

CATEGORY 1: MUNICIPAL GREEN AREAS – ECOLOGICALLY DESIGNED AND CULTIVATED



TOWN OF BAD BERNECK IN THE FICHEL MOUNTAINS (DE, 2019) IMPLEMENTATION AND REALISATION OF NEAR-NATURAL AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC SPACES

The times of classic spa garden plantings are over in Bad Berneck in the Fichtel Mountains. Today, the effort no longer pays off for the spa town under the aspect of sustainability. That is why the town is now pursuing an entirely new approach with an integrated city development concept in order to be able to adequately react to changed environmental conditions and to promote a near-natural design of their green areas for ecology and sustainability by means of delayed meadow mowing, for example. So far, several areas have been converted. An insect-friendly rose lane planted by pupils in the Dendrological Garden with several useful creature hotels has been created as a show garden and converted into a school garden. During the cultivation of urban forest areas in the FFH area "Bernecker Felshänge", attention is paid to making sure there is sufficient deadwood for more biodiversity. All urban tree discs have been planted with insect-friendly shrubs and roadside plantings have been ecologically upgraded by seeding mixtures valuable for pollinators: Environmental education plays an important role in order to raise citizens' and spa guests' awareness for near-natural area cultivation. "Bee dabei" ("Bee a part of it") is the motto not only on the signpostings. Also neighbouring communities are eager to follow this example so as to create a green belt for the animal world.

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