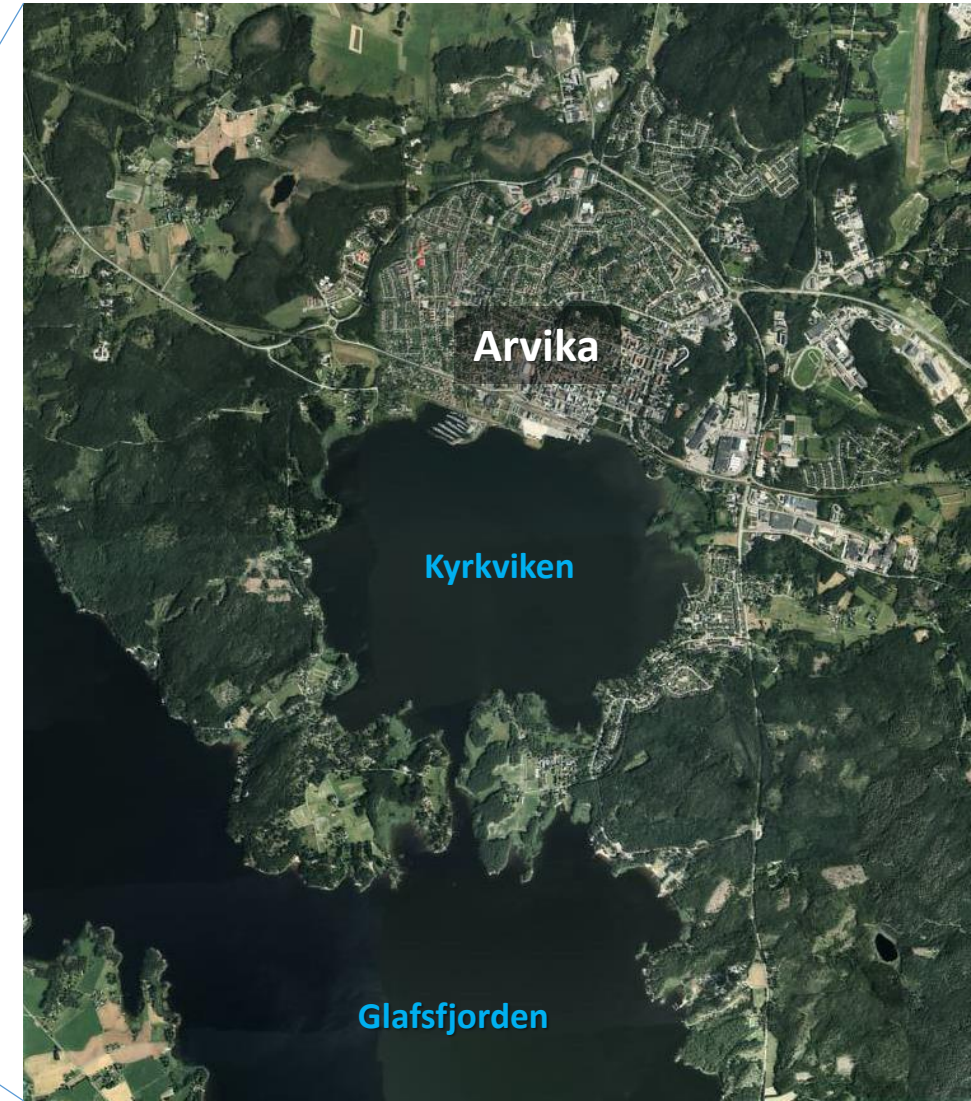
# CATCH- project

- CATCH = water sensitive Cities: the Answer To CHallenges of extreme weather events
- The overall objective is to demonstrate and accelerate the redesign of urban water management of midsize cities in order to become climate resilient cities that are sustainable, liveable and profitable on the long term.



# Introduction of Arvika

- Arvika is located in Värmland, Sweden, by Lake Kyrkviken
- Prone to be affected by heavy and long-term rainfall









# Climate Change Effects in Arvika

The consequences of climate change have been visible in Arvika for years:

- Flooding events
- Drainage system overload
- Hundreds of basements flooded
- Impairment of the poor water quality in surface waters





