





Regional Council of Häme – At Your Service

The regional council of Häme develops the region and supervises regional interest both in Finland and globally.

The council also maintains the summer university of Häme.

The regional council of Häme is a service organization that participates in democratic decision-making. It gathers and processes different regional development perspectives, and evaluates their implementation feasibility.

The council works in close co-operation with municipalities, state officials and businesses as well other development partners.

The members of the council are municipalities around the Forssa, Hämeenlinna and Riihimäki area.





Häme Programme – “Words Are Deeds”

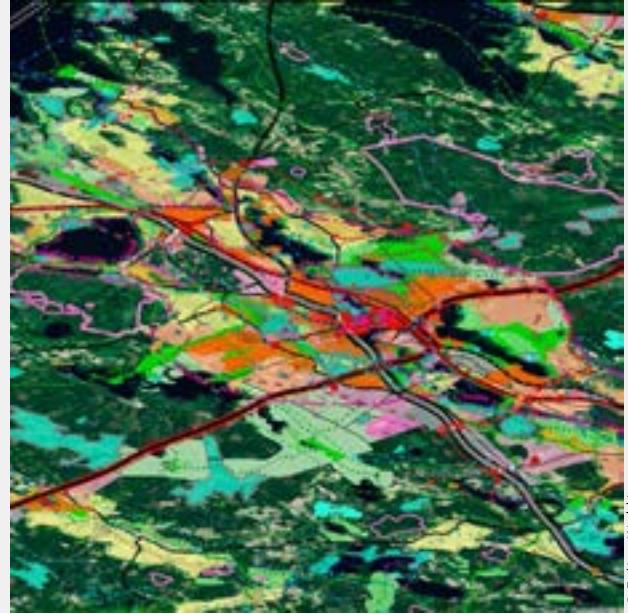
The Häme programme is a strategic programme shaping the future of the region. It includes a regional strategic plan and a regional development programme. The aim of the programme is to show the direction into which the region will be developed and to gather resources so that various themes and ideas can be implemented.

The region will be developed so that *“people can and want to work and live in Häme”*. Sustainable success of the region is achieved through intelligent and specialized choices.

Through joint discussions, the following were chosen as key components of the Häme programme: growth corridors and accessibility, housing and well-being, bioeconomy and a sustainable use of natural resources, possibilities within the manufacturing industry as well as international linkages and attractiveness.

The Häme programme will be implemented. The aim is to create development entities that are large enough and have enough impact. In order to be able to implement these, municipalities, regions, regional networks, state, the European Union as well as enterprises need to contribute with resources.





Regional Land Use Plan

General planning and land use planning paves the way for a good environment. One of the most important tasks of planning is to co-ordinate different perspectives and aims. The regional land use plan is a relatively general, long-term outline of how the land will be used in the region or in different parts of it. Land use planning is a part of regional planning. The council of Häme is responsible for drawing up a regional land use plan, keeping it up-to-date, and monitoring and developing the plan. The regional land use plan will include principles for spatial development and infrastructure. Furthermore, it will identify key areas for the development of the region.

The regional land use plan steers planning in member municipalities as well as other planning concerning land use and spatial development.

The land use plan develops the polycentric regional and urban structure of the region in a sustainable and long-term manner. The plan enables to implement the measures set forth in the Häme programme and guarantees a functional traffic system.





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EU and International Contacts

The aim is to develop Häme into a sustainable and competitive region, fully integrated to Europe. The aim of the EU programmes is to develop local competence, competitiveness and employment. The international dimension is encouraged in co-operation with municipalities, regions, schools and competence centres. This, in turn, enhances competitiveness, well-being and quality of life in the region.

The EU office in Brussels lobbies for all regional stakeholders, assists in making connections and raises awareness of the region in Brussels.

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A night scene featuring a large, multi-story building with a prominent, brightly lit section. The building's lights are reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground. The sky is a deep, dark blue, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet. The reflection of the building and the lights in the water is very clear, creating a symmetrical effect.

*On mulle Suomi suloisin,
Vaan Häme siitä kallehin.
Sen tuskin tiedän vertaista,
Niin kaunista, niin herttaista,
Kuin kulta Hämeenmaa.*

Song of the people of Häme, J.H. Erkkö





Age-old Vitality and Genuine Culture

Häme is one of the nine historical regions in Finland. The province of Häme is centrally located amid the largest city centres of Finland. The Helsinki metropolitan region is only an hour by car from Häme. The positive aspects of city life are combined with unique scenery and peace and quiet. The region values good housing, education, entrepreneurship and a versatile cultural life.

In the past few years, Häme has been one of the most successful regions in Finland. The region has a total area of 5 700 square kilometres and more than 175 000 inhabitants.

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Forssa Region

Sensible environmental decisions and top-notch industry

The Forssa region makes sensible environmental decisions and works towards environmentally-friendly and sustainable development. The region is recognized for its versatile competence as well as its research and educational organizations. People in the region live comfortably in the middle of the breathtakingly beautiful

Häme close to good transport connections. The region has a variety of housing forms – all from detached houses to horse farms. Forssa boasts high-quality municipal and private services. Everything is easily reachable – forget about traffic jams and stress!

The Forssa region: Forssa, Humppila, Jokioinen, Tammela, Ypäjä

Sibelius





Hämeenlinna Region

A blend of history and future

In the Hämeenlinna region, the positive aspects of city life are combined with peace and quiet. The region has worked especially for improving housing, education and entrepreneurial and cultural competence. The municipalities provide access to a range of work and education opportunities,

but at the same time you are only an hour away from the largest cities in Southern Finland. This provides good commuting possibilities. In addition, the birthplace of our national composer Sibelius is a wonderful tourist attraction and a great place for tasty, locally produced food.

The Hämeenlinna region: Hattula, Hämeenlinna, Janakkala





Riihimäki Region

Just a short hop from the capital

The Riihimäki region is growing and attracting more and more inhabitants and companies from the capital region. The region offers a range of different housing options and beautiful nature in a logistically excellent location – just a half hour away from the capital region.

Municipal and commercial services, schools and nurseries are never far away, and the prices of sites are considerably lower than in the capital region. Enjoy a high quality of living, but work wherever suits you best – smooth and simple!

The Riihimäki Region: Hausjärvi, Loppi, Riihimäki





Häme Recreation Area Association

Häme recreation area association promotes and develops recreational programs and activities in the region, and protects the characteristics of the local nature and landscape. The association administers altogether 18 recreational areas which are free for all visitors and tourists to use all year around.

The Häme Lynx Trail (Hämeen Ilvesreitti) combines the most important hiking trails and recreational areas in the area. It stretches over a distance of about 250 kilometres. Hiking along the different trails offers a great opportunity to enjoy

the beautiful scenery in the lake district of Häme as well as the cultural heritage of the region.

The association maintains a map service for nature tourism and produces a recreation map for the lake district of Häme. The association is also responsible for coordinating the maintenance and upkeep of recreational areas and The Häme Lynx Trail.

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The Summer University of Häme

The summer university of Häme is maintained by the council of Häme and the municipalities that own the summer university. The main office of the summer university is located in Hämeenlinna. Education is offered all year round, also in Riihimäki and Forssa.

One of the university's most important missions is to review and promote the competence of local residents. The university provides high-quality education and expertise, such as open university tuition, vocational continuing education and language courses.

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