Our common future in a unique environment



The values that make Northern Bohuslän attractive to year round residents, part year residents and visitors are identified in the project as the following:

- **Nature and landscape**. Clean air and water, the sea, sun, large unspoiled areas and the hills mergence with the sea.
- Accessibility to nature and the sea. The right to roam and protection of open coastline.
- **Cultural historical values.** From bronze age settlements and rock carvings to fishing and seaside bathing culture.
- Lively coastal communities. Building tradition, fishing culture, local and small scale, safe, connected, active business culture.

What kind of Bohuslän do we want our children to inherit?



Northern Bohuslän has many different faces. The Sea with its rocky shores and authentic coastal communities converging with the calm inland lakes, forests and farming landscapes.

Even here there exists competition for land and water resources. Some areas are subject to substantial pressure for development. The goal is sustainable development, which relies on dealing with the conflict of interest between development and conservation. In other parts there exists many untapped opportunities. It is therefore essential that the five municipalities in Northern Bohuslän are able to look after their rich natural and cultural heritage.

For this reason, the municipalities – Lysekil, Munkedal, Sotenäs, Strömstad and Tanum have joined forces in order to collectively build a new approach for ensuring that Northern Bohuslän paves the way towards a long-term sustainable development.



The coastal zone management and rural development project aims to develop tools for collaborating across the five municipalities as well as regional and governmental authorities. These tools aim to connect issues relevant to Northern Bohuslän to comprehensive planning and development strategies as well as current enviro-political topics. By doing this, an overview is gained for use in long-term planning based on sustainable development.

The project goals are to:

- Create a common plan /strategy to manage land-use with an emphasis on the coastal zone
- Develop tools and systems for working across municipality borders and other interest groups

When the project comes to an end at the beginning of 2010, a structural overview of Northern Bohuslän will have been generated, which will serve as an "umbrella", for guiding collaborative municipal planning. The structural overview will assist in planning for a Northern Bohuslän we want to see in the future.

The project is led by a steering group consisting of chairmen, vicechairmen and managers from the five municipalities. The ongoing work is headed by a project working group. Various teams define and analyse specific issues within the scope of the project.

You can follow the project Coastal Zone Management and Rural Development in Northern Bohuslän at www.tillvaxtbohuslan.se. For more information about the project feel free to contact politicians or staff in your municipality or the project management.

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