# Flooding event in year 2000

**Interreg**  
North Sea Region  
**CATCH**

European Regional Development Fund



EUROPEAN UNION



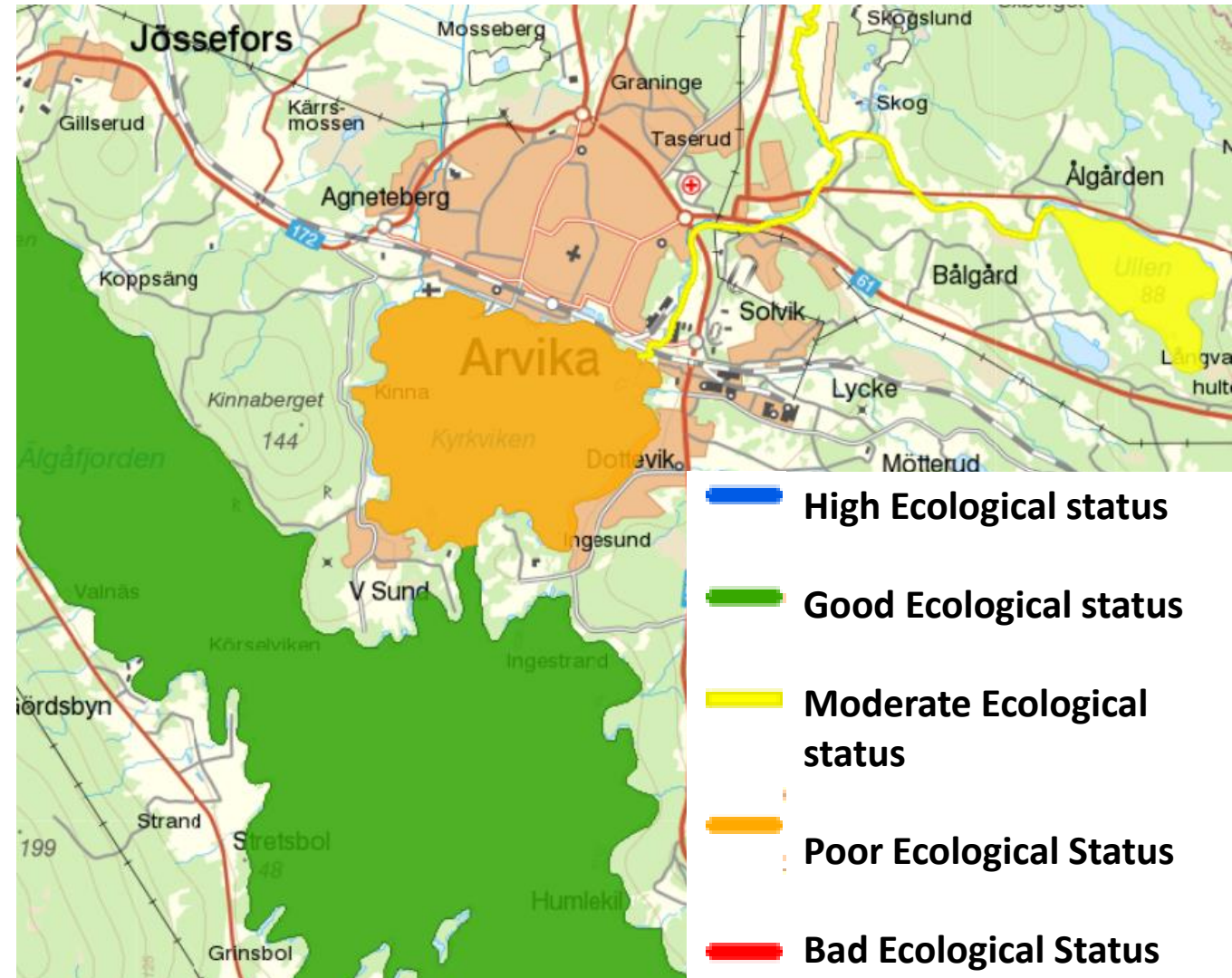


# Drainage system overload



# Impairment of the poor water quality in surface water

- Lake Kyrkviken is classified as “poor ecological status”
- Suffers from eutrophication and oxygen deficiency
- Heavy rainfall flushes nutrients and pollutions from streets, farmland etc. to the lake without treatment





# Water Quality of Lake Kyrkviken



**Interreg**  
North Sea Region  
**CATCH**  
European Regional Development Fund





# Description of the Arvika pilot

## Reduction of Climate Change Effects on Water Quality

### 1. Scope

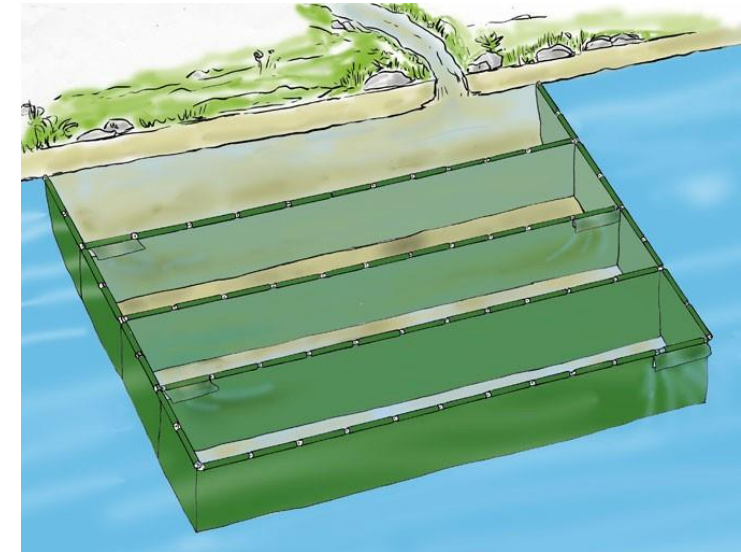
- *Improve water quality by implementing water quality improvement measures on two locations*

### 2. Objectives

- *Implement the identified water quality improvement methods*
- *Create a climate adaption strategy*
- *Communicate the above*

