



URBAN GARDENS IN: POLAND

Types of Urban Gardening in Poland

Allotment gardens - the oldest and the most popular form of Urban Gardening in Poland; today there are about 5000 allotment gardens in Poland with a total area of about 44 000 ha¹

Community gardens - new form of urban gardening that is currently under development in Poland; one example of this form of the urban gardens are „Kwiatki Bratki”

Fig. 1,2 Examples of Allotment Garden and Community Garden in Poland



Fig. 3. Allotment Gardens in the past

Brief history of Urban Gardening in Poland

The first allotment garden was founded in Grudziądz in 1897 by doctor Jan Jalkowski (ROD „Kapiele słoneczne”). Since that time allotment gardens were developed in many Polish cities but the period of their highest rise appeared after the Second World War. During years 1945-1989 the government was providing thousands of ha for this type of use of the public land. After the transformation of the political and economical system in Poland many of them disappeared as a result of urbanization-focused policy of the cities.



Fig. 4 Leisure in Allotment Gardens in Poland -

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Allotment Gardens

Today allotment gardens in Poland are perceived mostly as a place for leisure and recreation. They also have therapeutic value for elderly people who are the biggest group of the gardeners. For many users this is the place where they can meet and talk with other gardeners and spend their time actively in the greenery.



Fig. 5. Participation in social gardening.

Community Gardens

They are not that popular in Poland however first community garden appeared in Norblin Factory in Warsaw in 2014. The second one in Fort Bema. The main idea of these gardens is encouraging people to use green areas for horticultural purposes. In community gardens there are organised lectures and workshops to educate people about the positive role of urban agriculture in the sustainable development of the city.

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