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Green Space in the City – A national strategic approach towards healthier and more
liveable cities in Germany

Overview of white paper “Urban green space”

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Introduction

- Urban green space is a defining feature of cities.
- It fulfils a wide range of functions and plays a major role in improving living standards, environmental justice and climate resilience in cities.



Ways to achieve green cities – areas of action

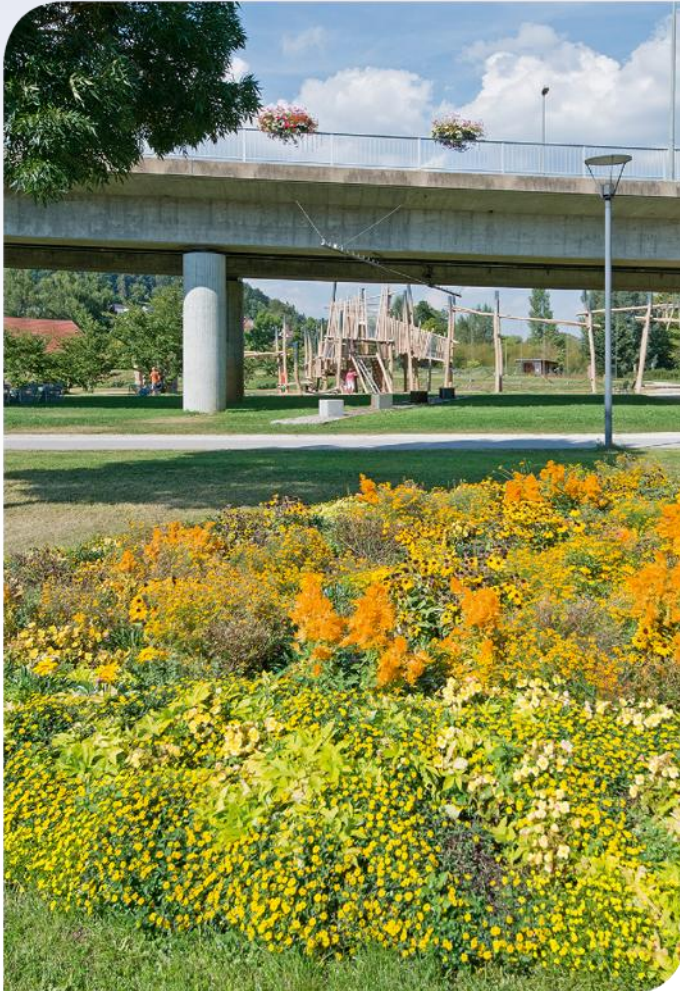
The federal government will support the municipalities and other actors in the ten areas of action through concrete measures and recommendations for action for securing and establishing green and recreational spaces.



1. Integrated planning for urban green space

Urban green space will become a fixed component of the built environment [Baukultur] and integrated urban development:

- Strengthening urban green space in planning laws and planning practices
- Model projects to improve quality of urban green spaces
- ...



2. Upgrading green spaces and making them multifunctional

Support municipalities with quality of urban green spaces:

- Strengthening through urban development assistance and other support programmes
- Creating green standards together with municipalities
- ...



3. Using urban green spaces to enhance climate action & mitigate impacts of climate change

Reinforce urban green spaces for climate action:

- National climate initiative and funding programme: “adaptation to the impacts of climate change”
- Guidelines for heat action plans
- ...



4. Making urban green spaces socially compatible and good for our health

Improve urban green spaces to make them more environmentally-friendly:

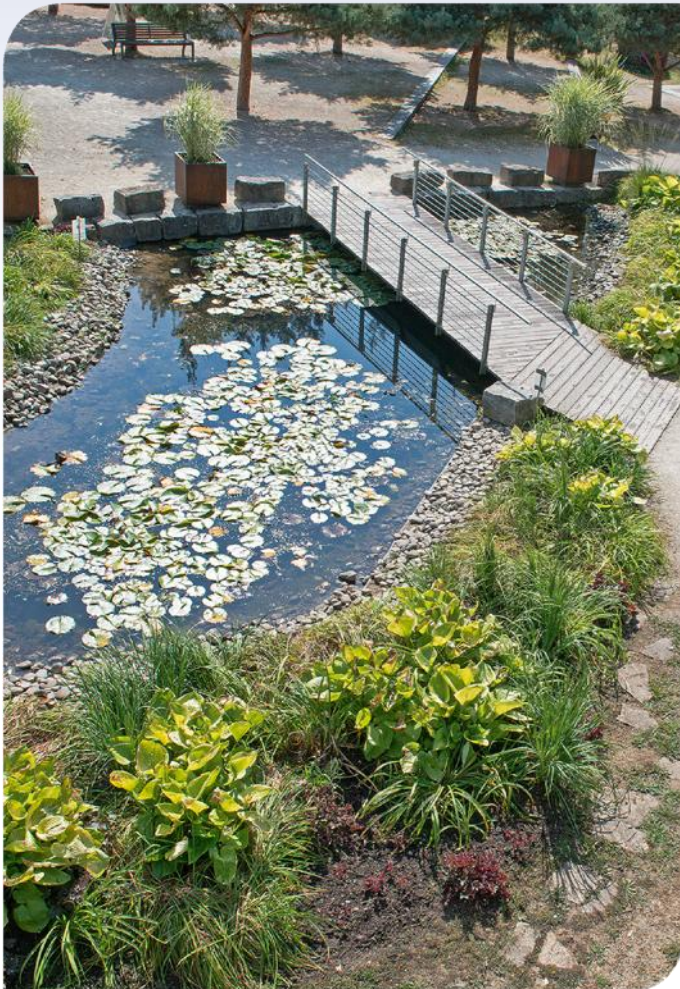
- Access to green and recreational spaces that are accessible to all, of a high standard and safe
- Promote urban gardens
- ...



5. Greenery of structures

Support high-quality greenery of structures:

- Guidelines for greening structures
- Feasibility study on dismantling transport infrastructures
- ...



6. Correct planning, development and maintenance of green spaces

Improve quality of green spaces:

- Recommendations for action for sustainable management of green spaces
- Monitoring to identify local properties of plants
- ...



7. Gain stakeholders and involve society

Urban green space is a joint task:

- Supporting arguments and work aids to support public and civil society stakeholders
- Guidelines on how to make privately-owned land accessible
- ...



8. Intensify and interlink research

Coordinate research and knowledge transfer for improving urban green space:

- Information platform for the city of the future (*Informationsplattform Zukunftsstadt*)
- Research and pilot projects
- ...



9. Expand federal government's role model function

Federally-owned properties are supporting goals of integrated urban and green development:

- Conservation strategy for federally-owned property
- Green architecture
- ...



10. Public relations work and education

Create awareness for urban green space:

- Federal competition Green Spaces in Urban Development together with partners
- Dialogue
- ...



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