

Metropolitan  
Park of  
Pavlos  
Melas

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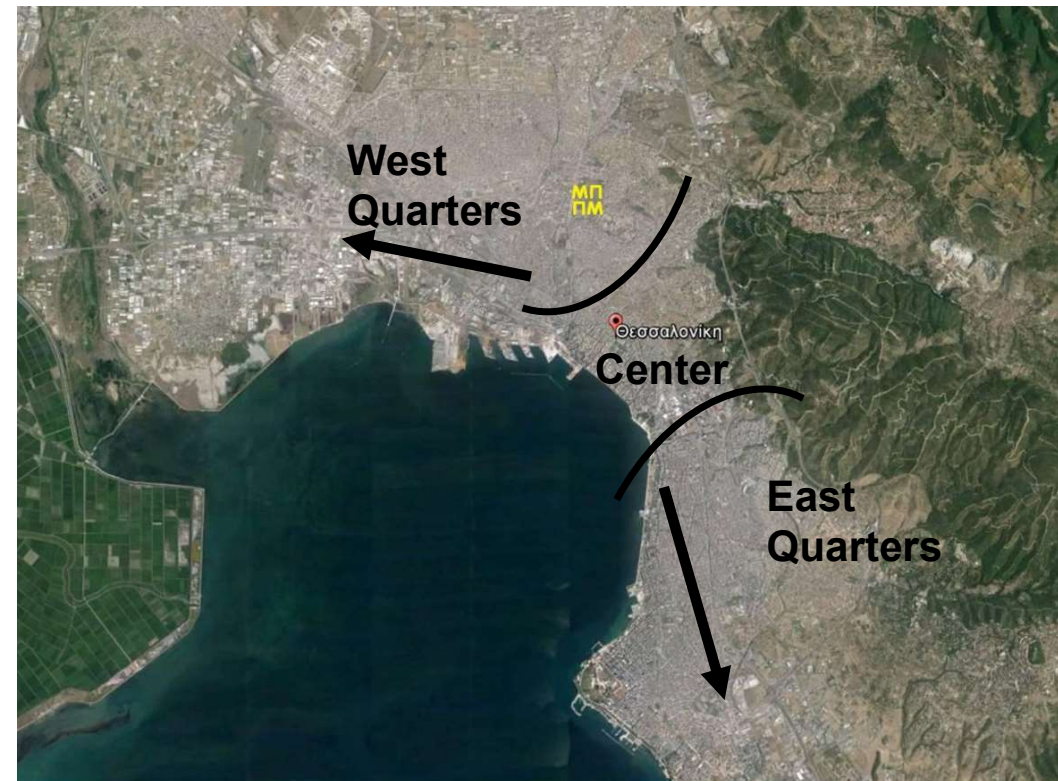


## Pavlos Melas

- is a municipality of North Greece
- is located at the north-west side of Thessaloniki
- is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest municipality in the metropolitan unit with a population of almost 100.000
- faces challenges in addressing issues of continuing poverty, air pollution, low percentage of green area (3.78 m<sup>2</sup>/inhabitant) and lack of opportunities for economic growth

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## Overview of Pavlos Melas Municipality



