Ulleråker project

Daylight and Sun Study

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Shadow Range Analysis from sunrise to sunset on 21st of June for existing condition and new proposal.

Daylight Facts

Quality:

- Continuous spectral power distribution and excellent colour rendering

- Variation (CCT and intensity) through the day and seasons

- High light levels available, ...

Health:

- Circadian regulation, adjusting our body clock

- Human wellbeing, increased alertness, productivity and visual performance

- Importance of view and contact with outside world
 - Knowledge of weather and time of day
 - Relief from feelings of monotony or boredom
 - A change of visual focus
 - Satisfaction (home/job) and decreased intention to quit, ...

Energy:

- Daylight is a free source of energy
- Daylight is wireless

- Well-planned daylighting can significantly reduce energy consumption in electric lighting in a building, ...





Daylight Analysis Metrics

Here in this project, we did 3 types of daylight analyses. Each was done for a specific need. In the following we discuss them shortly. The first is **Sunlight Hours** analysis. Here we did 2 types of sunlight Hours analysis. The first type (see the pages 4-7) is based on considering the whole year sunny and check how many hours in a year (in comparison with 4380 daytime hours in a normal year) each point in the space can face direct sunlight. We did this analysis when we want to define where is the appropriate places for streets, parking lots, bicycle path, etc.



Temporal map that is based on daylight availability during the whole year. The X axis is based on each month starts from January until December. However Y axis is a 24 daily hours from midnight to midnight. The above image is a map for Stockholm. The yellowish part shows which part of year (from 4380 daylight hours) the selected point in the space can face direct sunlight

However the other type (see the pages 8-11) that we used here is doing Sunlight Hours study only for the time of a year that we feel comfortable temperature when we are outside. Such analysis based on UTCI calculation formula and it is based on the weather data from Arlanda airport weather station. Such weather data represents the prevailing conditions of the place and is created based on on-site measurement over a period of years. This analysis can help us to find where is the best place to sit, play or walk during those time of year that we enjoy to be outside.

The third and last analysis (see the pages 12-15) that we did here is the **Solar Radiation** analysis that is based on how much solar radiation is falling on a surface. The same as UTCI based Sunlight Hours study, this analysis is also based on weather data that is extracted from Arlanda station. Here in this project, we used this type of analysis to define the suitable green areas. Therefore, we used the whole year Solar Radiation to check where is the best place to grow trees, bushes or vegetables.





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By doing the aforesaid analysis (Annual Sunlight Hours, UTCI based Annual Sunlight Hours and Annual Solar Radiation analysis) and considering the following definitions, we categorize the outdoor areas as six different types of function that are illustrate in pages 17 and 22:

- To define the best places for pedestrian paths ("Pedestrian Path"), we choose those areas with more than 50% of all the sunlight hours show them with reddish color.

- To define a good place to sit ("Sitting Places"), we choose areas with more than 50% of all yearly hours that are categorized as "No Thermal Stress" (it means those hours that have comfortable temperature feeling in outside) in the UTCI scale. Such areas illustrated by yellowish color.

- Regarding the difference between pedestrian paths and sitting places, as any places that are categorized as a appropriate place to sit will be good to walk too, we make another category that is defined as "Sitting Places or Pedestrian Path" by intersecting the area between "Pedestrian Path" and "Sitting Places" that represent by orange color.

- To define a good place for "Green Areas", we choose areas with more than 400 kWh/m² per year and show it by greenish color. How ever we define another areas with a minimum yearly radiation access of 300 kWh/m² and name it "Possible to be as Green Area" and illustrate it by **dark greenish** color.

- Since most of the time, the area that are suitable to sit is an area that is good to grow trees and plants, we make a union between "Sitting Places" and "Green Area" and name it as "Sitting Places or Green Area". It is represented by light green color.

- All the areas that are not belonged to any of the above categories are classified as a place that are "Mostly in shadows" all year round. They presented by **bluish** color. Functions like streets or parking lots are suit well in these areas.

Since the areas that are suitable for sitting or pedestrian paths and places that are good to be define as green areas share a considerable proportion, we made two pages that one is based on an illustration that green areas are prioritized the other is where the pedestrian paths are prioritized.

Here it is also worth to say that to have a better conclusion about the function of each area in the space, we need to include other factors such as wind comfort analysis too.

