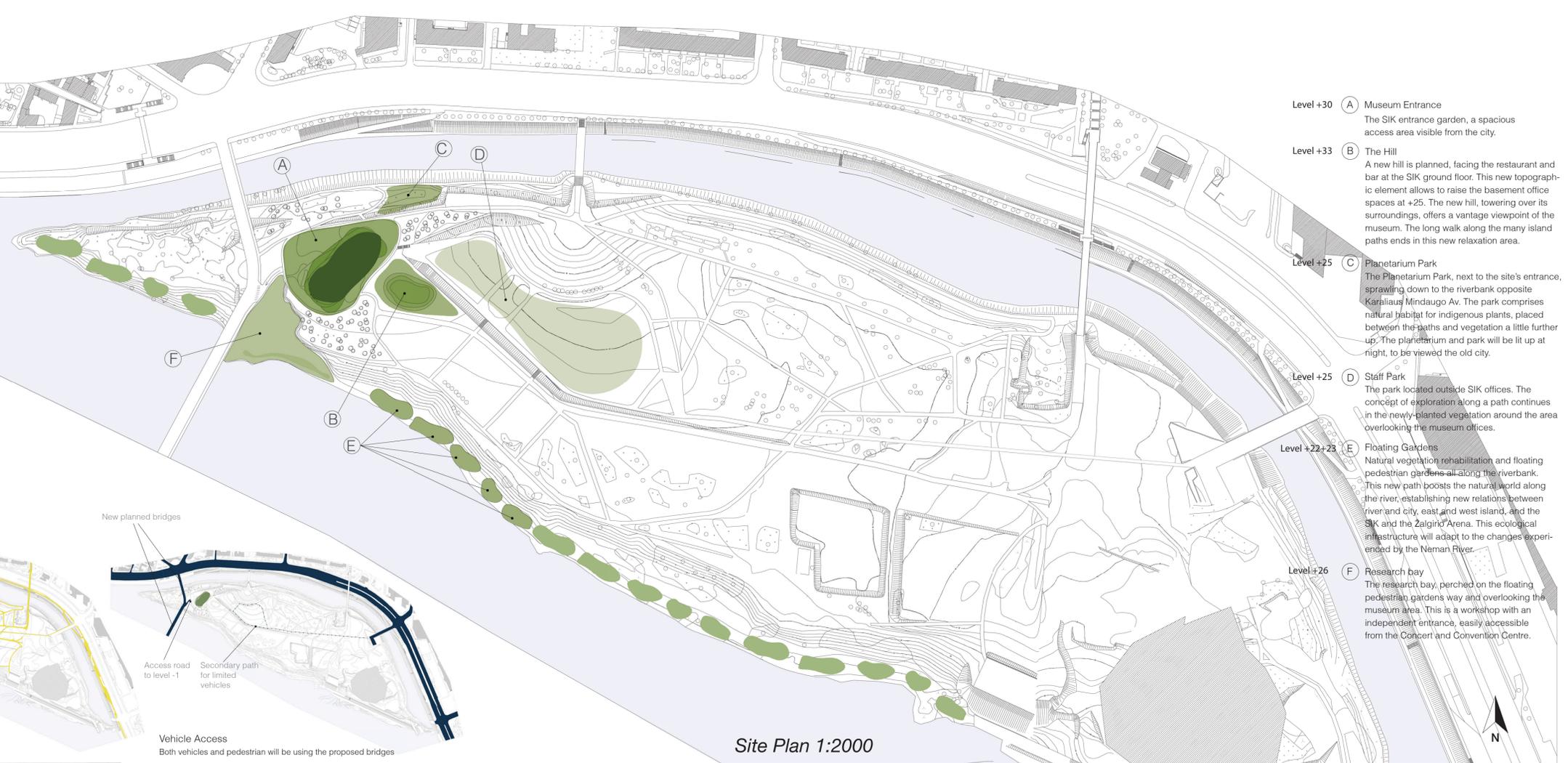


SCIENCE ISLAND KAUNAS

The SIK is an extrapolated geology, a *mille-feuille*, comprising suspended layers taken from the landscape of Nemunas Island. The museum towers over the island, facing the furthest peak of its west side.

The choice of this area for the museum complex draws on our wish to maintain the island as a pristine natural habitat. On the ground, SIK makes for a visually unpredictable landing point, capturing the eye by surprise from all corners, like the prow of a ship; a magnetic pole where the island's trails and east-west paths all converge. The urban idea unfolding in this part of the city, in the wake of this new museum area, is to establish a new connection to the land, physical and emotional alike, facilitated by fine-tuned urban features.

Two road bridges are planned on the west side of the SIK, accommodated by the area's development plan, featuring independent cycling and pedestrian lanes, to connect the old city with the island, river and future Concert and Convention Centre in Aleksotas. This arterial road will fork into a route dedicated to the museum, leading to the side area near the main entrance and entering the building's basement. Smooth and quick, this vehicle access road will make for more manageable museum program logistics, while also catering for the disabled. Around this new centre of walkways, the museum takes shape with the transformed landscape.



- Level +30 (A) Museum Entrance
The SIK entrance garden, a spacious access area visible from the city.
- Level +33 (B) The Hill
A new hill is planned, facing the restaurant and bar at the SIK ground floor. This new topographic element allows to raise the basement office spaces at +25. The new hill, towering over its surroundings, offers a vantage viewpoint of the museum. The long walk along the many island paths ends in this new relaxation area.
- Level +25 (C) Planetarium Park
The Planetarium Park, next to the site's entrance, sprawling down to the riverbank opposite Karaliaus Mindaugo Av. The park comprises natural habitat for indigenous plants, placed between the paths and vegetation a little further up. The planetarium and park will be lit up at night, to be viewed the old city.
- Level +25 (D) Staff Park
The park located outside SIK offices. The concept of exploration along a path continues in the newly-planted vegetation around the area overlooking the museum offices.
- Level +22/+23 (E) Floating Gardens
Natural vegetation rehabilitation and floating pedestrian gardens all along the riverbank. This new path boosts the natural world along the river, establishing new relations between river and city, east and west island, and the SIK and the Žalgiris Arena. This ecological infrastructure will adapt to the changes experienced by the Neman River.
- Level +26 (F) Research bay
The research bay, perched on the floating pedestrian gardens way and overlooking the museum area. This is a workshop with an independent entrance, easily accessible from the Concert and Convention Centre.

