



The Mattila Square Concept shown above was one focus of the waterfront development plan. This area was designed to be a community gathering spot which could be utilized year round for outdoor concerts to ice skating.

UPEA was retained by the City of Houghton to do a Downtown & Waterfront Development Plan. The plan incorporated the entire commercial district and its northern waterfront. UPEA's task was to examine parking, traffic patterns, pedestrian comfort and amenities, facade and building improvements, maintenance, signage, zoning, scenic views, floating docks, lighting, land use, building use, and development opportunities, among other factors. The plan also incorporated a multi-seasonal approach.

The Mattila Square Concept shown above focuses on one area of the project. The redesigned site will serve as a central gathering place for the citizens year-round. Summer concerts and winter ice skating can be accommodated. The area will also allow for much needed parking and water access.