



# VENTSPILS AMATNIEKU SQUARE



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Written statement, short description of the project in English, no more than 250 words

This project is a proposal for the development of Amatnieku square which is located in the historical center of Ventspils city. Ventspils is one of the biggest cities of Latvia, located on the coast of the Baltic Sea and is named after the river that flows through the city - River Venta.

Historical heritage and water bodies are very important elements for the city. Nowadays municipalities tend to forget about our heritage and history and how important it is for our nation. Currently, this territory has become a green transit road, but unfortunately, it looks abandoned and it's not aesthetically pleasing. I propose to create a pleasant place where people can meet, have recreational time and learn something new about the city they live in. The area would serve as a more enjoyable green transit road.

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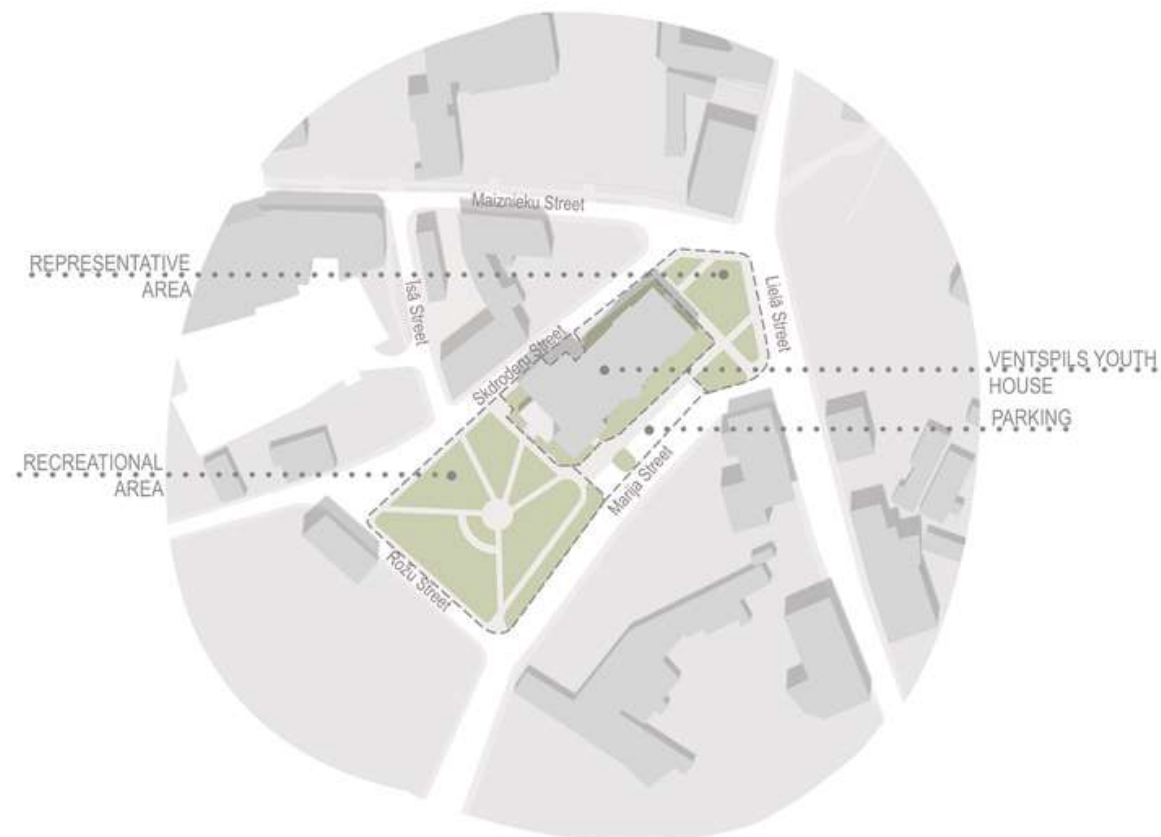
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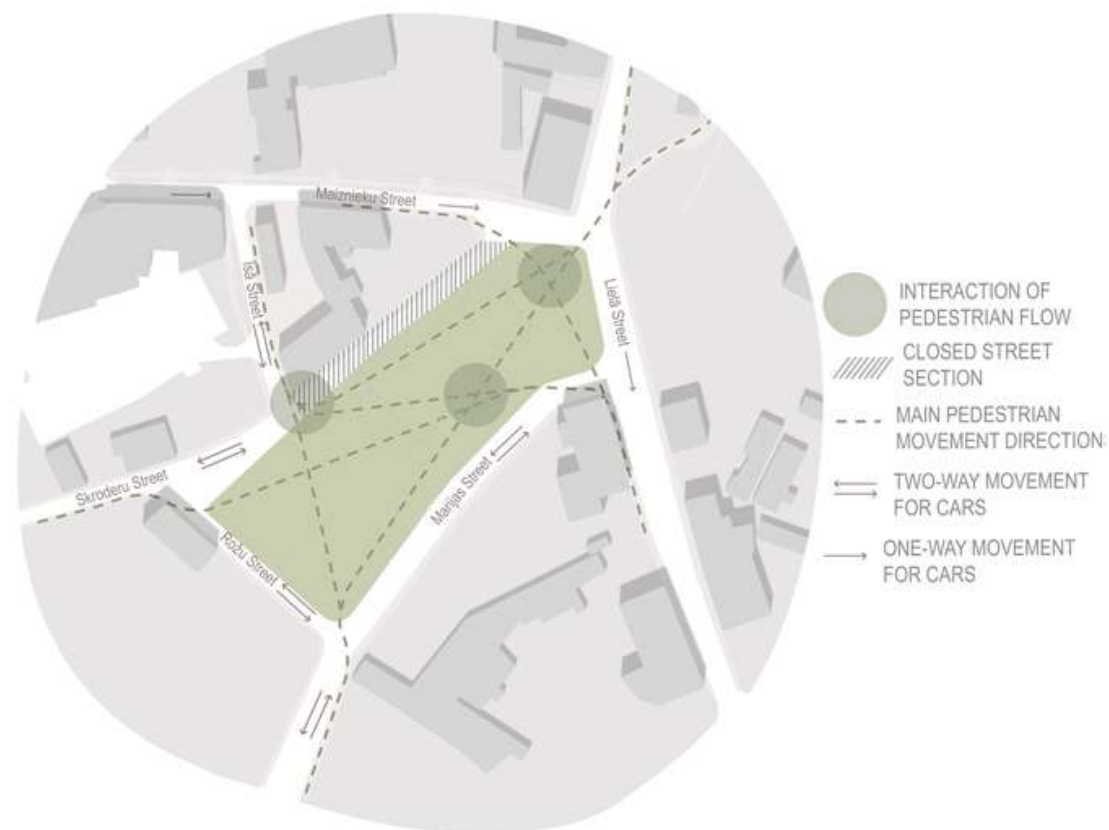
GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF PROJECT AREA IN THE CITY



