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Karhunkangas residential area



Sippola Kouvola

31 Sippola medical centre

Silmuntie 11
service building
Keijo Ström, 1952



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32 Main gate and fence of garrison

Pääportinkatu /
Kasarminkatu
construction
Alvar Aalto, 1925

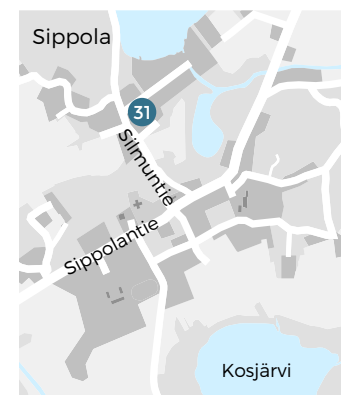


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33 Residential building

Kuusikkotie 7
residential building
Elsa Aalto, 1955



Alvar Aalto in Kouvola

The River Kymijoki and the wood-processing industry associated with it have played an important role in the creation of cultural environments and architectural sites in Kouvola. Roads and railways have been built to Kouvola to support the operation of industrial production plants in the region. The industrial communities that emerged include not only actual industrial facilities but also homogeneous residential areas and functions such as churches, schools and medical services that serve the workers and other residents.

The wood-processing industry in Anjala and Inkeroinen originated from Ankkapurha, in other words the large rapids. The Inkeroinen groundwood plant (originally Ingero's trädsliperi bolag) was built on the Lohisaari island of the river in 1872. The plant was the first facility in Kymenlaakso to produce groundwood.

The wooden mill that produced tissue paper and newsprint burnt down in 1881, and the rebuilt board mill started in 1887. A new board mill was completed next to the old one in 1965. The old board mill now houses the Ankkapurha Industrial Museum, which features, among other things, the first continuous board machine in Finland, purchased for Inkeroinen in 1897. There are two hydroelectric power plants in the Ankkapurha rapids. The biggest hydroelectric power plant of its time was completed on the Inkeroinen side of the river in 1919-1922.

Towards the end of the 1930s, Tampella Oy established the Anjala Paper Mill in Inkeroinen, located north of the earlier mills. Alvar Aalto, the architect who had designed the Sunila mill area, was commissioned to do the design work. The design work began with the construction plan for the Inkeroinen mill site. That plan served as the basis of the plans for the mill, warehouse and production buildings of the paper mill itself and also for the conversion plans for the residential and office buildings in the Tehtaanmäki area. One of the items that has survived to the present day of the general plan is the Karhunkangas residential area, which was designed in 1938 for a total of 70 detached houses. Nine different Puutalo Oy's house types, a public sauna and laundry building, a co-operative shop and a pump station designed by Alvar Aalto were built in the area. These were built by the building department of the mill in 1938-1941. They were assigned to the workers of the mill against the cost of materials.

Alvar Aalto architects' office not only designed several industrial buildings for Inkeroinen but also items such as the Tehtaanmäki school, a teachers' residence, new residential buildings for mill workers, foremen and engineers, and medical buildings in Inkeroinen and Sippola. Not all of the buildings designed by the office for Inkeroinen were actually built, and many were later demolished or converted beyond recognition. The Anjala Paper Mill was refurbished and its production facilities were expanded in the 1980s.

The Tampella mill was acquired by Stora Enso in 1993. Stora Enso's Anjalankoski mills now consist of the Inkeroinen Board Mill and Anjala Paper Mill. The mills and the industrial community around them constitute a valuable built cultural environment where the architecture of Alvar Aalto, the most prominent Finnish architect of all times, is intensely present.