### 3. Timeline

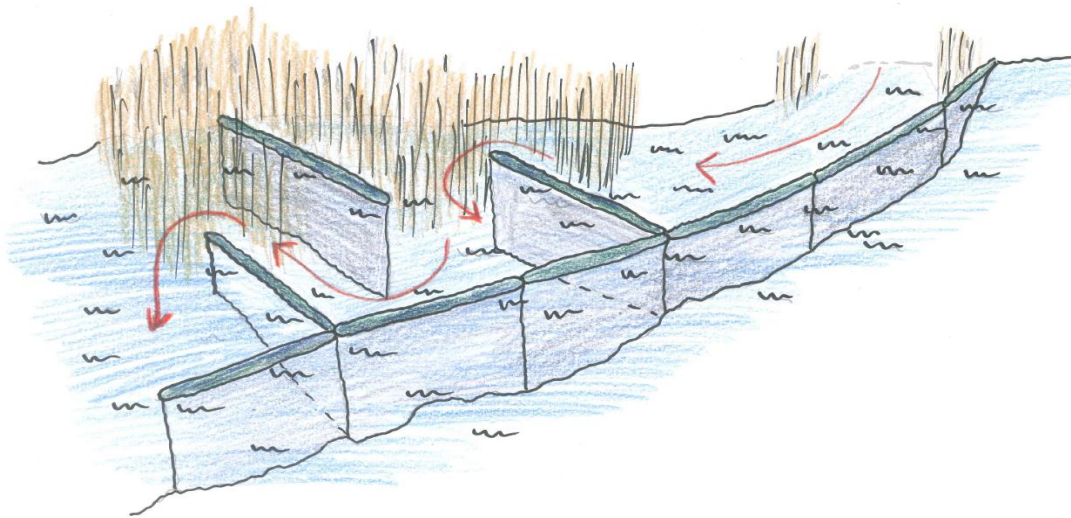
- *2017-2018: Planning and Design*
- *2019-2020: Permissions and Construction*
- *2019-2020: Evaluation of the project + Climate adaption strategy*





# Chosen measures: screen basins

- Diverts the water flow towards the basin sections and vegetation
- The flow velocity decreases which enables particle bound phosphorous to settle instead of being spread out in the lake

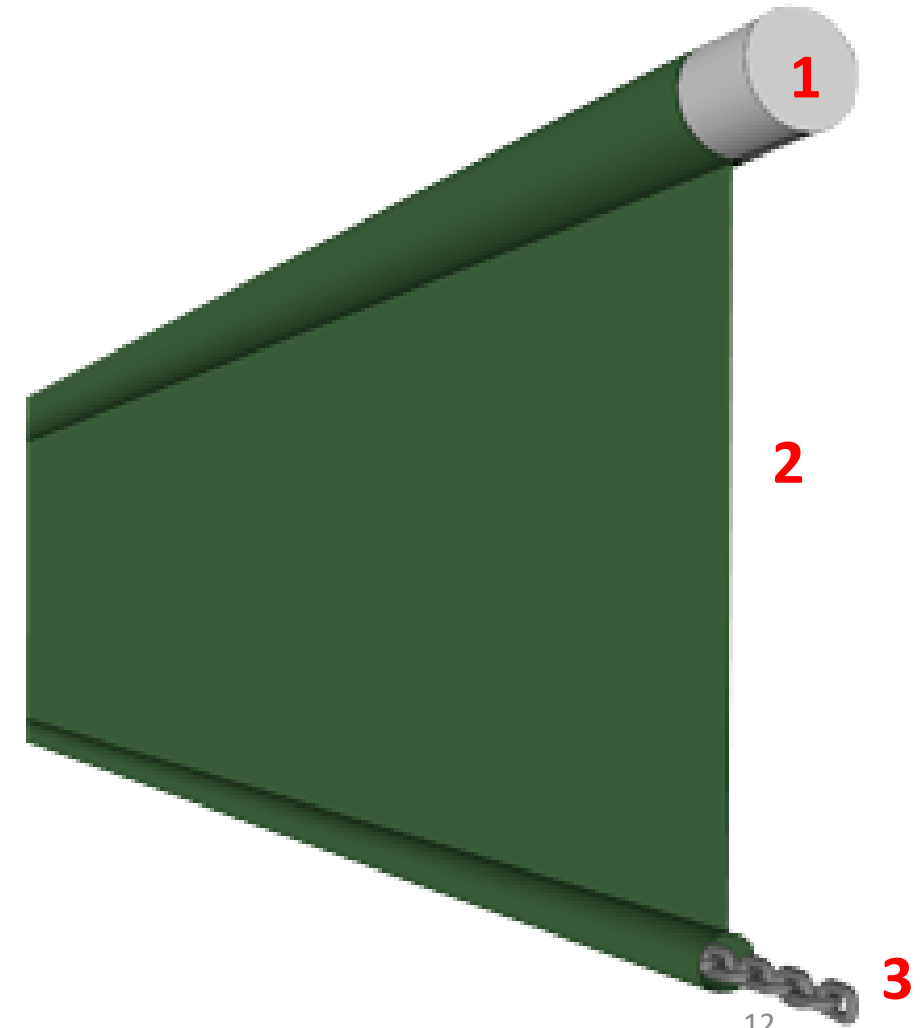




# Chosen measure: Screen basins

A screen basin consists of screens

- Floating element at the top (1)
- Impermeable screen "cloth"(2)
- Weights at the bottom (3)
- Screens are tailored after sea bottom
- Reinforced wearing cover against ice impact
- Length is adjusted to water level variations
- Anchoring is made with metal pipes