CURRENT ZONING



ABSTRACT PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT



CURRENT SITUATION

View to degraded areas. The existing deciduous trees improve the view but not fully.



In the summer season, the cafe places its terrace. It's placed very close to the buildings and pedestrian pathways leaving no personal space for pedestrians and cafe visitors.



The existing building (Ventspils Youth house) is blocking the view and not blending in with the historical center's architecture. Right now the building is not in use.

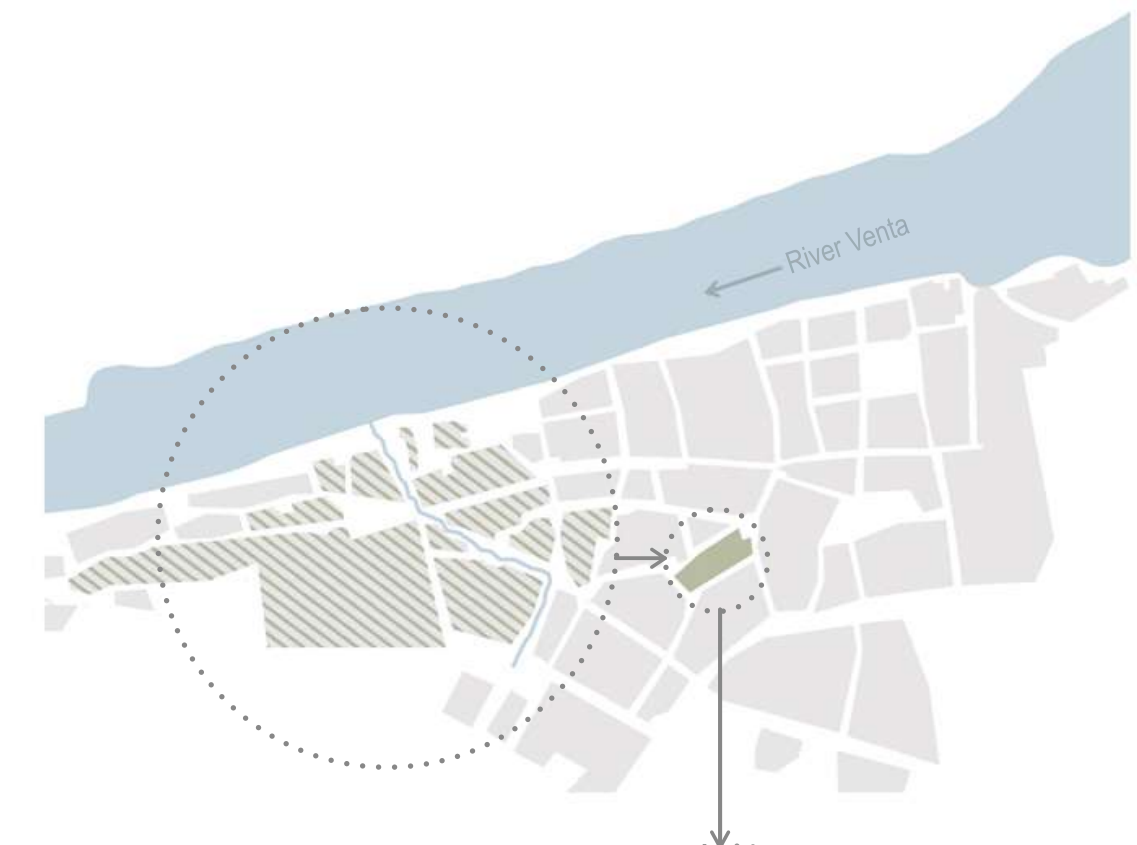


CONCEPT

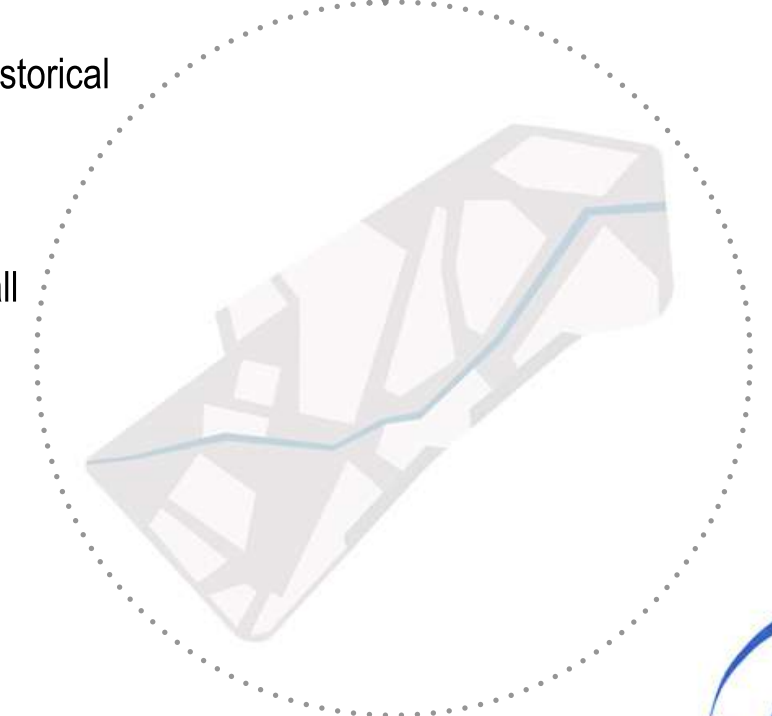


As mentioned before historical heritage and water bodies are a big role in this city. In the 19th century, there wasn't only River Venta, but also a smaller river - a left-hand tributary of the Lower River Venta. The city evolved from this smaller river and the Castle of the Livonian Orden was built (Ventspils Castle).

The goal for this project was to incorporate the small River Venta and adjoining areas in the territory. Another important task was to combine and find a balance between modern and historical elements.



Map of Ventspils historical center in the 19th century. Street structures and small river incorporation into the territory.



GENERAL PLAN



Through the whole territory flows silhouette of the small river. It is not a water feature, but a shockproof glass with LED lights which serves as decorative lighting in the night time.



Historically this city and especially this area was never with intensive green structure. But there are many deciduous and conifer trees in the current situation. Two of them are protected. As all of them are valuable, it is foreseen to keep all the trees.

Keeping that in mind, the biggest percentage of pavement is hard pavement. To keep all the trees they are put in tree grilles and to prevent water accumulation on the hard pavement there is a designed linear drainage water collection system. At the start of every drainage grid, there are graved historical city street names. The background of the drainage grid is a historical street structure of Ventspils city.

LEGEND

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|  | Entrance into the building |  | Granite cobblestone          |  | Designed bench                   |
|  | Existing deciduous tree    |  | Concrete cobblestone         |  | Designed multifunctional element |
|  | Existing conifer tree      |  | Wooden terrace               |  | Tree grille                      |
|  | Designed deciduous tree    |  | Decorative lighting          |  | Bicycle racks                    |
|  | Eliminated elements        |  | Linear drainage              |  |                                  |
|  | Lawn                       |  | Designed shrubs              |  |                                  |
|  | Concrete plates            |  | Designed perennial plantings |  |                                  |

