

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with urban greenery, specifically with the publicly accessible Parukářka park in Prague's Žižkov district. Based on a research of available literature and other sources, it first introduces and defines the key concepts and theoretical background that deal with greenery and its functions, as well as public space and areas of interest, all of which allows a closer look into the issue. The thesis also provides a brief overview of the historical development of the area which has undergone a number of changes over the decades that have influenced its current form. The last section of the theoretical part of the thesis focuses on development projects to be realized in the vicinity of the park and marginally it also deals with strategic materials. The aim of this thesis is an attempt at a comprehensive description of the Parukářka phenomenon and an exploration of this public space as an actual place, as well as a construct of meanings and values attributed to it by its users/actors. The empirical part of the thesis seeks to answer the research question of the significance of this relatively preserved natural area in urban space, both in general from different points of view and from the perspectives of its contemporary users/actors. For this reason, the qualitative research strategy is applied for the research, namely semi-structured interviews with park users and experts, supplemented by uninvolved observation. Furthermore, the case study method is used for the purpose of this thesis, which is appropriate for this type of research. All data collected was subjected to analysis, specifically to triple coding. From the research conducted it was found that the Parukářka park is an important area especially for the residents of the Prague 3 district, who use it on a daily basis. This park also fulfils a number of beneficial and irreplaceable functions that contribute to the quality of life of the inhabitants as well as to a better urban environment. It is therefore a multidimensional space with different meanings and values attributed to it by its users.