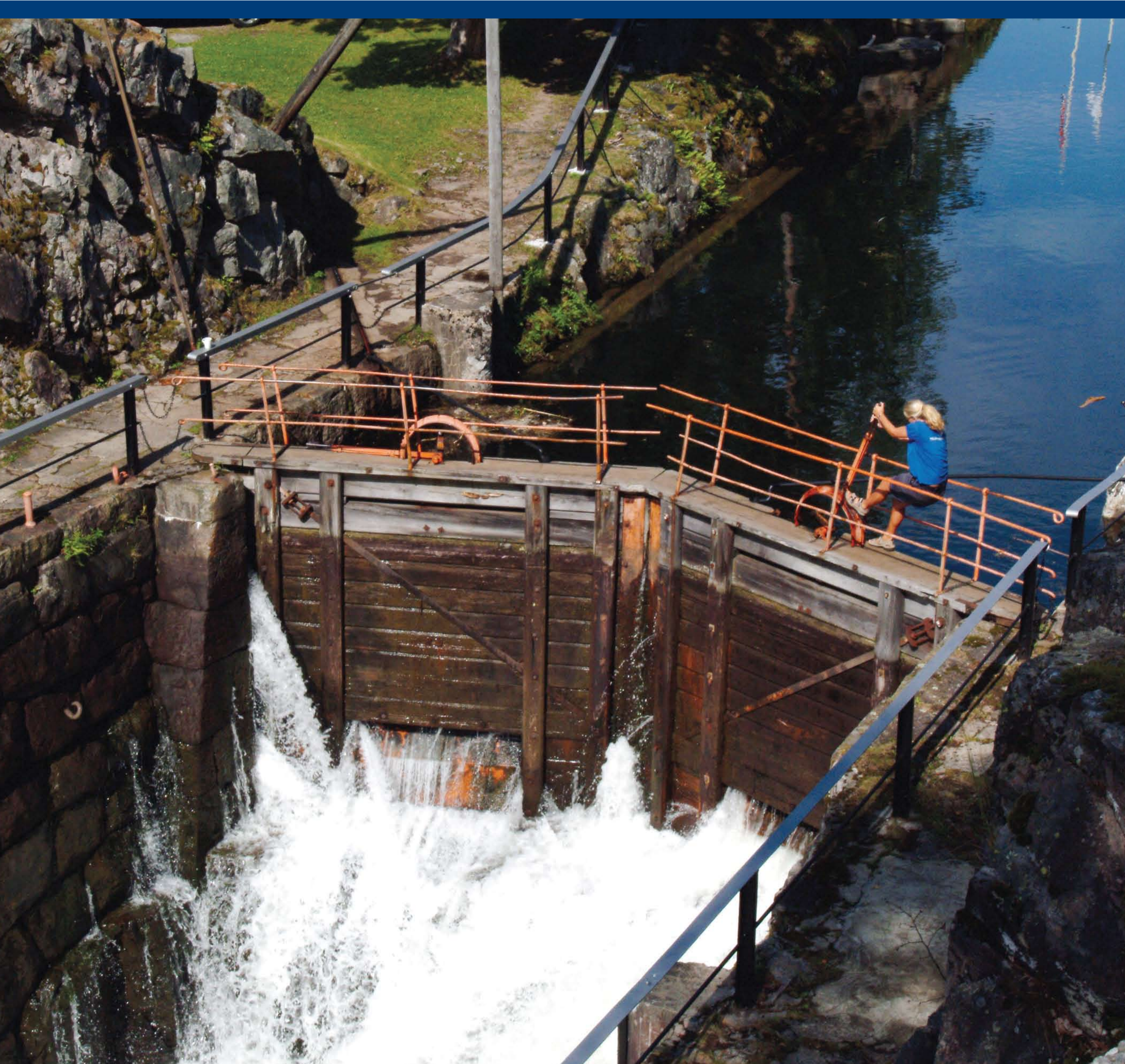




Waterways for Growth

The sustainable management of waterways



Much of the inland waterways' 18th and 19th century infrastructure - the locks, aqueducts, tunnels and movable bridges - is still in place. Waterways also form a wetland ecological resource, which needs to be sensitively managed.

Waterways for Growth investigates how this heritage and ecology can be maintained and protected, whilst at the same time realising the economic potential of waterways.

Waterways can also play a part in mitigating and adapting to climate change. We're looking at ways to encourage and facilitate:-

- The development of renewable energy resources in association with navigation;
- The re-introduction of freight and passenger transport brought about by new traffic opportunities and developing technologies.

We're also assessing the potential for new traffics such as waste, biomass and building materials and examining new vessel and cargo-handling concepts.

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Top. Historic structures are still in everyday use but need to be maintained and protected. Locks on the Telemark Canal (Norway).

Middle. More navigable routes and commercial and pleasure boats on the canals are encouraged - but extra boat traffic must take account of smaller craft local issues. The small waterways in Langedijk (Netherlands).

Bottom. Increases in boat numbers is welcome but we need to consider the impacts on wildlife. Educating the waterway users of the future, The 'Naturum Värmland' (Sweden).