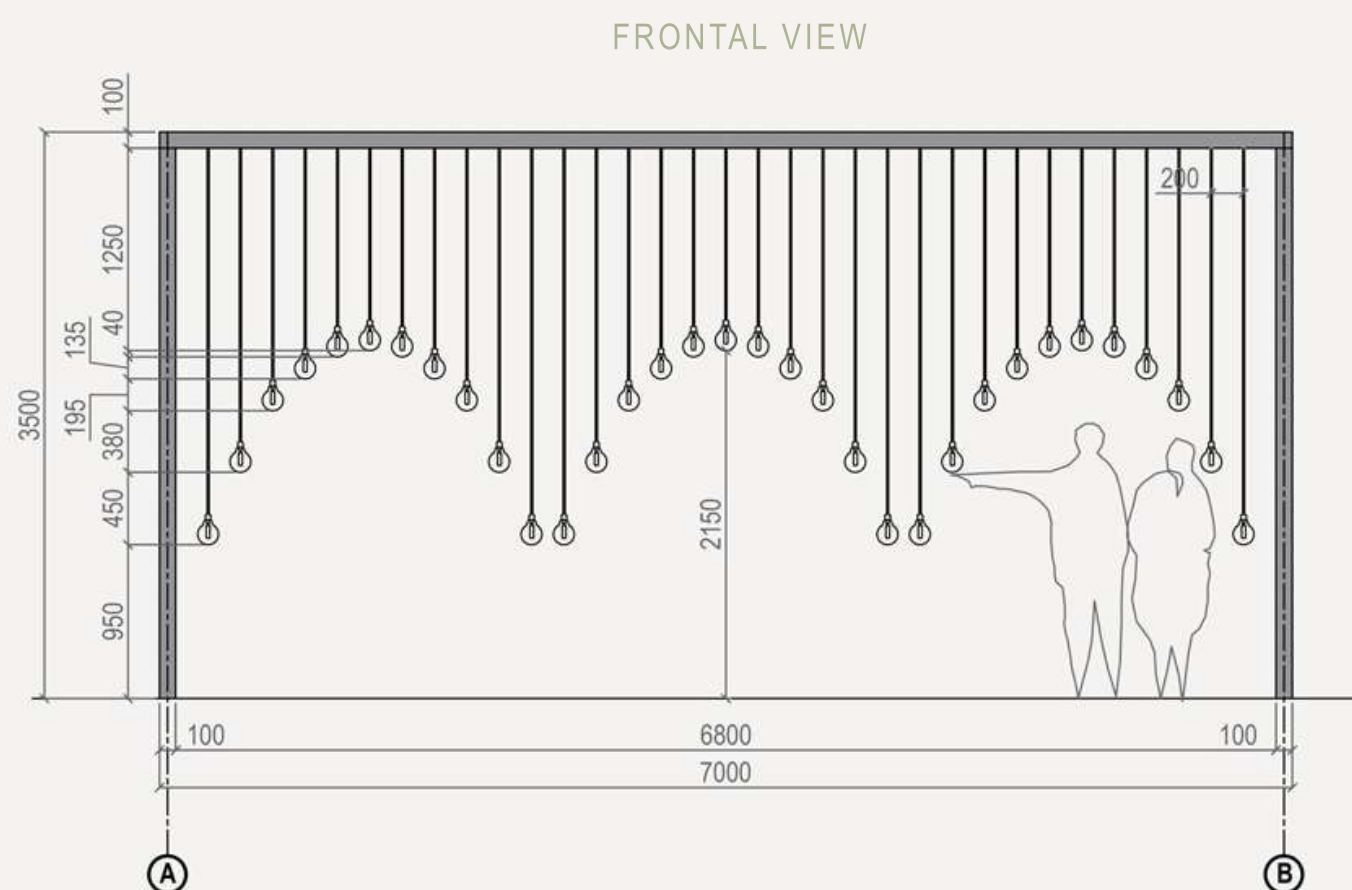
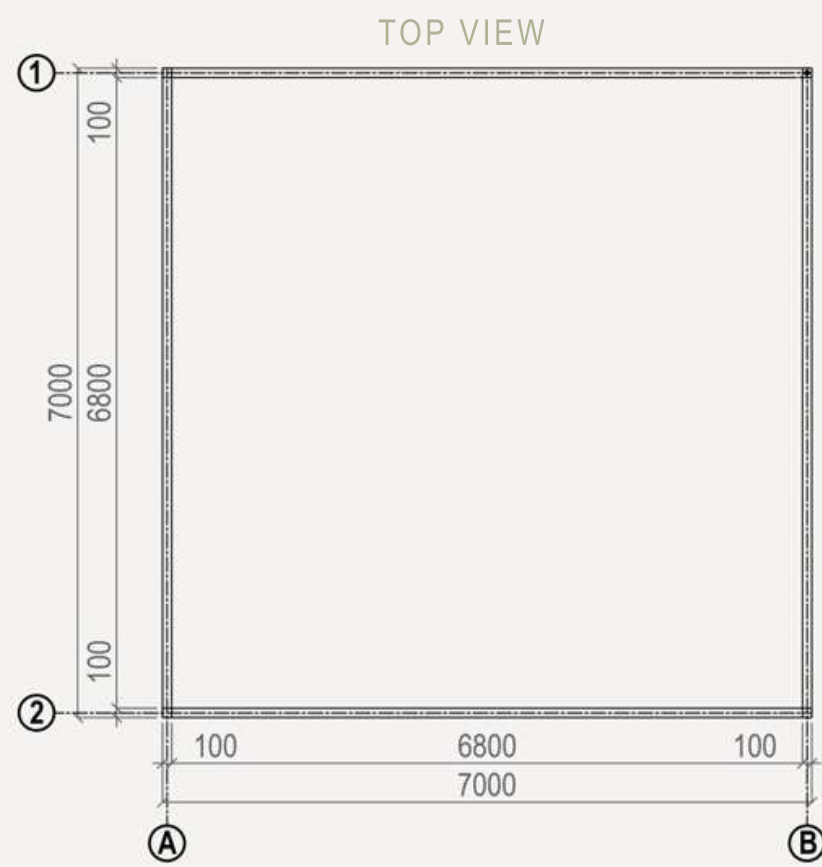
EXPLANATION

