

The Urban Forest Story...

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Partnership

Co-operation

Support

Synergy



Initiative
Expertise
Innovation
Enthusiasm

*Forest is a therapy
for body and soul.*

Anonymous forest visitor, 2019

Google keyword matches, september 2019 (in millions)

„Timber production“ 76 M

„Forest therapy“ 266 M

„Wood production“ 455 M

„Ecosystem services“ 183 M





Urban Forest of Celje

Key Issues 1993

No legal status.

Ownership structure and fragmentation

Unadjusted forest management

Poor accessibility

Unused or overused potential



Urban Forest of Celje

Strategy plan 1996

Protection by law.

Improvement of ownership structure.

Adapted forest management.

Infrastructure development.

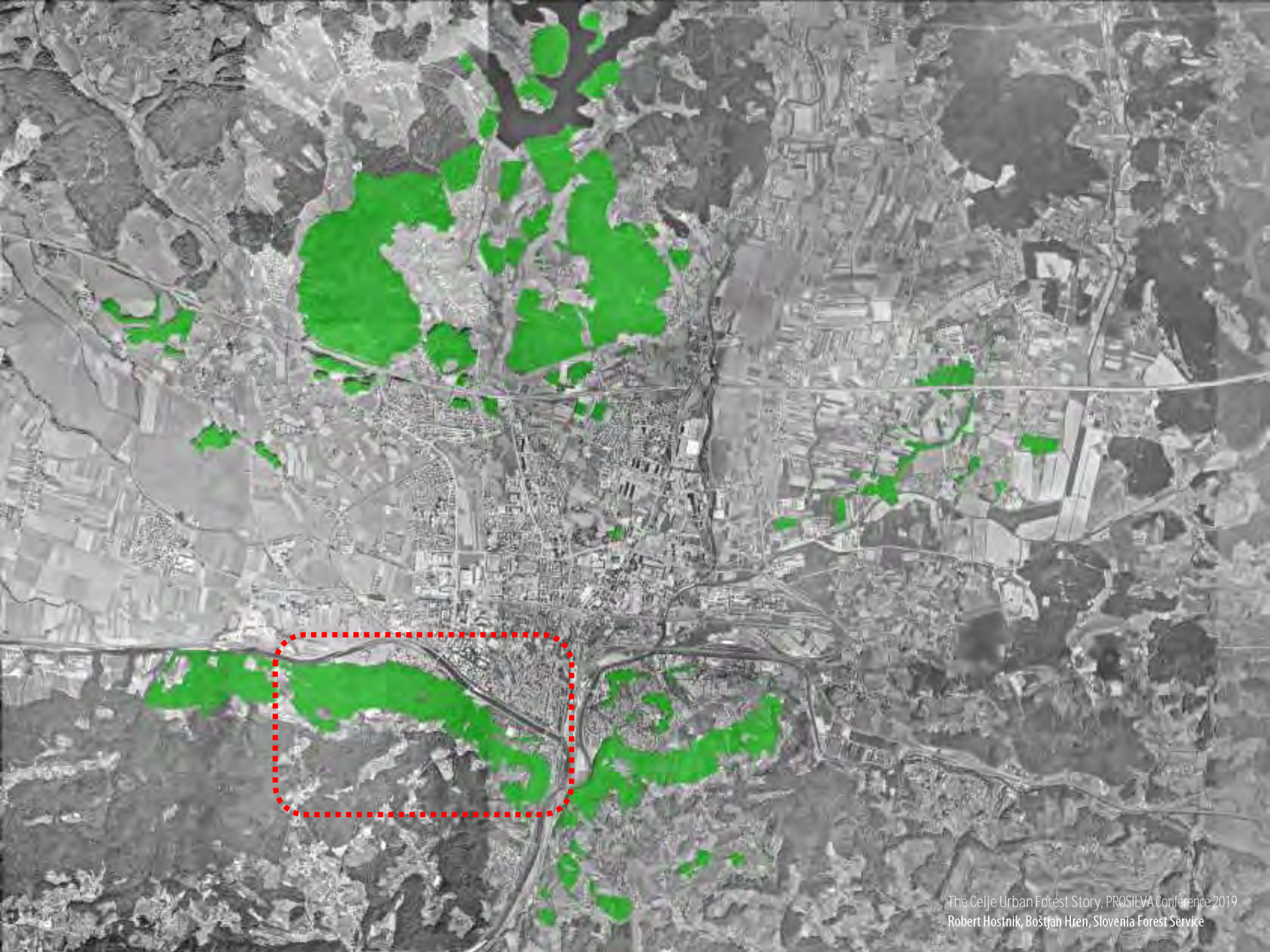
Stabile financial source.

Public relations.

An aerial photograph of a river valley. A wide river flows from the top left towards the bottom left. On the right bank, a town with several houses and a church is visible. The surrounding hills are covered in dense green forest. In the background, there are more hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The text 'Going Legal' and '1997' is overlaid in the center of the image.

