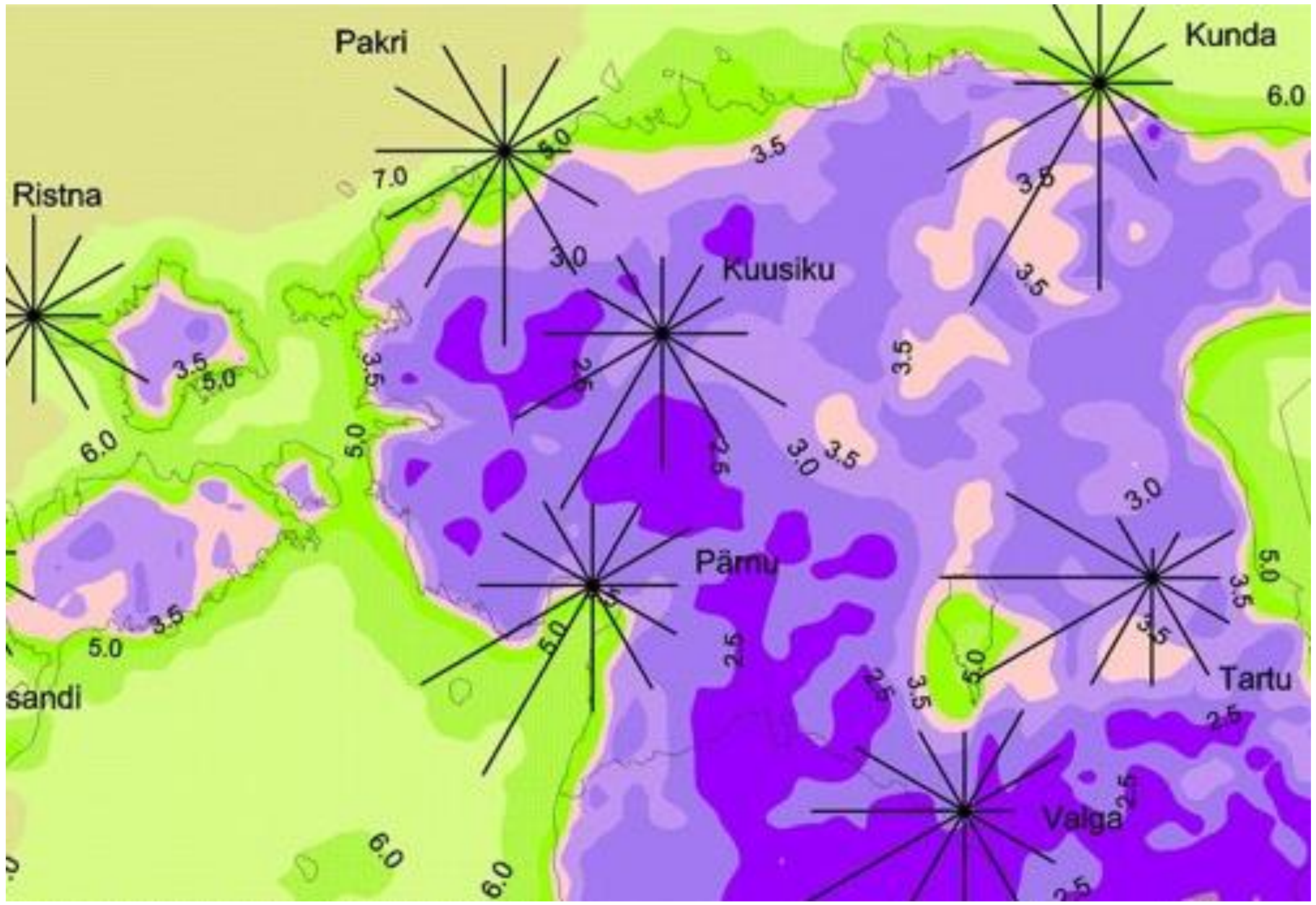
A photograph of a row of houses along a canal in Pärnu, Estonia. The houses are reflected in the water. The scene is captured during the "blue hour" of twilight, with a soft, golden light from the setting or rising sun illuminating the buildings and the sky. The water is calm, creating clear reflections of the houses and the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

# Cooperation with stormwater in Pärnu

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Each year we have about one meter sea level rise

but during storm at 7 – 9 January 2005 water rose almost three meters above sea level





By the law - area of repeated flooding is set by 1,6 m contour line where building restriction zone must be added.

Building restriction zone is 50 meters in densely populated areas.

Area of flood danger is marked by 3 m contour line.  
This area contains about 1150 living houses in Pärnu.



We are making new masterplan

No megastructures!

No demolitions!

We have to cope with floods

Influence on flooding must be considered

Areas below 3 m the risk of flooding must be considered and building constructions have to be waterproof or dryable

As a rule, ground floor (1st floor) minimum level must not be lower than **3 meters** above sea level.

This height can be lowered in the process of detailed planning if local conditions are closely analyzed.

In the areas which are lower than 2 meters above sea level new buildings have to consider both local architectural environment and potential risk of flooding.

By architectural consideration there can be exception for lower floor level if there are other effective methods to guarantee safety of people and buildings





First floor can be lower than 3 meters in public buildings and buildings that are for beach services if other general requirements are considered and no rooms are allowed where people will stay twenty-four hours

Potential damage by floating stuff must be evaluated and necessary protection measures (protective borders, metal curtains for windows, stronger constructions etc.) have to be proposed.





New rainwater, sewage pumps and power systems must be built so that they remain reliable during flood

Thank You!