



**The Water Protection Association of the River Vantaa and Helsinki Region** operates in the catchment area of the River Vantaa. The non-profit association was founded in 1963.

The Association is a member of the Federation of Finnish Water Protection Associations whose members comprise 11 regional water protection associations, [www.vesiensuojelu.fi](http://www.vesiensuojelu.fi)

Our association employs eight experts in areas of limnology, microbiology, geography, hydrogeology and fishery.



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*We protect the*  
**waters**  
*in the River*  
**Vantaa area**



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# This is how we work

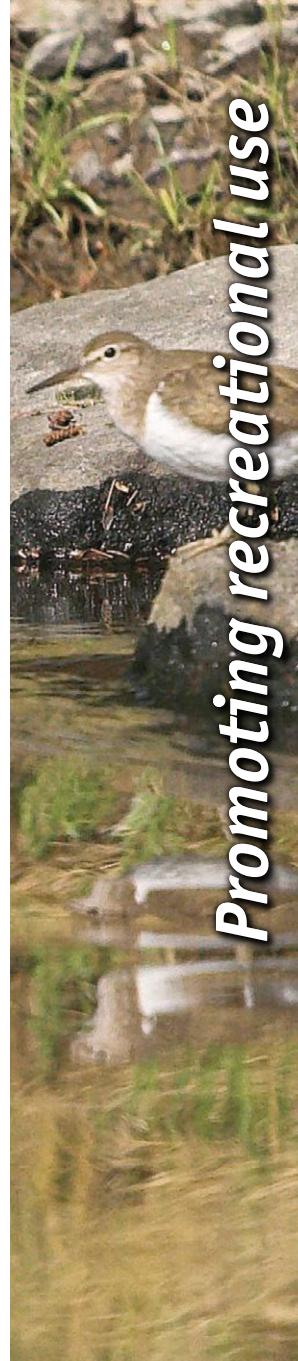
- **The River Vantaa** is the closest river system to a million inhabitants in the most densely populated area of Finland. The 100-kilometre long river bed flows into the Gulf of Finland in Helsinki.
- The Water Protection Association of the River Vantaa and Helsinki Region **monitors the water quality, biota and the operation of waste water treatment plants** in the catchment area of the River Vantaa. Monitoring is conducted objectively at a river basin scale for different activities requiring environmental permits.
- Groundwater is used extensively in the production of water for human consumption. Construction and many other activities in the capital region's groundwater areas jeopardise the quantity and quality of groundwater. The Water Protection Association offers **expertise on monitoring the groundwater quality, the identification of risks and the planning of risk management measures**.
- The Water Protection Association has employees who are **certified on sampling water, soil and solid waste** as well as on environmental measurement and observation.



## -Collaboration on Research and water protection

## Guidance and education

- **We work together** with universities, research institutes, water treatment plants, municipalities and environmental authorities on **research and development projects** that focus on:
  - the prevention of agricultural loading in fields and on farms
  - urban storm waters and accidental spills
  - efficient treatment of waste water
  - the effects of water body restoration projects
- The association coordinates several **groups of experts** whose objective is to promote collaboration on water protection and use.
- We **report** the results of our work in publications and on our website [www.vantaanjoki.fi](http://www.vantaanjoki.fi)
- We provide **assistance** for choosing environmentally friendly and easy-to-manage **on-site waste water treatment practices** in rural areas.
- We provide **training and advice** on the various topics of water protection.
- The Water Protection Association offers children and youth environmental information and guidance on discovering **treasures in the nearby water bodies**.



## Promoting recreational use

- The Association's River Warden guides and **controls fishing permits, restores the breeding areas of fish** in order to secure the growth of the river's trout stock and **maintains nature trails and canoeing routes**. Our collaboration partners are regional environmental authorities, municipalities and cities, fishing waters and regional fisheries' boards as well as canoeing associations and recreational fishermen.
- **Canoeing routes, fishing spots, beaches and nature trails** can be found in our brochures *Virkisty Vantaanjoella (Recreation by the River Vantaa)* and *Virkisty Keravanjoella (Recreation by the River Kerava)*. Places of easy access to the shore and the nearest parking areas are marked on the canoeing maps. Additionally, canoe rental places as well as the cafés and restaurants along the river are marked on the maps.
- More information about the rivers, lakes and ponds in the River Vantaa catchment area can be found on our website [www.vantaanjoki.fi](http://www.vantaanjoki.fi) and on a national level at [www.jarviwiki.fi](http://www.jarviwiki.fi)

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