



FOREST ROAD – cooperative project

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Why forest roads?

- Good forest access is critical for forestry work and timber harvesting
- Private forest owners
 - Stumpage price rises
 - Silvicultural work becomes more effective
 - Raises value of the forest estate
 - Great significance for recreational use of forests

Development of forest road construction in Finland

- 133 000 km, >60% in private forests



Process of forest road construction

- Application from forest owners
- Preliminary negotiations with forest owners
- Decision to plan and construct the road
- Planning the road
 - Road line on the terrain and on the map
 - Calculation of units of costs for each real estate
 - Environmental evaluation

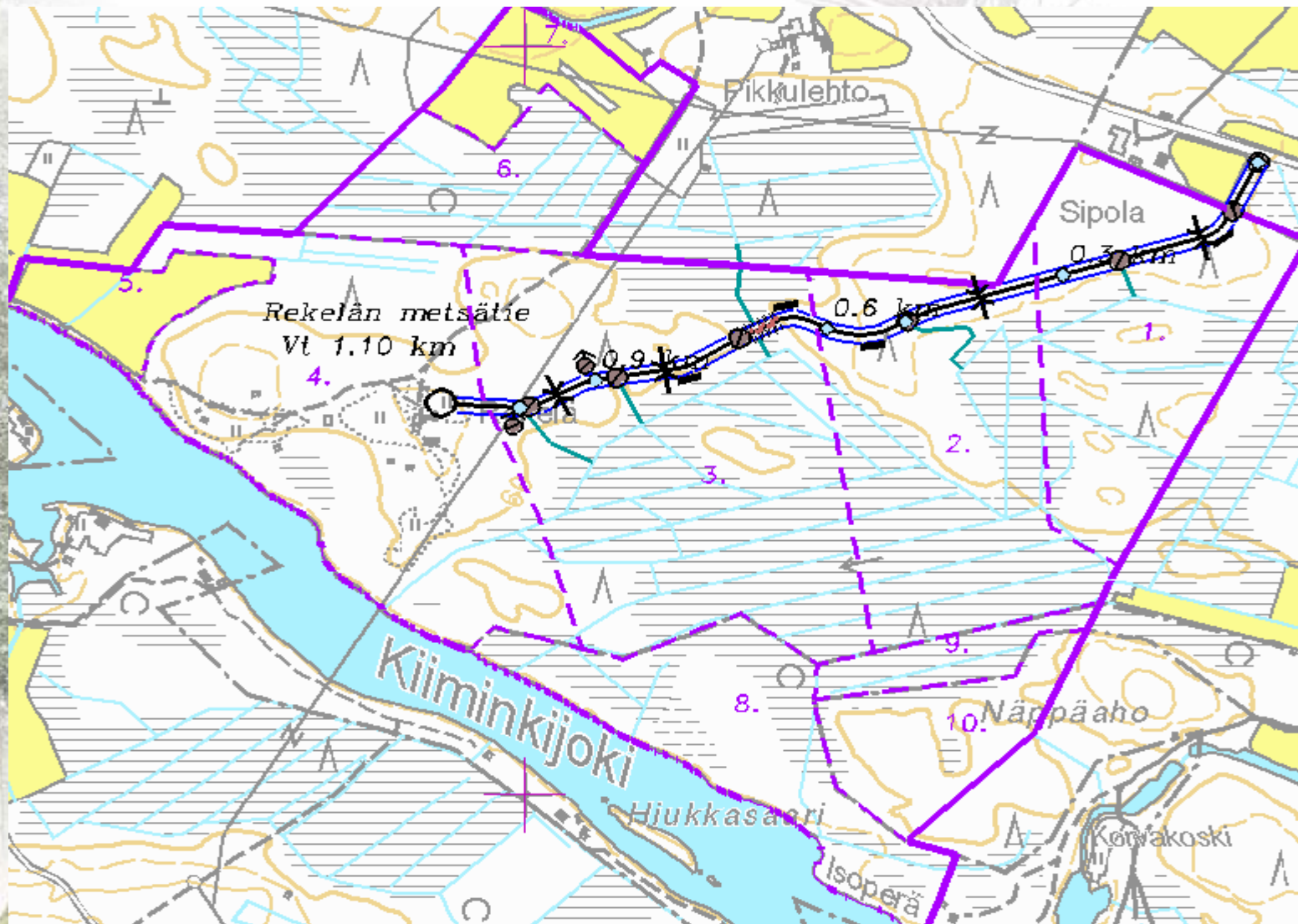
Process of forest road construction (cont.)

- Presentation of the plan for forest owners
- Private road survey (District Survey office)
 - Official establishment of the road, access rights, confirmation of the road units
 - Organisation of the cooperative (forest owners)
- Application and decision for finance (state subsidies)

Process of forest road construction (cont.)

- Construction of the road
- Presentation the road to forest owners, acceptance from forest owners
- Utilization and maintenance of the road!
- Duration of the process
 - New road 3 - 4 years
 - Basic improvement 2 - 3 years

Forest road construction plan



Constructing forest road

Utilizing forest road



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