# Chosen measure: floating wetlands

- Floating wetlands consists of water vegetation that is planted in a floating framework
- The vegetation will root in the framework and build up a compact curtain of roots that slows down the water flow velocity and:
  - Enables sedimentation
  - Adsorbs dissolved nutrients





# Example of screen basin with floating wetlands

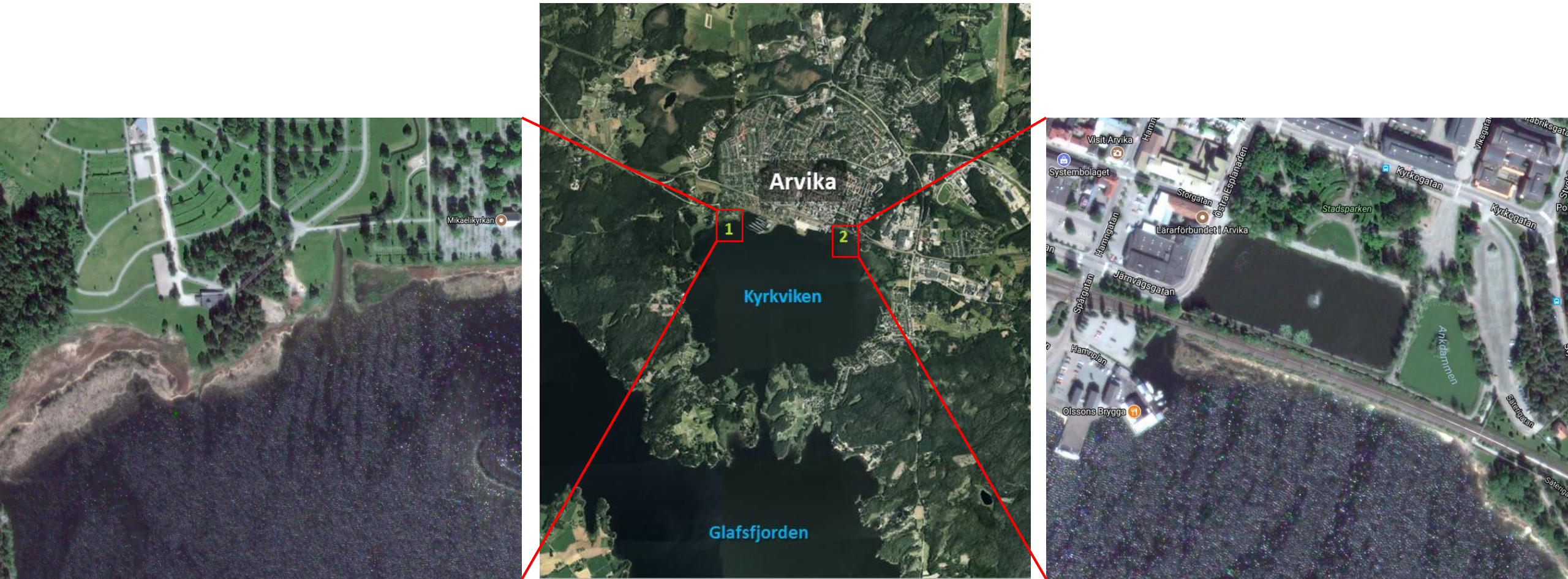


← Screen basin

← Floating wetland



# Description of the CATCH pilot - Locations



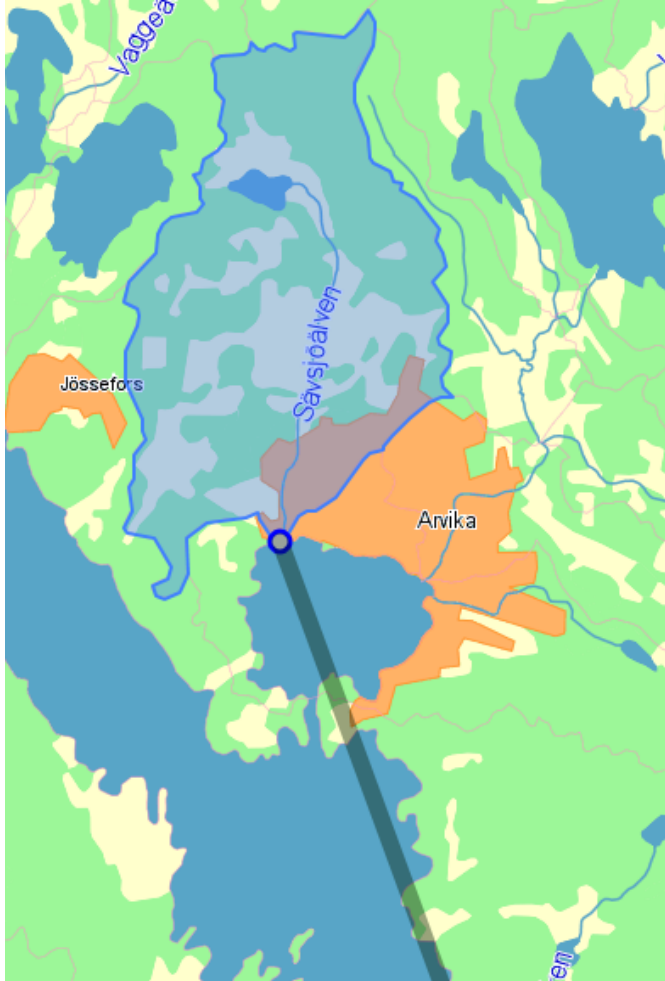