Going Legal

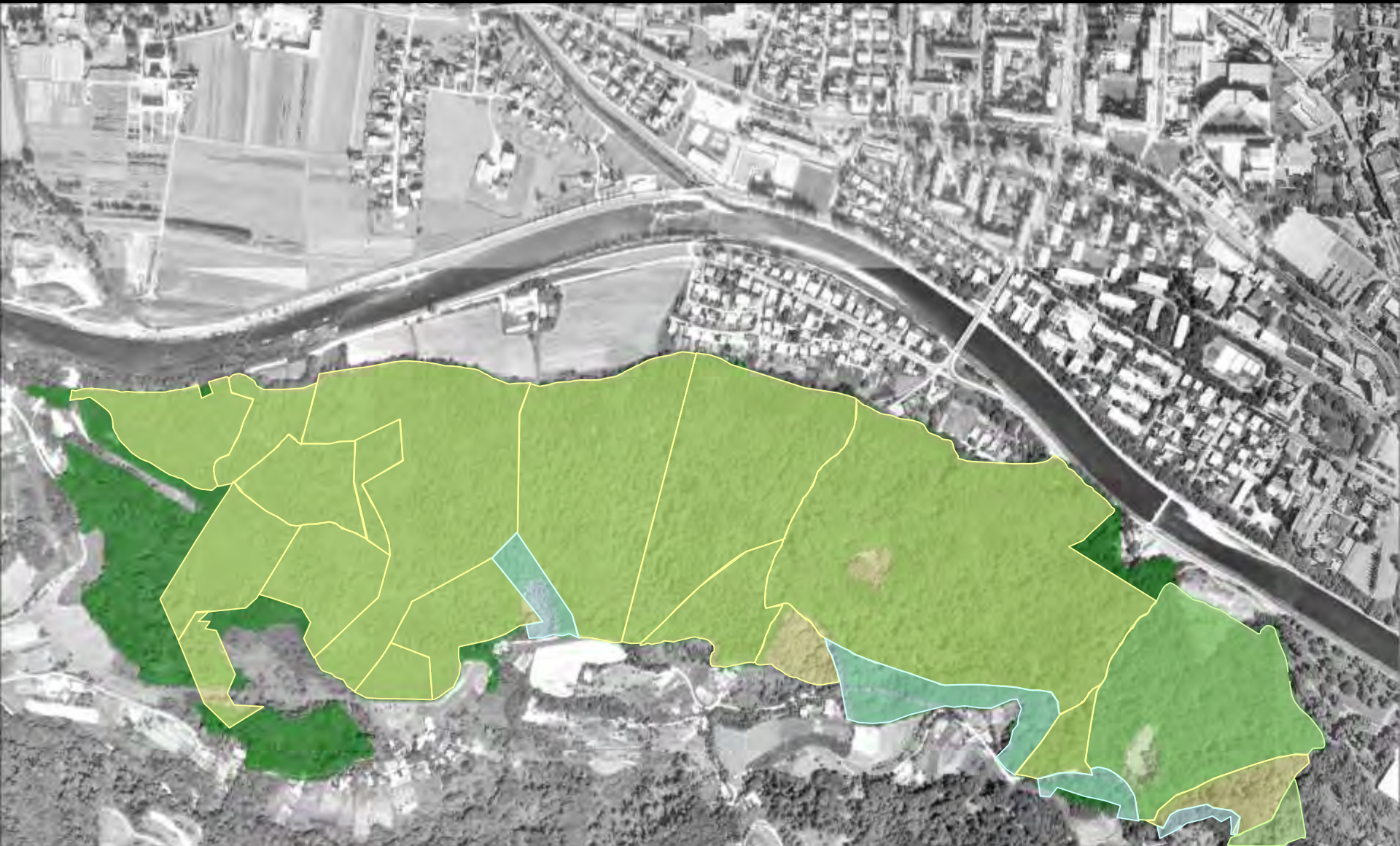
1997



Purchase of forests

1997 →

Urban Forest of Celje (Anski vrh area)

