

ABSTRACT

The thesis deals with the phenomenon of allotment gardens. Lots of them have been closed down currently and their functions have been questioned. The aim of the thesis is to find out a historical context of allotment gardens and a current state in a chosen one situated in Prague. The emphasis is put on social, economic and environmental aspects. These aspects are chosen because of the evaluation of the allotment garden in terms of the sustainable development and its environmental, economic, social institutional and social individual parts.

The first part of the thesis provides general insight of the issues. It also deals with history of allotment gardens, reasons of their foundation and their development during the time. The second part of the thesis consists of the case study of two allotment gardens on Libeň Island in Prague. They physically adjoins each other and have a common historical development. People from both sites are connected with personal relationship. That is the reason why they could be considered as the one society. This part presents how it works inside these two allotment gardens as well as their importance for gardeners and for wider society with particular attention of environmental, economic and social aspects mentioned before. To illustrate the atmosphere of the place part of the text deals with the area of Libeň Island where other organizations have its seats.

Key words

allotment gardens – history – Libeň Island – sustainable development