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| <b>1.</b> | Cafe terrace                            |
| <b>2.</b> | Parking                                 |
| <b>3.</b> | Environmental object / sculpture "Pils" |
| <b>4.</b> | Private house                           |
| <b>5.</b> | Multistory apartment building           |
| <b>6.</b> | Cafe "Skroderkrogs"                     |

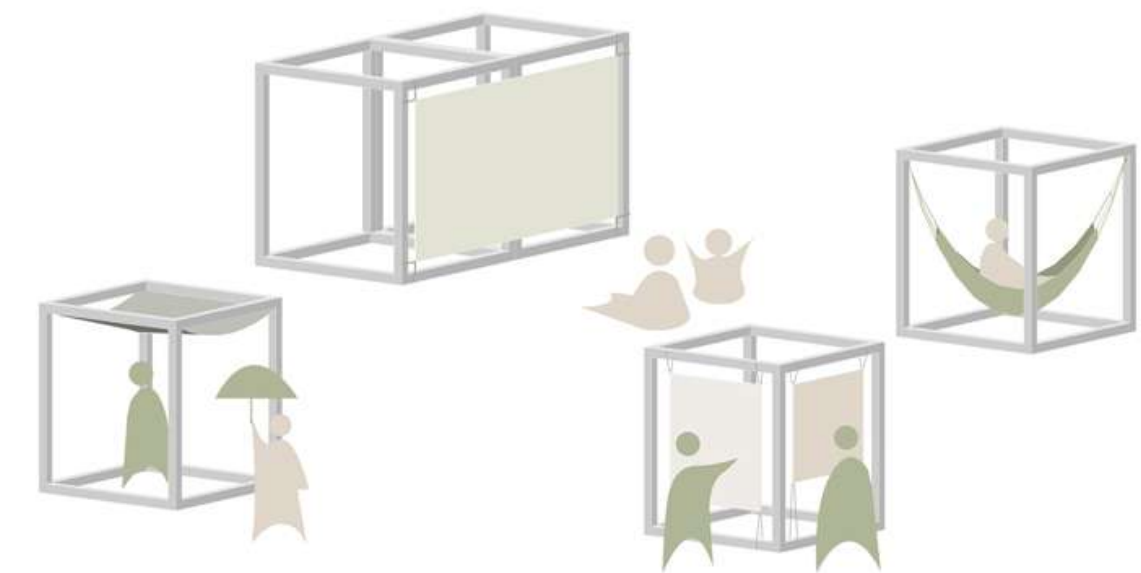




This environmental object / sculpture represents the courtyard of the Castle of the Livonian Order (Ventspils Castle). The light bulbs represent the arcs of Ventspils Castle courtyard. It is not only a sculpture that attracts people's attention but also serves as decorative lighting at the night time. Benches are placed around the object for people to sit and observe it.



GATHERING AREA IN WINTER SEASON



These elements are placed at the gathering area. They can be used in many different ways - you can use them as a shelter for markets, art gallery stands, as hammock stand and outdoor cinema.

GATHERING AREA IN SUMMER SEASON