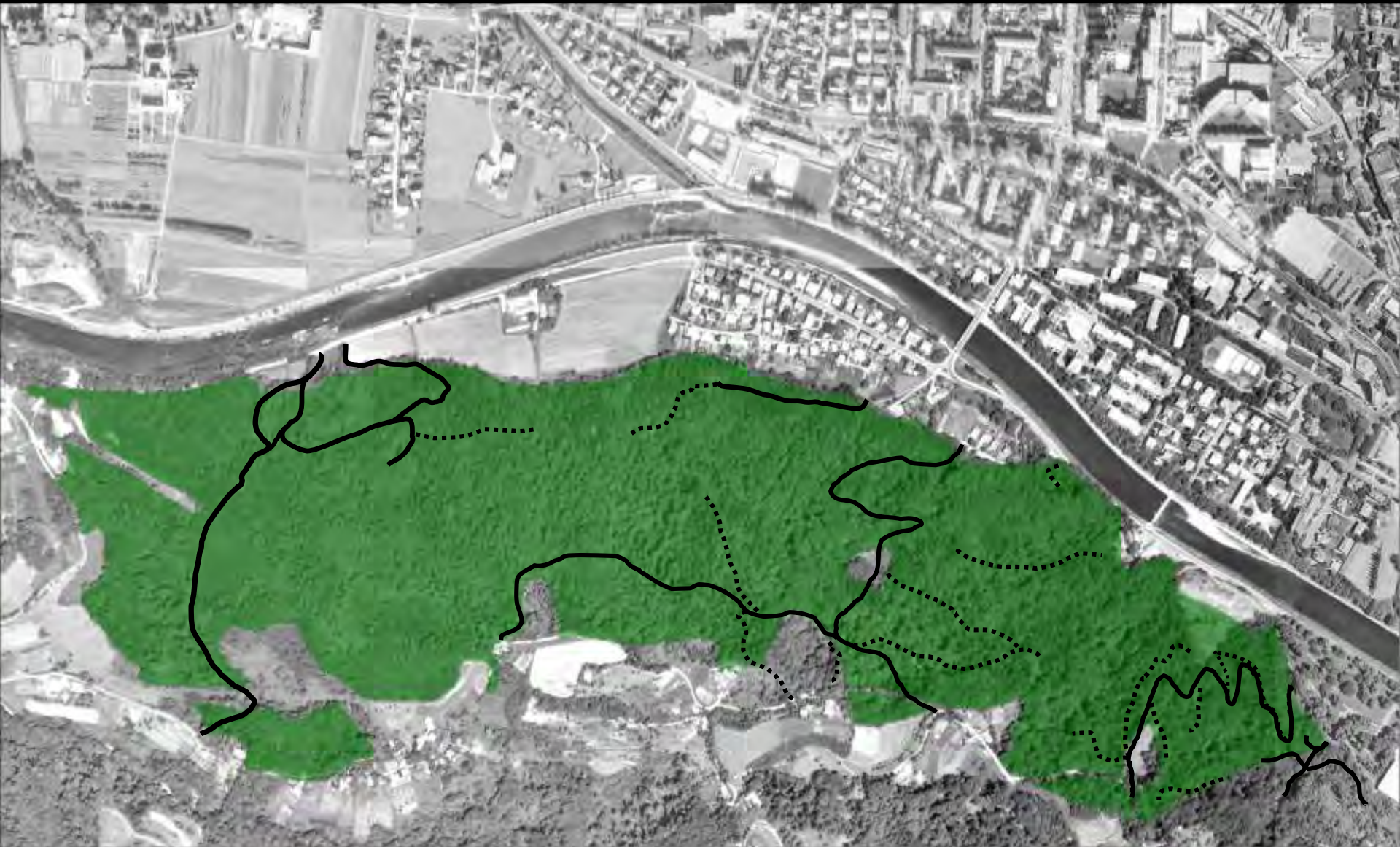


Purchased forest areas by the Municipality of Celje, 1997-2008

A yellow and green tracked excavator is positioned on a dirt path in a dense forest. The path is being cleared or maintained, with soil visible around the machine. The forest is lush with green trees and ferns, creating a canopy overhead. The excavator is facing away from the viewer, towards the center of the path.