# Location 1: Outlet of Sävsjökanalen





# Location 1: Outlet of Sävsjökanalen



## Sävsjökanalen

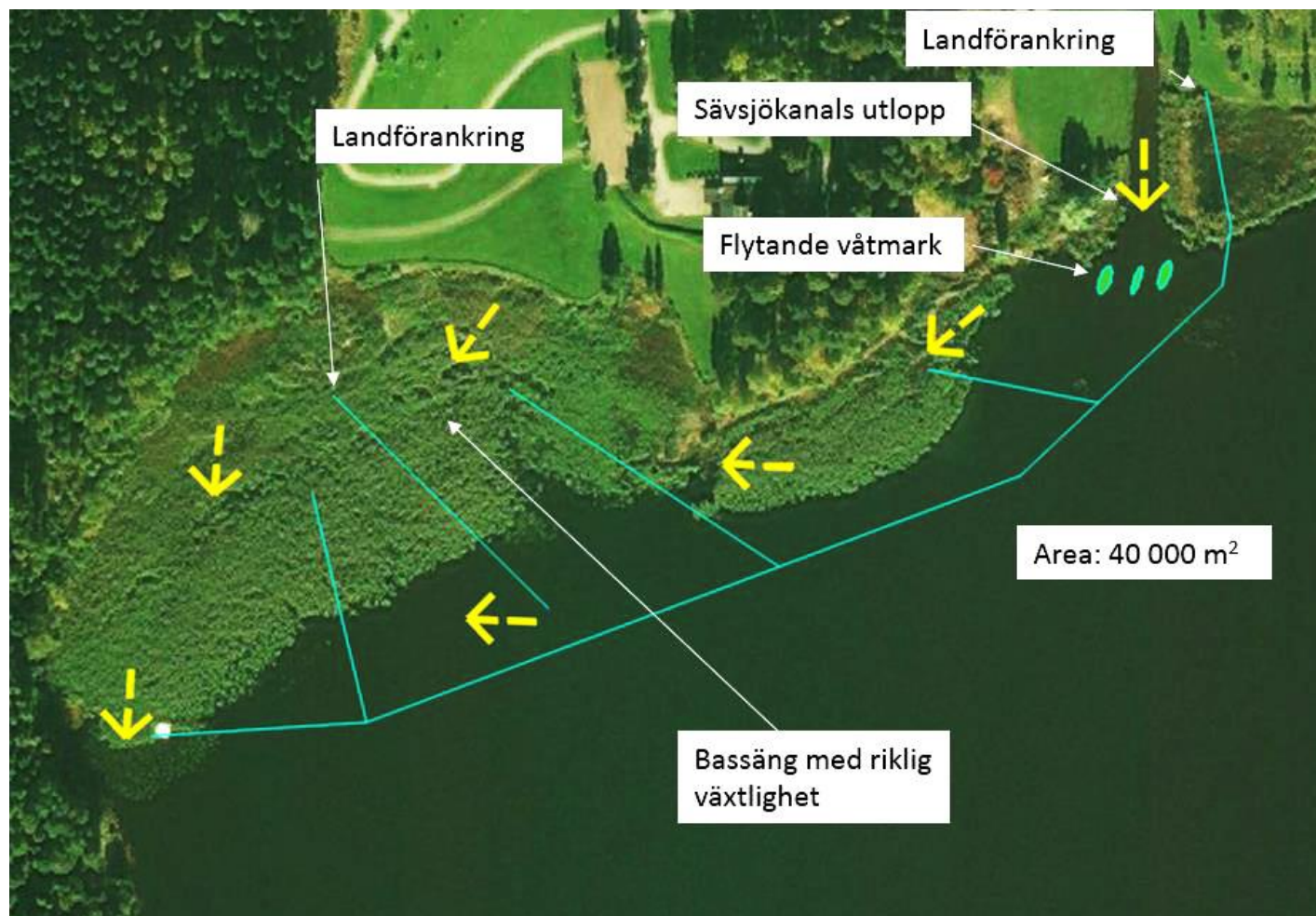
- Watershed: 3 000 ha
- Average annual discharge: 360 L/s
- Water level variation: 3,5 m

## Kyrkviken

- Phosphorous load from Sävsjökanalen:
  - ca 580 kg P/year
- Total phosphorous load:
  - ca 3 000 kg P/year



# Location 1: Outlet of Sävsjökanalen



Källa: WSP, 2018

## Dimension

- Area: 40 000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Residence time: 2 days
- Reduction effect: 50-60 %