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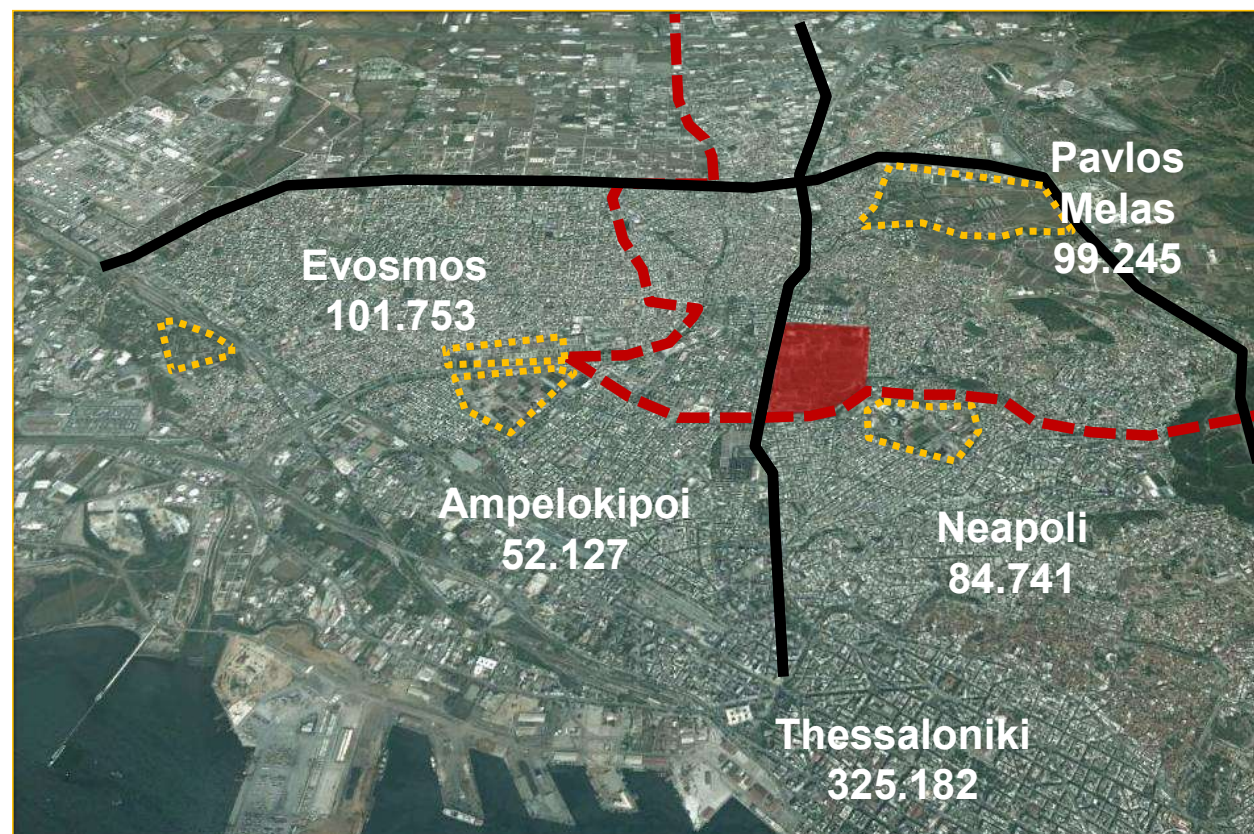
The absence of urban planning system and public housing policies during the 50's to 70's development period resulted in

a "spontaneous-arbitrary" built environment, without *public open and green space*.

**Pavlos Melas ex-camp** (red area) of 33 ha, with 300.000 people living around, is **the nature-based opportunity** for Pavlos Melas Municipality

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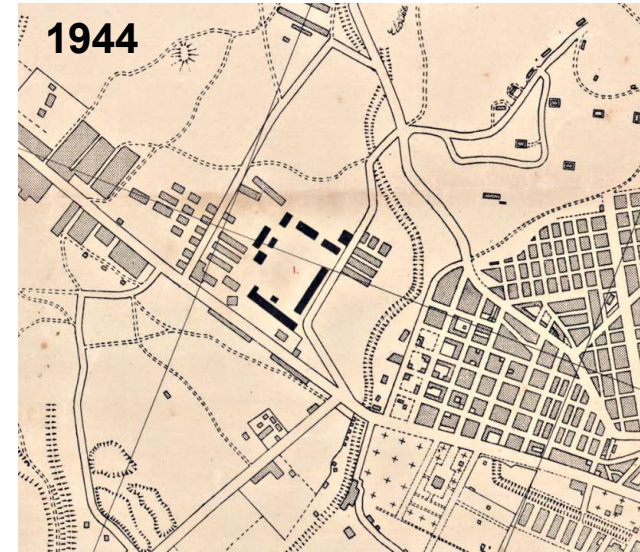
Pavlos Melas camp...

was established by the Turkish army at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century,

was used during the Nazi occupation as a concentration and execution camp, where many people lost their lives,

is a site very important to

***community memory and local identity***



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Used as a military site up to 2006  
when it was abandoned,  
nowadays the camp is an 'Urban Gap'  
contributing at the deprivation of the area.