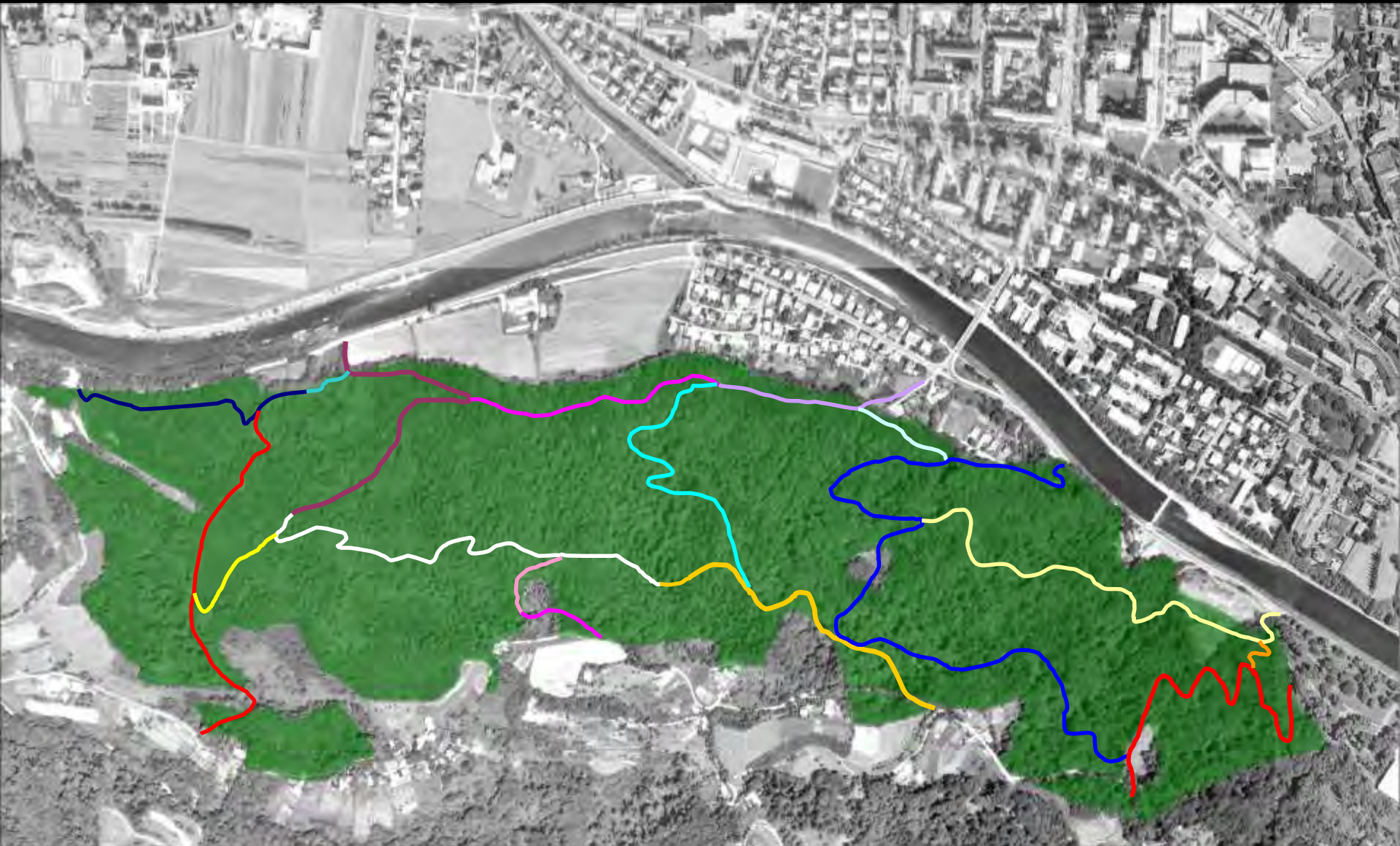
Infrastructure development 2000 →

Urban Forest of Celje (Anski vrh area)



Infrastructure condition, 1999

Urban Forest of Celje (Anski vrh area)



Newly constructed forest infrastructure, 2000-2008



Adapted Forest Road

paved
width: 2,5 - 3 m
multiple use



Skidding Trail

unpaved
width: up to 2,5 m
multiple use



Walking Path

(un)paved
width up to 1,2 m

Urban Forest of Celje (Miklavški hrib area)





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A photograph of a dense forest with tall, slender trees and a wooden bench in the foreground. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The text "Forest Management & Maintenance" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Forest Management & Maintenance



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NAŠI KRAJI IN LJUDJE

Mogočna drevesa okoli na

Na velikem območju okoli mesta Celje, nekaj sto metrov od mesta, rastejo ogromna drevesa. To so najstarejša drevesa v celjski občini. V celjski občini so v celjski občini zavarovana kot dendrološki naravni spomenik. Občina načrtno odkupuje gozdove. V Celju na gozdovi siri na površini 3500 hektarjev. Preradovalec bakra - Gozdovi v okolici Celje so zaradi okoljskih in socialnih funkcij varovani kot površine s posebnim pomenom. Tuji lasi so nadeljali z upravljanimi površinami gozdnih poti.

CELJSKO

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NAŠI KRAJI IN LJUDJE

Sprehajalne poti za mestne ljudi



Gozd namesto smetišča

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Celje. Kdo bi si mislil.

VEČER

Ustavljen postopek zoper zdravnico

Ustavljen postopek zoper zdravnico. Kdo je na lotu zadel 154 milijonov. Celje plete novo zeleno mrežo sprehajalnih poti. Dve uri zmerne hoje nad celjskim parkom - Po 115 letih.

NAŠI KRAJI IN LJUDJE

SKRITI BISER NAD PARKOM



NAŠI KRAJI IN LJUDJE

Doživetje gozda je najlepši občutek



Občina Celje je sprejela odlok o zaščiti gozdov

Zaščitena pljuča Celja

Šunje gozda lovijo mes



Sprehajalne poti pred stolietjem



Going Public

Celje: Po 115 letih je mesto spet dobilo pravi gozdni pouk. Dve uri zmerne hoje nad mestnim parkom. Za med leti 1885 in 1892 je celjska občina odkupila okoli 40 hektarjev gozdov nad mestnim parkom.

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Urban Forest of Celje logo, 2004

