



URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF THE CITY OF PILSEN

THE REURIS PROJECT REACHED THE MIDPOINT

In a nutshell

At a public meeting held at Pilsen City Hall council chambers in February, the residents of Pilsen had the opportunity to learn more about the completed studies and planned objectives in the Úslava and Mže River floodplains. Those interested in the river landscape and watercourses were thus able to take a detailed look at all of the documentation that has been drawn up thus far and speak directly with the authors of the studies during the presentation.

For stakeholders and professional circles composed to representatives of the state administration and local governments, a seminar was held on the topic of revitalizing watercourses in



The studies are discussed in stages with the authorities in the municipal districts affected and presented at municipal district commissions. At the same time, work is underway on preparing the project documentation for additional locations on the Úslava and Mže Rivers. This year, a basic comprehensive territory study is being prepared for the Úhlava River.

Specialized seminar on the topic of revitalizing watercourses in urbanized areas

Mr. Tomáš Just from the Nature and Landscape Protection Agency centre in Prague shared his many years of experience and knowledge from successfully implemented projects in Germany and Austria. Particularly using examples of revitalisation in Bavarian cities, he used graphic depictions to explain that natural watercourse adaptations can also be made in settled areas, but only while prioritizing the preservation of flow capacity and watercourse stability. At the same time, in nearly every case it is possible to increase the environmental value and aesthetic appearance of the watercourse and also consider revitalization and anti-flooding measures together.

Representatives from the Ministry of the Environment contributed to the discussion with information on support for close-to-nature management of watercourses and flood areas, and opportunities for receiving funding from the Operational Programme 'Environment'.

Mr. Jiří Karnecki presented encouraging results from the "Streams for Life" project and other investment projects made by the City of Prague Department of Environmental Protection. The successful revitalisation of the dry Čihadla polder, the Botič Stream at Kozinovo náměstí and the Šárecký Stream at Hvězda Park were also listed in the study "REURIS – Examples of Good Practice in Revitalizing Watercourses in Urbanized Environments in the Czech Republic".

The landscaping concept for revitalizing the Úslava River was presented by RNDr. Miroslav Hájek. He and his team drew up a detailed dendrology study on the inventory of vegetation on the riverbanks and supplementary growth, with a proposal for cultivation measures and follow-up maintenance plans. The landscaping concept also contains two specific projects on municipal land in Lobzy, where parts of a bio-corridor of regional significance are being implemented as part of the territorial environmental stability system.

On Saturday, March 20, the administrator of the Vltava River Basin held its 11th annual open house to commemorate World Water Day. In addition to guided science tours of the modern watercourse management laboratories, visitors once again had the opportunity to become familiar with the details of the Revitalization of Pilsen Riverbanks project and look at all of the documentation that has been drawn up so far, including the most recent completed comprehensive study entitled Revitalization of the Mže Riverbank.

A new folded brochure also presents the Úslava River within the city of Pilsen and proposed detailed urban landscape concepts for individual neighbourhoods.