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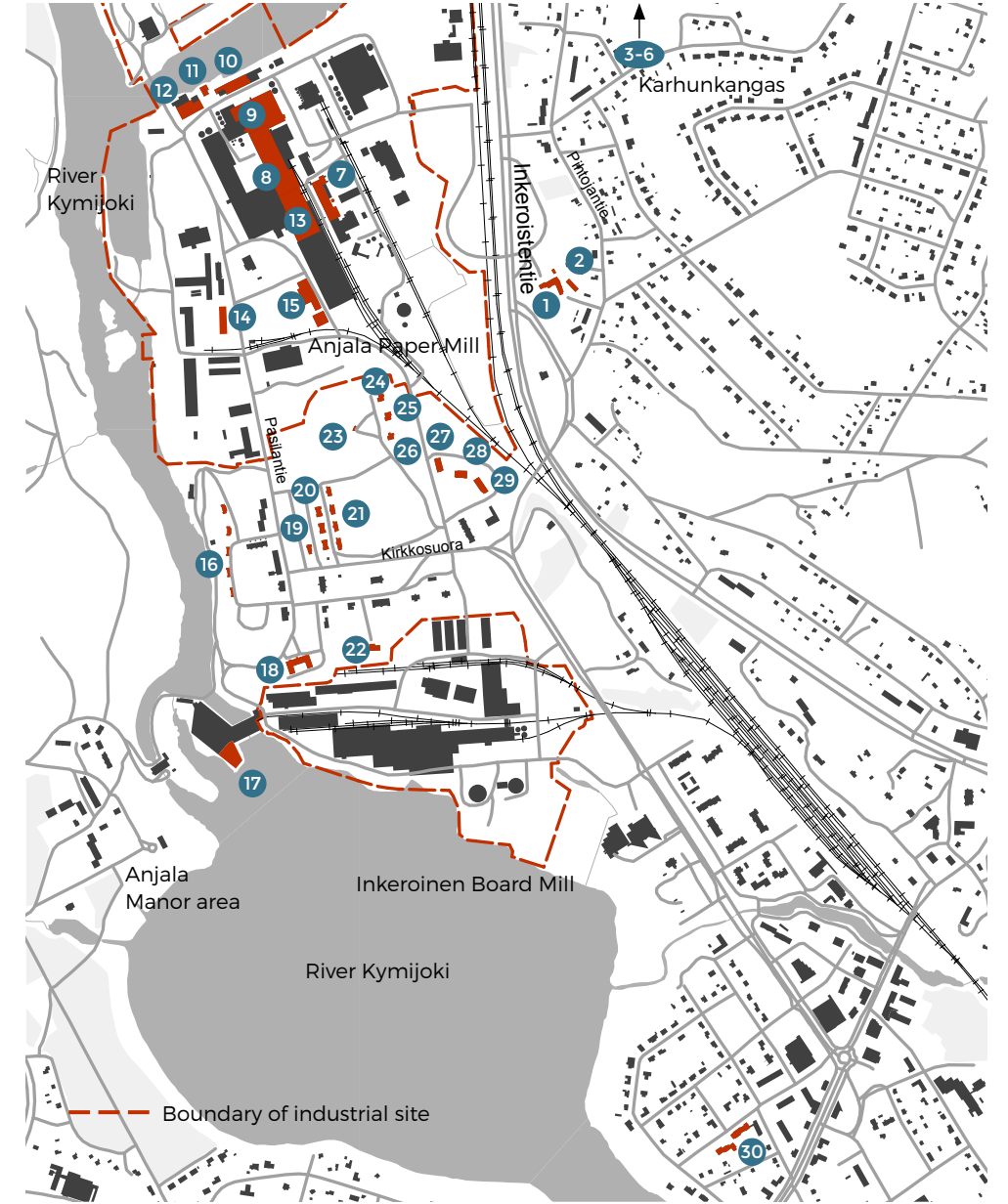
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Alvar Aalto attractions





Alvar Aalto attractions Inkeroinen



1 Tehtaanmäki school
Pihtojantie 8
school
Alvar Aalto, 1938-39

7 Steam power plant
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1958



2 Teachers' residence
Pihtojantie 8
residential building
Alvar Aalto, 1939

**8 Machine hall of
Anjala Paper Mill**
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1937-1938



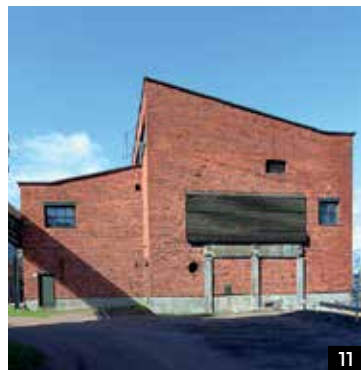
3 Co-operative shop
Okansuora 7
residential building
Alvar Aalto, 1947

**9 Greenwood plant
(mechanical and
electrical repair
workshop)**
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1938



**4 Sauna building of
residential area**
Okansuora 9
residential building
Alvar Aalto, 1950

10 Water treatment plant
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1960



**5 Karhunkangas
residential area**
Okansuora 15
residential buildings
55 buildings
Alvar Aalto, 1945

**11 Cutting department of
debarking plant**
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1954

6 Water station
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1950

12 Former debarking plant
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1954



**13 Finishing department
and warehouse of
Anjala Paper Mill**
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1937-1938



**14 Sawmill drying plant
and office**
Pasilantie
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1947



**15 Semi-chemical pulp
plant**
Paperitie
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1952



16 Mestariinija / Rantalinja
Rantalinja 4,6,8,10,12
5 residential buildings
Alvar Aalto, 1938



**17 Old board mill office
and staff facilities**
Ensontie 1
industrial building
Alvar Aalto, 1938-39



18 Central office
Pasilantie 1
office building
1879
modification work
and shelters
Alvar Aalto, 1939



19 Punainen linja (Red line)
Keltalinja 2 / Reunalinja 1
residential building
1907
modification work
Alvar Aalto
1953

20 Keltalinja (Yellow line)
Keltalinja 1-6
3 residential buildings
1909
modification work
Alvar Aalto,
1945

21 Tervalinja
Tervalinja 1,3,5
4 residential buildings
Alvar Aalto, 1937-38

**22 Forestry office /
Majurinmäki**
Koivulinja 4
office building
Birger Federley, 1913
complete modification
work
Alvar Aalto, 1946

23 Garage
Mäntyrinne 7
garage and warehouse
building
Alvar Aalto, 1937-38



**24 Rinnetalo II
(Slope house II)**
Mäntyrinne 5
residential building
Alvar Aalto, 1938



25 Mäntylä
Mäntyrinne 3
residential building
Alvar Aalto, 1938



**26 Rinnetalo I
(Slope house I)**
Mäntyrinne 1
residential building
Alvar Aalto, 1938



**27 Clerical employees'
apartment building A**
Aravatie 6
residential building
Keijo Ström, 1952

**28 Clerical employees'
apartment building B**
Aravatie 4
residential building
Keijo Ström, 1952

**29 Clerical employees'
apartment building C**
Aravatie 2
residential building
Keijo Ström, 1956

30 Inkeroinen health station
Lauttatie 8
medical building
Keijo Ström, 1950