## Strategic regeneration planning

In order to reverse the situation, the municipality focused on a **strategic regeneration planning** with increased dialogue and cooperation of key stakeholders.







## Pavlos Melas Municipality Nature-Based Solution Project

Our vision is...

*the transformation of a historic site into a multifunctional green space, public & open,  
a driving force for cohesion & well-being  
and a lever of development for the city*

*At the MPPM, guests relax, participate, have fun and come back...*



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Based on the Strategic Plan,  
the project will be  
implemented in **phases**

# PAVLOS MELAS METROPOLITAN PARK

**A STRATEGIC REGENERATION PLAN OF PAVLOS MELAS FORMER MILITARY CAMP  
IN A GREEN SPACE OF METROPOLITAN AREA**

**Municipality of Pavlos Melas**







## Pavlos Melas Municipality Nature-Based Solution Project

**Phase A (Open space development)** includes creation of auxiliary network infrastructure, soil rehabilitation, greening (planting of about 6000 plants), lighting, ...



*current configuration*



*after phase A implementation*

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## Phase A (Open space development)

... creation of walk and cycle paths, kiosks, ...



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... rest points,  
accessibility & security upgrading,  
etc.







## Where we are in the process

- 12M€ have been committed for **Phase A** from Regional Development Funds. The rest 6M€ will be Municipality's own contribution
- The **tendering procedure** for open space regeneration (phase A) is in progress
- **Next phases** include **further space reformation, restoration of buildings** and setting of **uses** on them (no additional buildings are going to be constructed in the area).

Except public uses (a new Town Hall, museums, environmental awareness & sustainability center, etc.), other uses that could attract private investment (sport & leisure, social/creative/nature-based economy, culture, etc.) could be foreseen for specific locations and for a limited number of buildings.

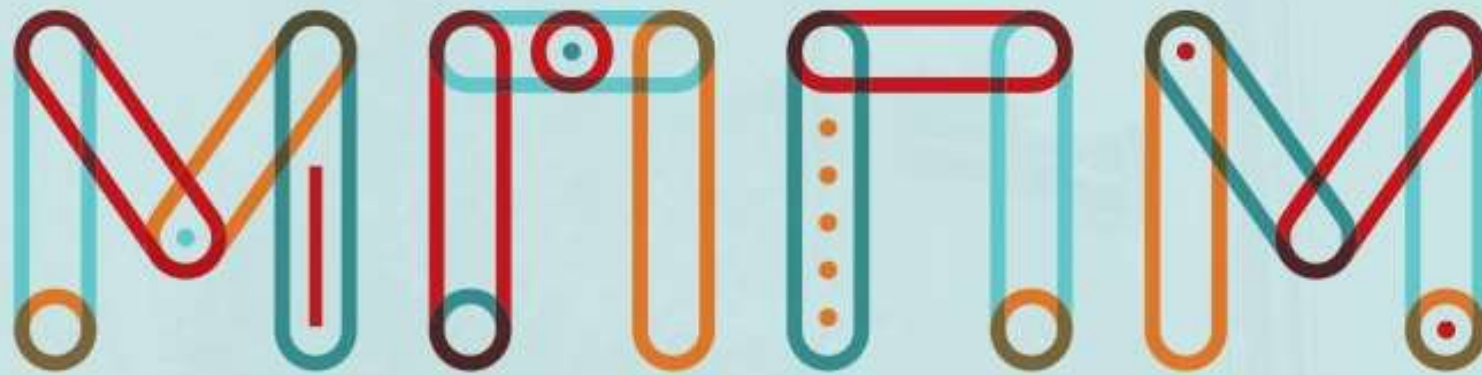
- The whole project is estimated to cost about 60M€
- **Funding leverage actions** are in progress

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## Barriers & Opportunities...

Considering the NBS scale, it is recognized that the intervention is a multi-year, costly and complex administrative program. An opportunity-based approach is adopted, focused on:

- The program development in phases according to the approved strategic plan
- The high potential of the site (natural resource, historical site and driving force for urban sustainability)
- Perspectives of NBS in post COVID-19 period
- CONNECTING Nature project

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