

The comprehensive plan for Gävle is needed to help with long-term spatial planning to promote a sustainable living environment for today's society and for future generations. Climate change poses big challenges for water and sewage services and housing close to water.

## Description

- Spatial planning is the municipality's responsibility. Comprehensive plans provide a longterm guideline.
- The steering group is the preparatory committee for land development, environment and planning under the Executive committee.
- The working group to develop the plan is comprised by officials from many departments and municipally owned companies.
- The officials participated in several project activities to develop their understanding and skills.

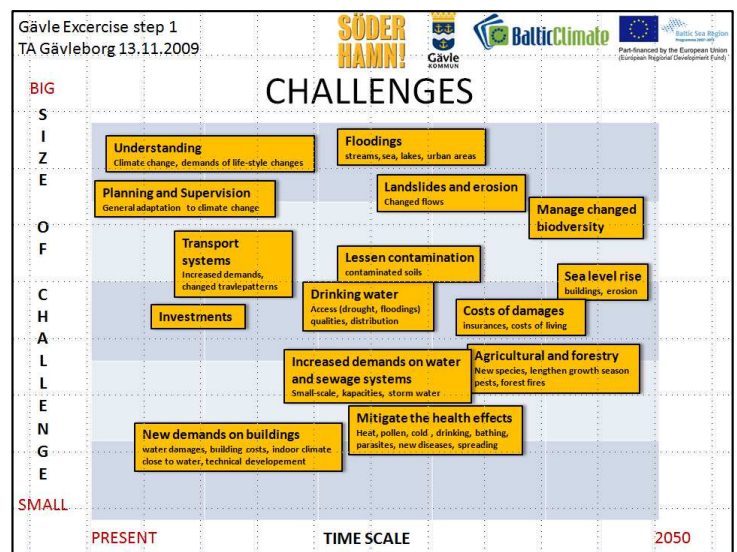


Figure 1. Challenges for spatial planning – a result of the Vulnerability Assessment exercise performed in the comprehensive plan's working group

## Main conclusions

1. The comprehensive plan will address challenges and chances resulting from climate change as an integrated part in spatial planning and sustainable development.
2. The Vulnerability Assessment exercises provided a valuable input and placed the climate change issues firmly in the program.
3. Political statements were developed along with the program for the comprehensive plan. Among the 98 statements guiding the work, 13 related to adaptation or mitigation to climate change.
4. The regional and local risk analysis of flooding from lakes, rivers and sea provided vital input to the program. The studies are also used in detailed planning and the processing of building permits in risk areas due to changes in precipitation and run-offs.

**Responsibility:** The Management Office, Gävle Municipality

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