

Phase 1: The green oldtown

Establishing more green spaces in the city center



- Existing greenery
- Phase 1
- biotope
- public parks & gardens
- Green spaces in residential areas
- Allotment garden & urban gardening

The strategy aims to provide more space for nature and for residents within the city. Since Kraków's inner city was not destroyed during the Second World War, it still retains its former medieval, dense urban layout and a high concentration of historical landmarks. However, this gives rise to two major challenges. First, aside from the Planty Park, the city center lacks meaningful green spaces, which negatively affects both the urban climate and overall quality of life. Second, the center is characterized by a high density of tourist-oriented uses such as accommodation. This "touristification" pushes out residents as well as everyday local businesses.

The strategy of gradually introducing more greenery into the inner city aims to partially address both issues. Increasing green spaces creates a more livable urban environment for both people and wildlife. New parks, community gardens, and biotope landscapes are planned, while existing green areas will be upgraded, as many current green spaces lack meaningful function. There are different types of green spaces, each with distinct benefits and purposes for humans and the environment, as illustrated in the pictograms.