1996

2006

Protection

Governance

Ownership

Participation

Management

Branding

Infrastructure

Education

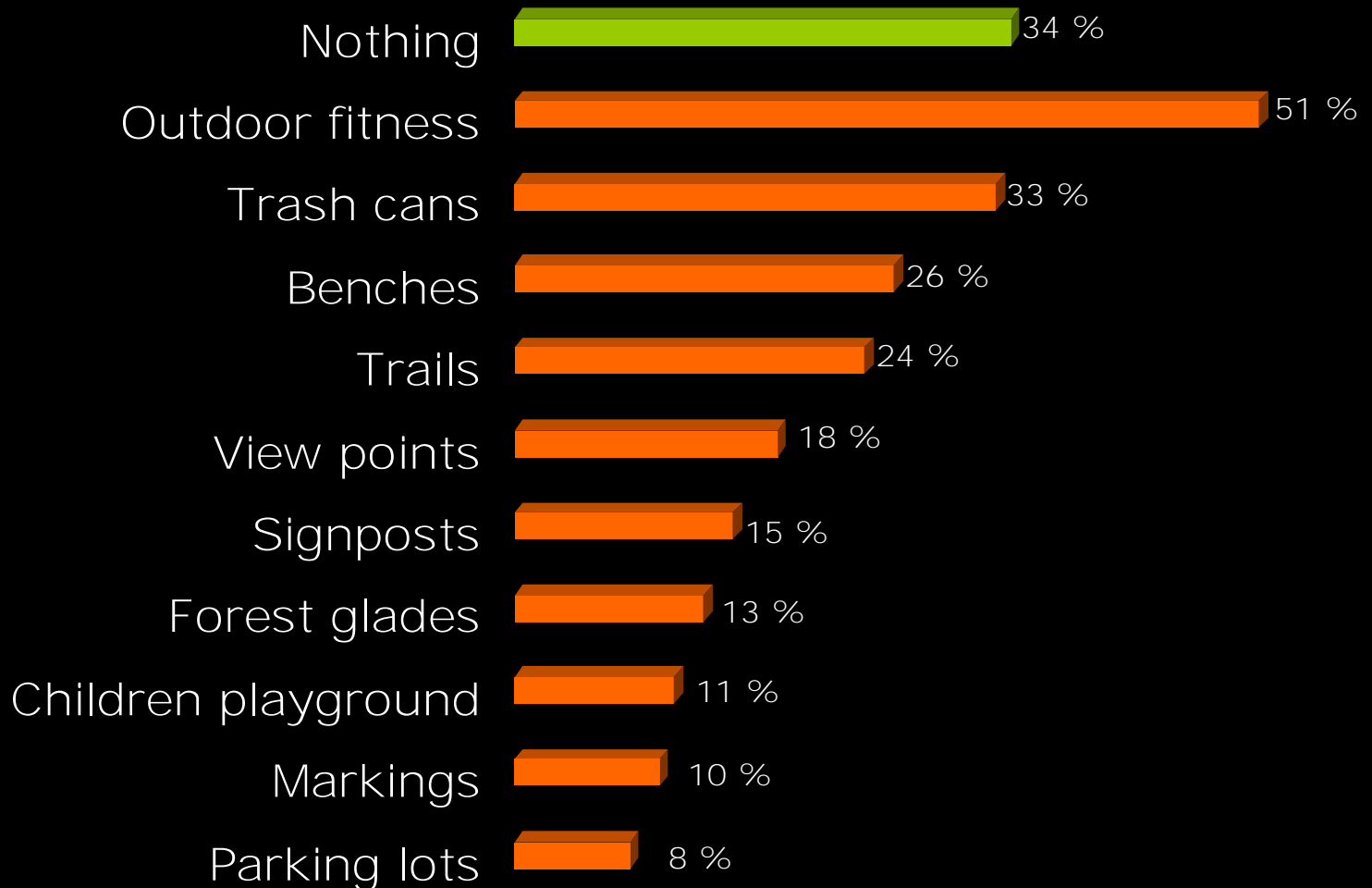
Public

Urban Forest of Celje key issues & strategies development



Signing a contract of cooperation between the Municipality of Celje and Slovenia Forest Service, 2008

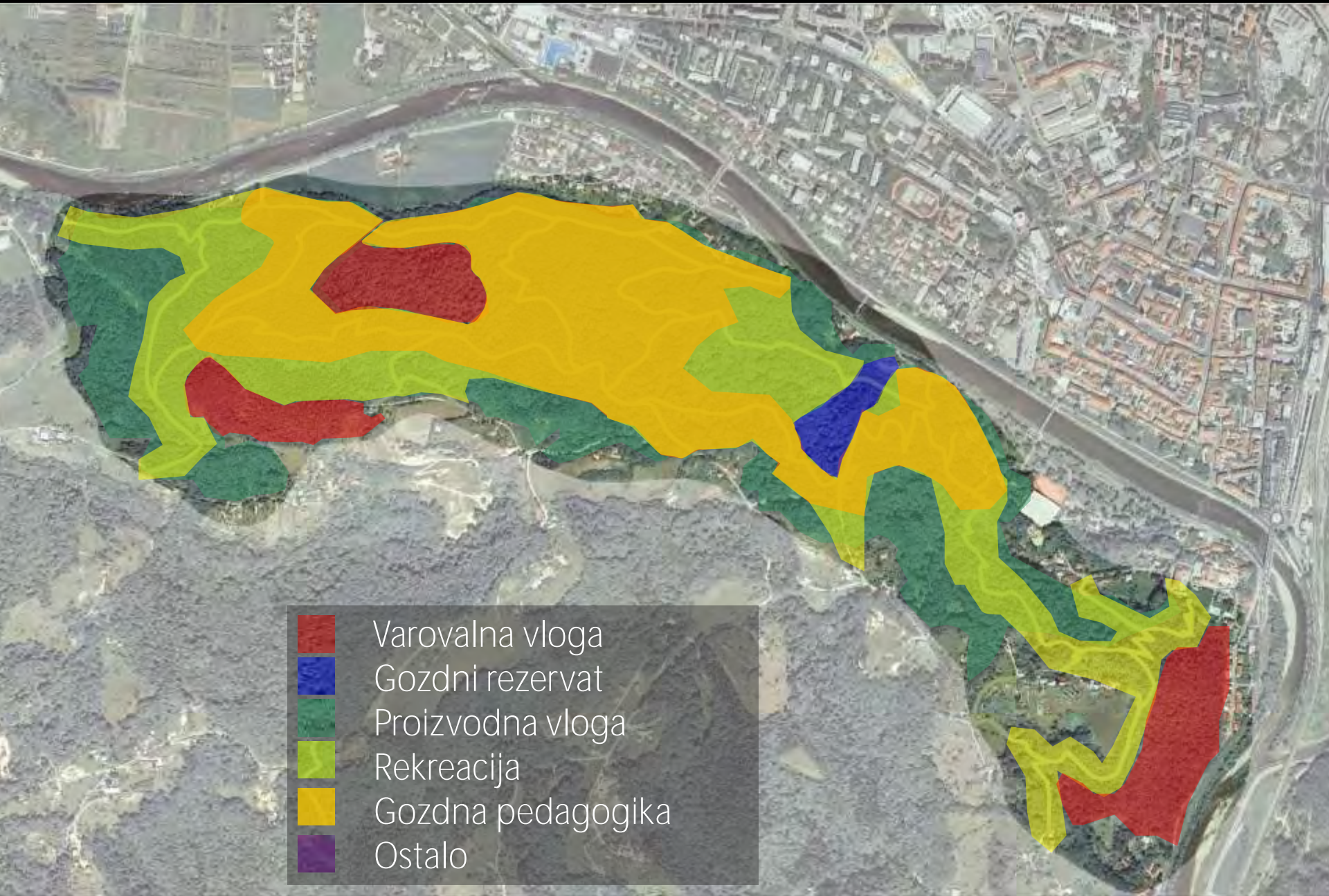
What is missing?



