A new park for the town of Jimbolia

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Abstract I the year 2008 the Town Hall of Jimbolia gained from the Ministry of Environment the financial support for the building of a park of 4ha. The piece of land is situated on the edge of the town, but not very far from the centre. For the moment in the town there are only a few little green spaces. The building of this park doubles the surface of green spaces of Jimbolia in accordance with present legislation, and creates for the first time for the citizens the possibility of spending their time in the open in a big organised green space. The investment has important social and economic effects. In the meantime the number of species of trees existing in town will grow.

Jimbolia is a little town situated in the most western part of Romania, very near to the border of the country. The number of its inhabitants is near 20 000. The climate is generally the same as in all the plains of this region of Central Europe. The first inhabitants of the towns were German colonists who arrived in the 18th century. Later the population grew when Hungarians, Romanians and Serbs came to live there too.

In the central part of the town is a wide main street. On this avenue are grouped all the important buildings of the settlement: churches, town hall, office buildings, restaurants and a hotel. In the middle of the main street there is a green stripe of land. There are other little green spaces in different parts of the town also. Nevertheless there has never existed a real great park which would have given the possibility to the population to spend their free time in green space in greater numbers and enjoy the advantages of a park which extends on a large territory. In order to change this situation the town hall of Jimbolia appealed to the ministry in order to obtain the necessary investment for the building of a four ha park. The ministry helped in the year 2008 the funding of a great number of parks and green spaces all around the country in order to improve life standards in many small towns and villages.

The site of the future park of Jimbolia is situated on the edge of the small town, but not very far away from the centre. For the moment the piece of land is practically out of use, and there is nothing with the exception of some worthless vegetation. The plan of the future green space is ambitious. The alleys and paths form a complex composition which resembles a great flower. Wide alleys spread all around the park connecting the central part of the green space with the margins of the property and the different entrances. The space is well used and the different parts correctly shaped. Fig. 1 There will be three entrances. One in the neighbourhood of some swimming pools will be the main access, another will connect the park with a street over a little channel in an area with small houses. The third access will be in the direction of nearby meadows separated from the park by an unpaved motorway.

In the center of the composition will be a fountain surrounded with white stone, around which will be flower beds of all colours in a circle. Continuing the flowers there will be some grass, and a circle shaped alley with benches around. From this point radial alleys will start in all directions. Circular ones connect the radials on every part. Between the center and the entrance there will be a playground, and towards the exterior a double lake with willow trees around its banks. Fig. 2

The main material of the alleys should be brick, because of its fine traditional appearance, and because in Jimbolia bricks have been fabricated for the last two centuries making the settlement famous all over Europe. Other alleys will be made of small stones, and paths also paved with stone. Fountains, statues, will be of stone, benches of wood and metal, other furniture also of metal and wood. The trees will be planted in massive volumes mainly on the edges, and in rows along alleys. The central part will be spared rather for flowers, grass, bushes and green canopies in a circle around the centre.

The tree species that will be used are the following: Salix alba tristis, Acer palatum atropurpureum, Malus floribunda, Prunus fructicosa globosa, Catalpa bignonioides nana, Betula pendula, Tilia cordata, Tilia tomentosa, Fraxinus excelsior, Quercus robur, Ulmus holandica, Liliodendron tulipifera, Populus alba, Fagus...
sylvestrica, Aesculus hipocastanum, Pinus nigra, Abies alba, Pinus mugo.

The following list of bushes will be used: Buddlea Davidii Alter Nifolia, Forsythia, Cornus Alba Sybrica, Chaenomeles Japonica, Tamarix Tetrandra, Spirea Japonica, Syringa Vulgaris, Eonymus Japonicus Aeuromarginata, Cotoneaster, Phiracanta, Berberis Thumbergi Atropurpurea, Cotinus Coggyygria, Corylus Maxima Purpurea, Hamamelis Palida Mollis.

For the canopies and walls: Hedera Helix, Partenocissus Qunqefolia, Lonicera Japonica Purpurea, Clematis, Rosa.

Results and Discussions

From the point of view of the urban development of the town of Jimbolia, the construction of this park is an important step in the way towards a modern urban structure and well organized settlement with the proper proportion of green space and a diversity of nice views. It is also a step towards the fulfillment of European standards required by the laws in the last years. With the building of this park the green surface of the town will double in size. The number of existing species of trees and bushes in Jimbolia will also grow.

Conclusions

1. With the creation of a new park in Jimbolia not far from the centre the town will satisfy the ecological standards in accordance with European legislation.
2. For the inhabitants of the region normal urban conditions will be assured in accordance with present European standards.

References

Fig. 2 Park view 2

Fig. 3 Park view 3