**Suggested online sources for background information on Vuosaari**

**To help our research through embodied, collective, imagining. From Eeva Berglund**

**for Lucy Davis’ course**

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I’ll talk about four thematic areas (not in equal measure) that kind of map onto geographical areas. Nobody needs to look into these resources before we meet, but you may find them handy and inspiring. They are a mix of English and Finnish websites.

## A forest – planning struggle in Meri-Rastila

<http://promerirastila.blogspot.com/> - a Finnish-language blog maintained by long-term activists living in Meri-Rastila and engaged in various local campaigns. <https://uusiark.wordpress.com/2012/11/03/alternative-master-plan-exhibition-in-laituri/> is from 2012, about proposals for an Alternative Master Plan. It was coordinated by [OURCity](https://meidankaupunki.wordpress.com/), work that was partly supported by funds for Helsinki as World Design Capital that year. (For readers of Helsingin Sanomat, the site was featured again on 19.1.2120, https://www.hs.fi/kaupunki/art-2000007749057.html)

## **Buildings & the original sweat equity pioneers**

I won’t dwell on this, Eero did such a fabulous job. Some planning history here though: <https://jukkah-koti.mbnet.fi/vuosaari_historia.html>. It’s an overview of Vuosaari history. In Finnish, starting with the housing savers (Asuntosäästäjät).

## **Migration & the harbour**

How global looks “on the ground”, if you like. The Port of Helsinki website has lots of information, e.g. <https://www.portofhelsinki.fi/en/development-vuosaari-harbour> on the construction. There was controversy about building such a big facility. This YLE news item from 2004 is in English: <https://yle.fi/uutiset/3-5125035>. This from 2002 is in Finnish: <https://yle.fi/uutiset/3-5743471>.

## **Infrastructure – connecting stuff, or disconnecting and trying to make it disappear**

The landfill is fascinating, and I find its location by the harbour inspires all kinds of thinking. In English and in Finnish on the city’s website: <https://vihreatsylit.fi/en/vuosaarenhuippu/> (follow the links).

## **And in case you’re interested, about where I’m coming from (my personal blog)**

<https://eevabee.wordpress.com/2017/04/28/walking-the-city-so-many-different-ways/>

## **Finally, a handy map.**

<https://kaupunginosat.fi/vuosaari/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/02/Kotikaupunkipolku_Kartta_IT%C3%84_printteriin.jpg>