

This thesis deals with issues of areal preservation, or rather their function in regional development and their impact on residents who lives in affected areas. Due to discussions in progress about declaration of natural park was chosen area of Křivoklátsko as a case study. The goal of this research is to answer the question „Is territorial protection barrier or impulse for regional development?“. This thesis is divided into three main parts. In the first part, we focus on theoretical and methodological background of the study of areal preservation's impact to regional development. The following part represents the situation analysis of the area with an emphasis to assessment of natural and socio-economic potential. The third part discussed the relationship of areal preservation and regional development from the perspective of development actors. The research points to possitive effects of national park declaration so it will be impulse for regional development.