## Yearly phosphorous reduction

- Ca 320 kg P/year

## Yearly reduction of total phosphorous load to Kyrkviken

- Ca 10 %



# Results Outlet of Sävsjökanalen

**Interreg**  
North Sea Region  
**CATCH**

European Regional Development Fund



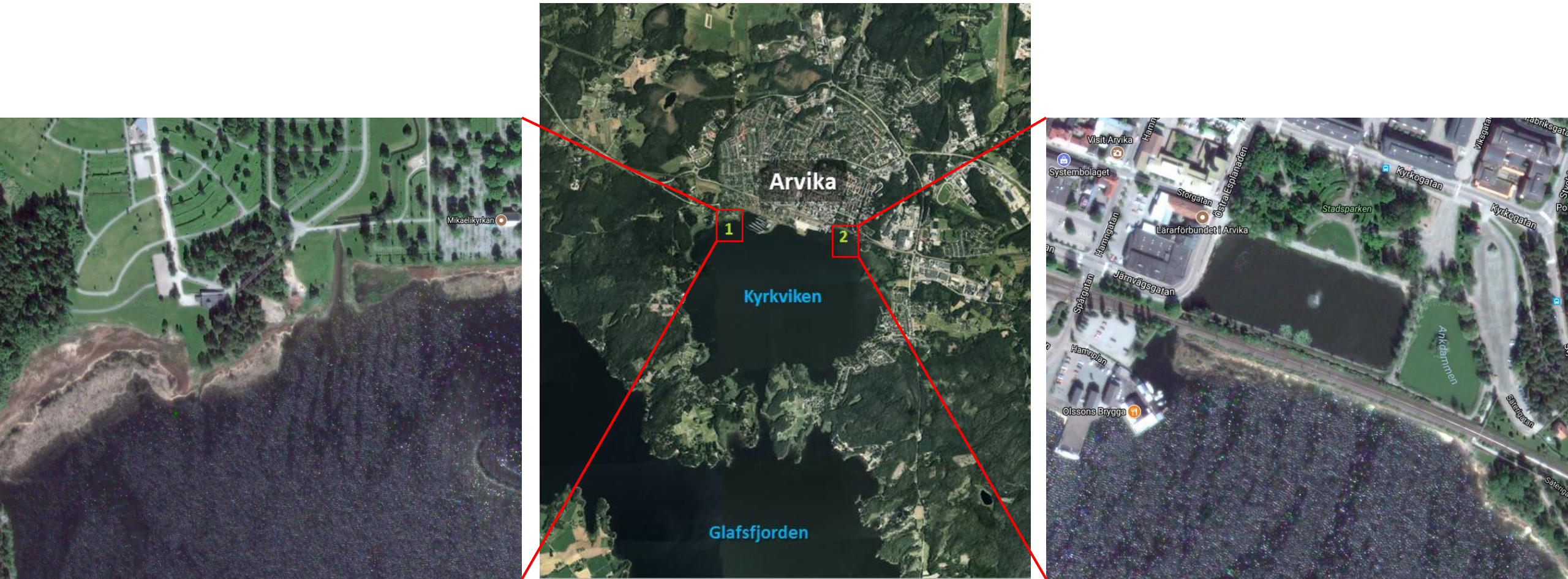
EUROPEAN UNION



TeknikiVäst

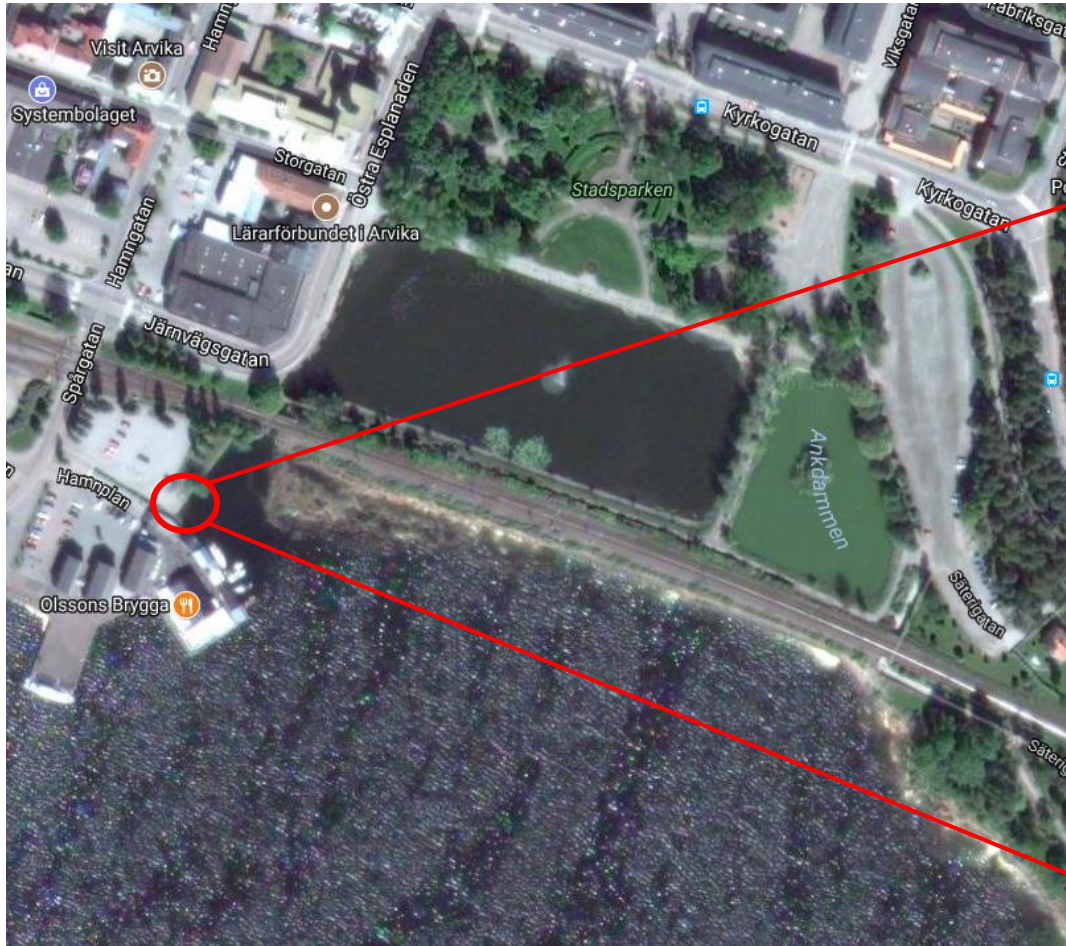


# Description of the CATCH pilot - Locations



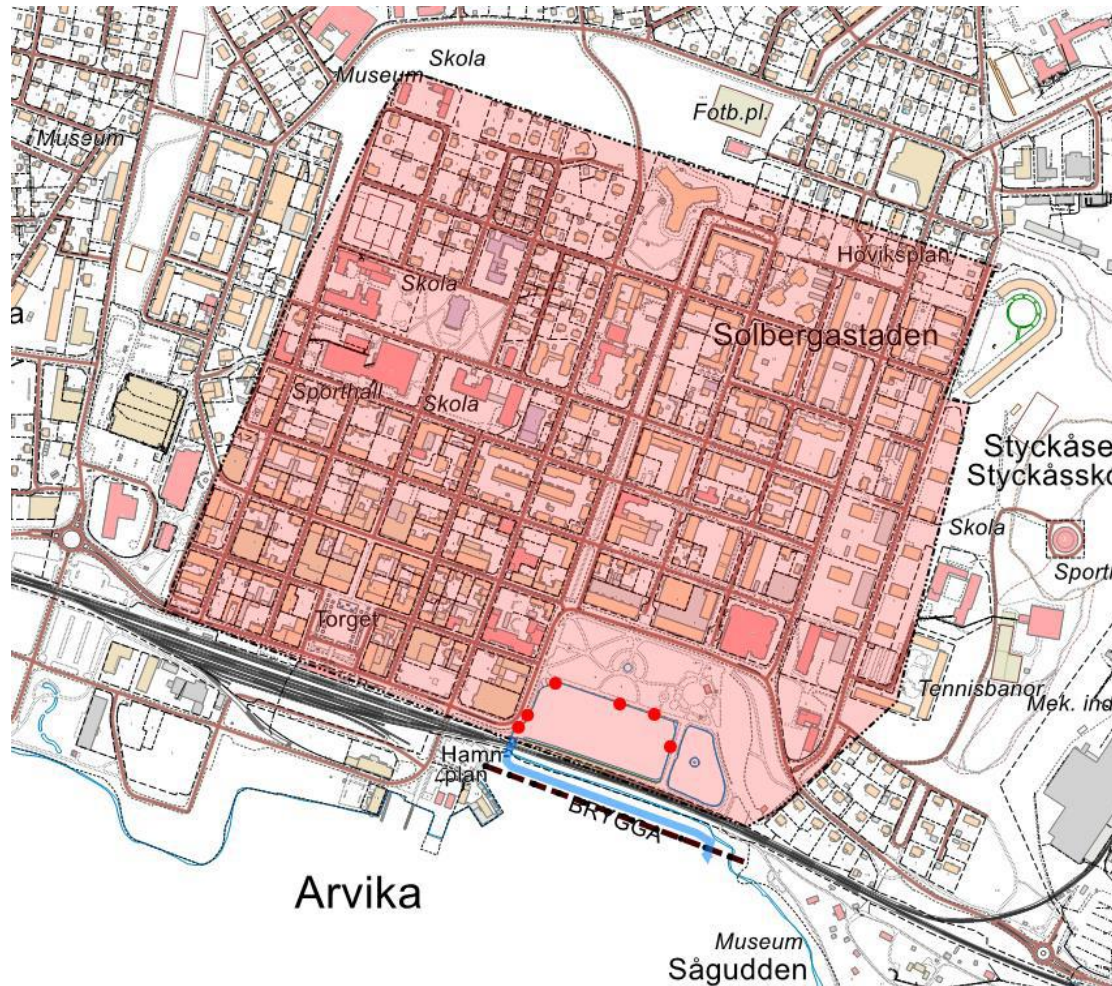


