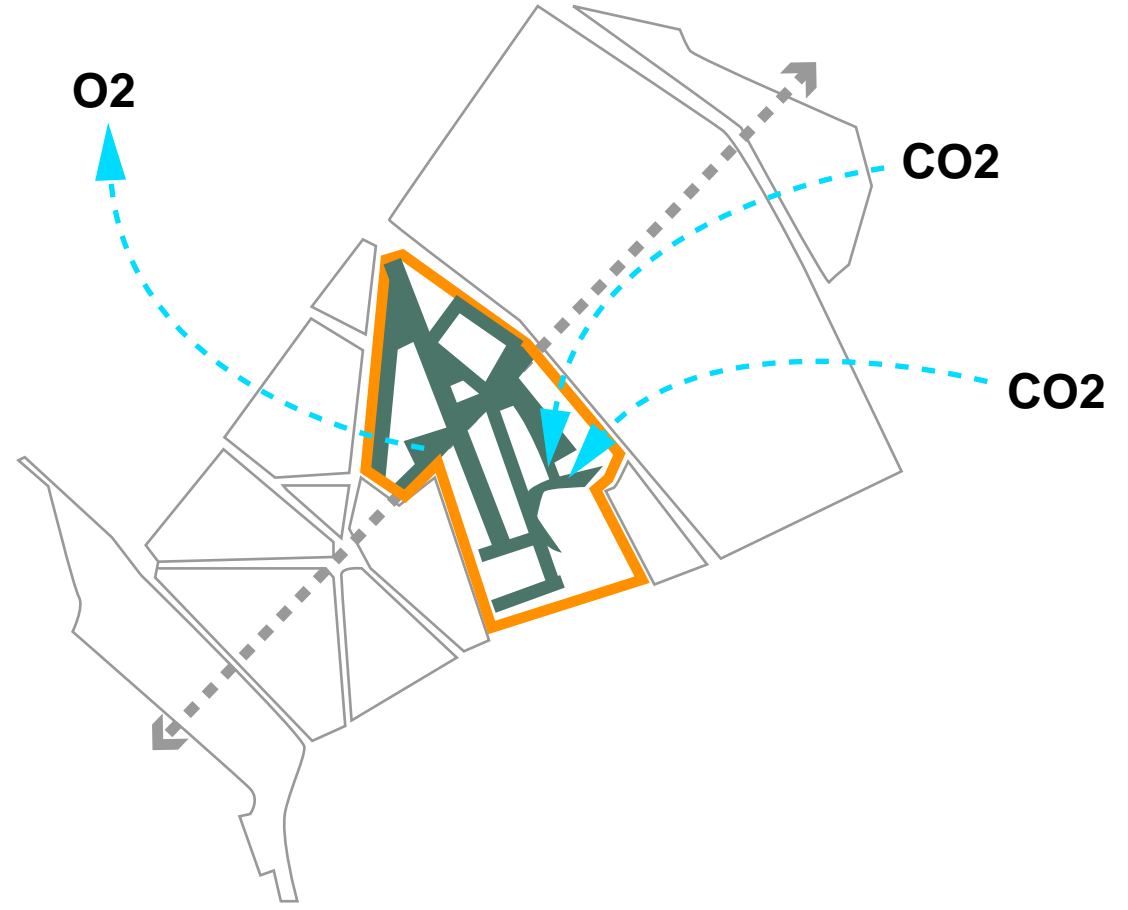


An emerging ecologic corridor for the city of Thessaloniki



STUDY SITE: **INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR**
 STUDY SITE AREA: 17hectares (43 acres)

The **International Trade Fair (ITF)** is preparing to move "west". With the removal of the ITF, a new potential public parcel emerges in the heart of the city suggesting opportunities for a major green space accessible for all. The average green space per inhabitant in the city is amongst the smallest in the European Union, thus the development of a major Metropolitan Park for the city of Thessaloniki in this site is considered a favorable option.

During **ECOWEEK 2011** the **HARGREAVES ASSOCIATES** workshop will research and develop a set of short term transformation-scenarios that aim at the requalification of the open space of the ITF grounds and at the emergence of a sustainable landscape. The operation has a twofold character:

The first goal is to address a **"Green Engine"** for the city of Thessaloniki. Sustainability will be delivered through design solutions that deal with habitat preserves, biomass production, integrated water management, maximized infiltration of rainwater for ecological as well as economic benefits, energy production, roof surfaces utilization for solar energy production and water harvesting, food production in urban allotments, urban gardening, intercultural gardens, recreational – pick your own flowers/fruit/vegetables etc.

The second goal will be the formation an **"Ecologic Corridor"**- a functional and operative green link - which, together with the adjacent green spaces, can deliver the connection between city and sea, offering recreation activities and a network of pedestrian, bicycle and water paths.

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