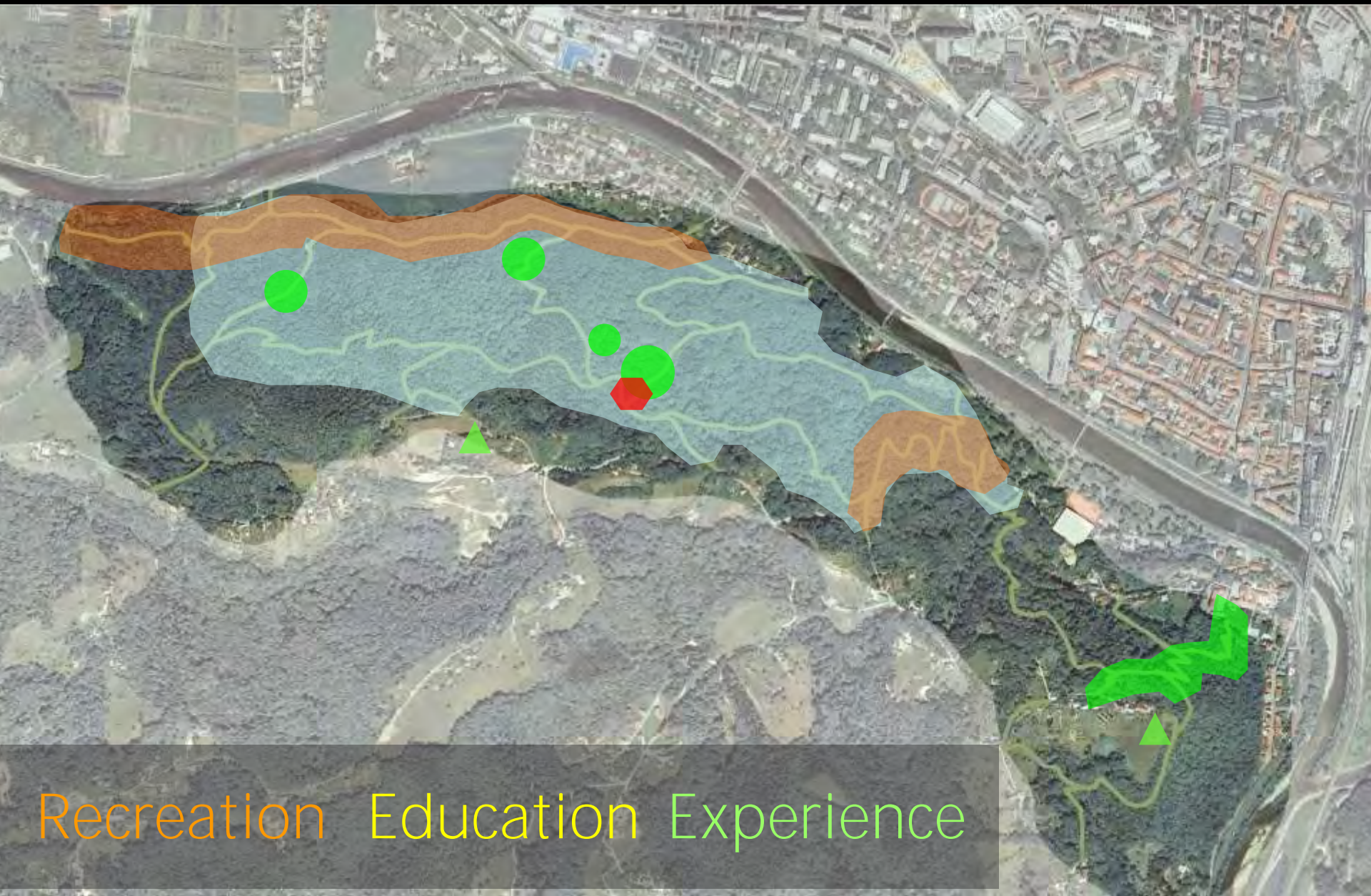
Forest visitors opinion survey, 2013

Ecosystem services survey (2013)

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The concept of forest use development (2014)



Recreation Education Experience

The Concept of forest education development (2014)

WHAT?