# Location 2: Outlet of Kattviken





# Location 2: Outlet of Kattviken



## Kattviken

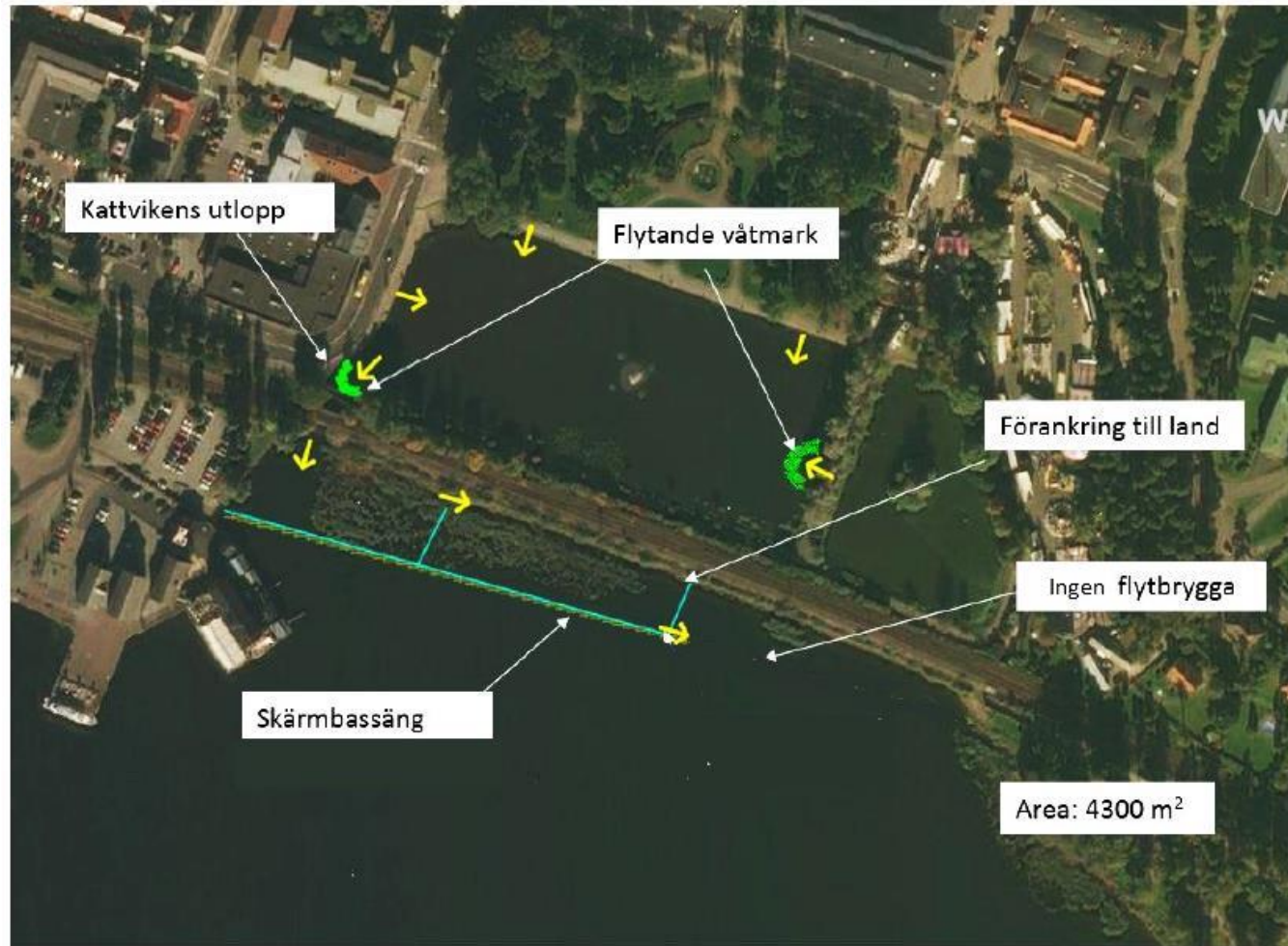
- Watershed: 71 ha
- Storm water outlet: 5 st
- Outlet from city park pond
- Average annual discharge: 7,41 L/s
- Water level variation: 3,5 m

## Kyrkviken

- Phosphorous load from Kattviken:
  - ca 110 kg P/year
- Total phosphorous load:
  - ca 3 000 kg P/year



# Location 2: Outlet of Kattviken



Källa: WSP, 2018

## Dimension

- Area: 4 300 m<sup>2</sup>
- Residence time: 5 days
- Reduction effect: 50-60 %

## Yearly phosphorous reduction

- Ca 60 kg P/year

## Yearly reduction of total phosphorous load to Kyrkviken

- Ca 2 %



# Results Outlet of Kattviken





# Lessons learnt

## **Screen basins**

- Permit and procurement procedure is time consuming
- Take water level variations into account

## **Floating wetlands**

- Make sure the location is protected from high water velocity and waves







**Interreg**  
North Sea Region  
**CATCH**

European Regional Development Fund



EUROPEAN UNION

Thank you!  
Questions?



TeknikiVäst