

SVEZIA Norrköping «Delta X»

SLY is a Swedish word. It rhymes with forestry, meaning young trees without economic value. SLY is brushwood; sprouts filling in wherever land is not kept. SLY is whatever grows when you're not looking. SLY is the first stage of a forest. SLY moves in slow motion but is an ever-altering state.

Any path may lead from a to b, but within a city this is perhaps its least important role. The delta principle is about spreading all flows so that they feed a larger area. The street system is manifold, increasing and branching by every turn, like a delta. Three SLY axes cut through the area. Existing streets, walkways and paths are connected to form a new network allowing all kinds of traffic. Everything else is divided into hundreds of new lots put up for sale, lease or rent. Unused property will be overgrown with SLY and gradually turn to forest.

The object is to alter the way we think about land, question the automatic value of aiming for a finished state and encourage non-developers to make their mark on the city. It is an attempt at widening the field and fertilizing the unexpected. The main product is growth in citizen presence.

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