Education



Experience

WHO?

visitors

children

HOW?

nature
interpretation

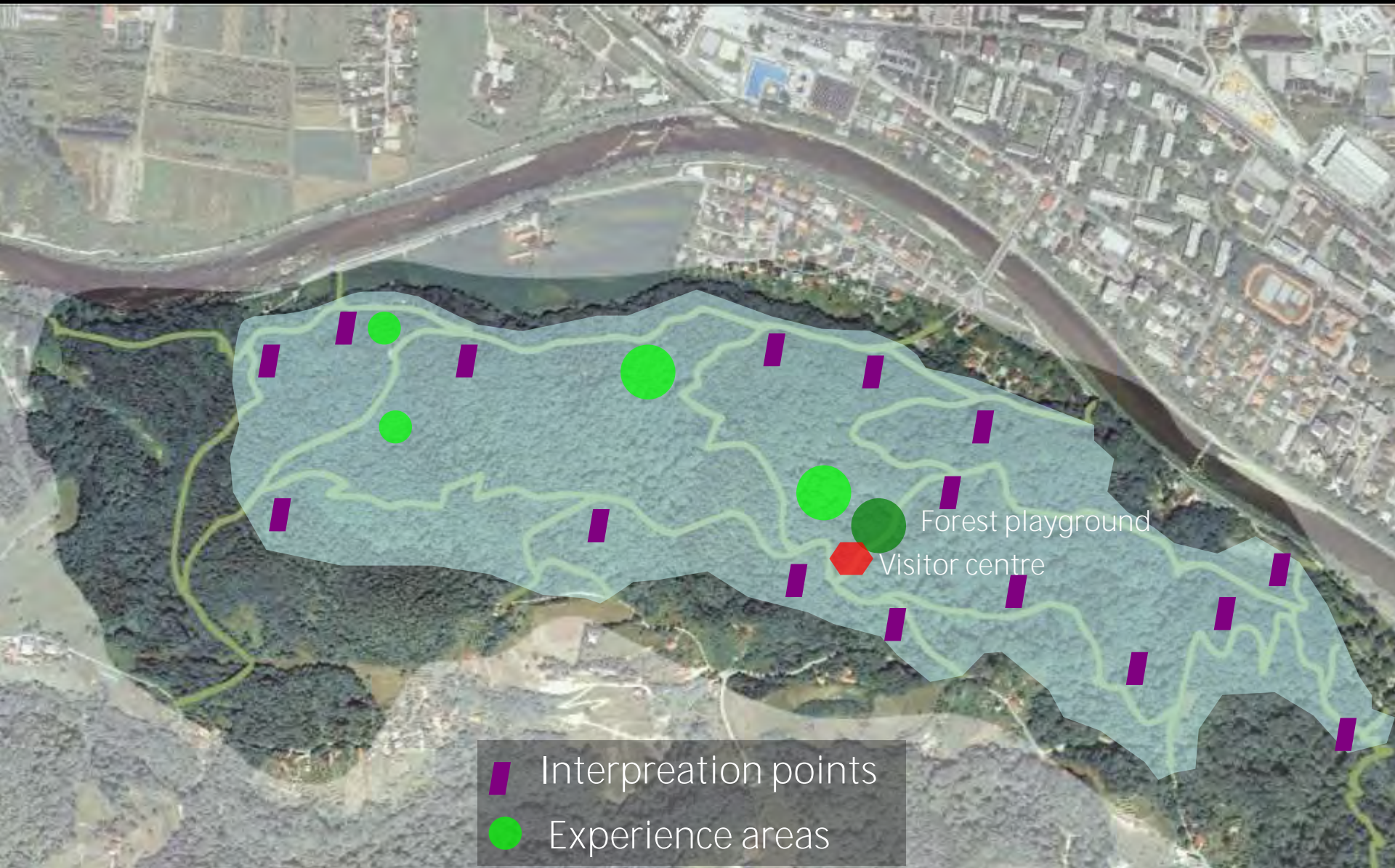
forest
pedagogy

GOALS

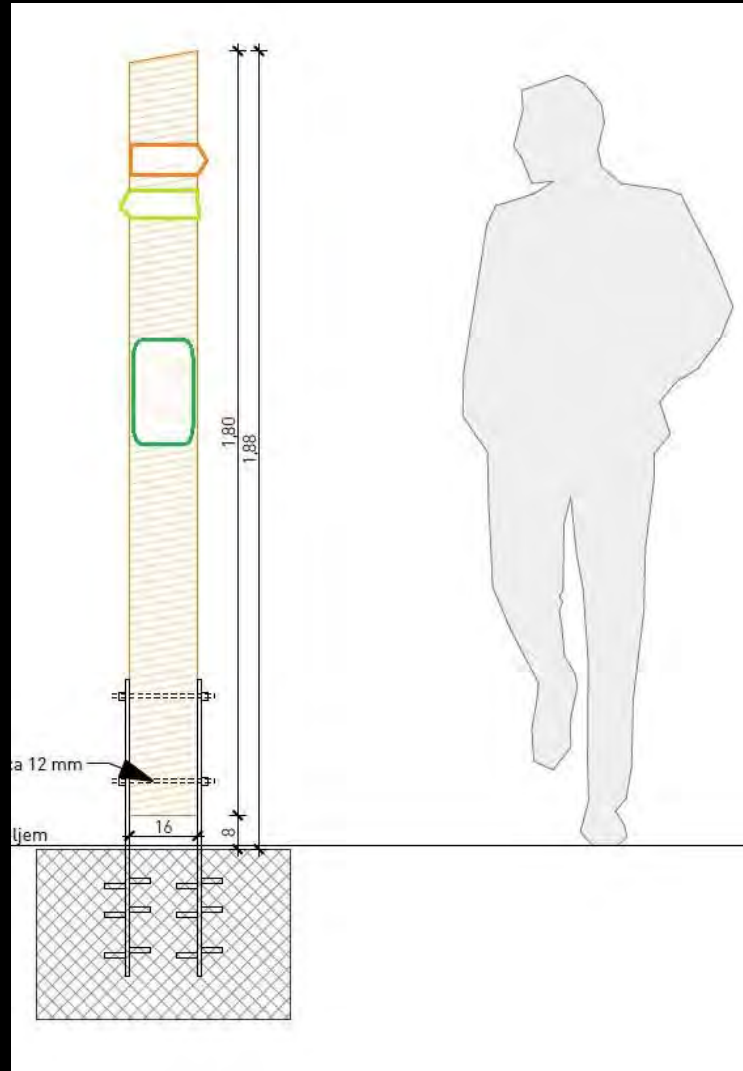
new recognition
inspiration

deep experience
new knowledge

The Concept of forest education development (2014)

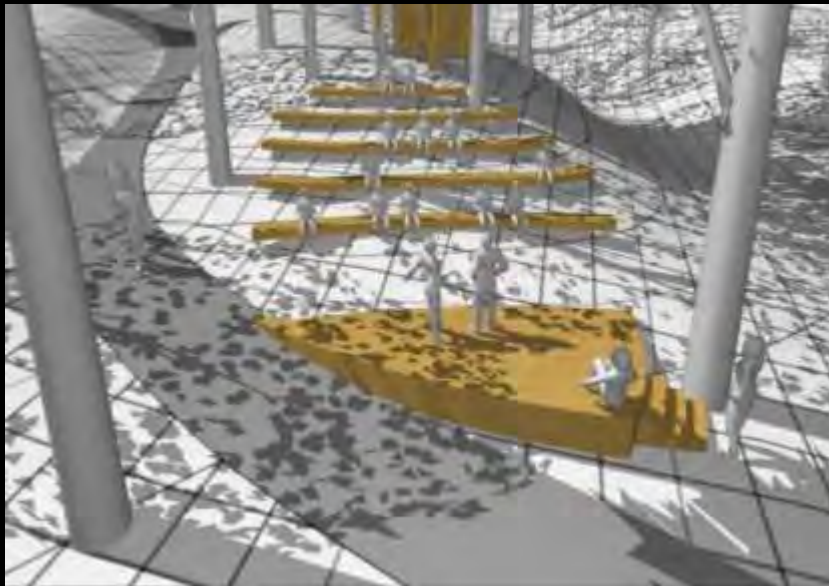


















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1998



2002



2005



2008



2016



1996

2006

2016

Protection

Governance

Marketing

Ownership

Participation

Education

Management

Branding

P E S (Payments for
Ecosystem services)

Infrastructure

Education

Public

Urban Forest of Celje key issues & strategies development





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Celjski Mestni Gozd

feelslovenia When visiting Celje, you must stop at the Town Forest, a popular gathering place amongst the locals. 🌿 There, you can visit a unique treehouse, a small informative and educational centre for the town forest.

A perfect destination for families where the children can explore nature and learn about it. Want to find out more about it and other interesting sights in Celje? Visit the link in bio!

Photo of Celje's #treehouse by @itsbigben.
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Common Thread

“Organic”, gradual growth

Cost effective approach

Persistence

Quality performance

Tools

Freestyle silviculture

Public relations

Marketing

Forest pedagogy

Governance

Participation

Conflict management

New projects



LJUBLJANA
Golovec hill



BUDAPEST
Hármashatár Hill



CLUJ-NAPOCA
Făget Forest



VIENNA
Danube Island



ZAGREB
Park forest Grmoščica



BELGRADE
Avala mountain



IVANO-FRANKIVSK
Vovchynets Hills





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