



SURVEY OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN PERIURBAN NATURAL SPACES

ΦΙΛΟΔΑΣΙΚΗ  PHILODASSIKI
Ένωση Αθηνών Enossi Athinon

Mount Hymettus Aesthetic Forest (Kessariani and Vyronas)

Total surface area: 450 ha

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LOCATION AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

LOCATION OF THE SPACE	Located within the city	Peripheral, on the edge of the city	Within a diffuse urban fabric	External, at a certain distance from the built-up area	Group of spaces making up a “green ring”	Other location or configuration
			✓		(Give the distance to the most important town in the urban conglomeration)	
HOW NATURAL IS THE SPACE?	Area of natural origin of high ecological value	Area of natural origin of medium-low ecological value	Agricultural periurban space	The space is the result of the recuperation of the environment / landscape in a degraded or abandoned area previously with other uses		Other options
				✓		

LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SPACE

OWNERSHIP	Approximate % of public ownership	Approximate % of private ownership	Which administration owns the public part?		What is the origin of the public ownership?	
	30 %	70 %	Ministry of Agricultural Development		Common land	
LEGAL INSTRUMENT OR FIGURE WHICH PROVIDES PROTECTED STATUS	Municipal urban planning	Metropolitan coordination instrument	Supramunicipal territorial planning instrument	Instrument and agreement adopted by several administrations	Legislation on Protected Natural Spaces	Other
					Presidential Decree 91/74 For 100% of the surface	
	Do you consider the protection status to be sufficient or adequate?				Yes	
MANAGEMENT BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPACE	Direct management by a local administration	Management by supramunicipal administration	Management by a consortium of administrations	Management delegated to a specific public body	Mixed public / private management system	Other
						The owner foundation "Philodassiki Enosis Athinon"
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE	No structure of its own	Own structure with individual management	Management and structure shared with other green spaces in a single management organisation		Is the Management Office located within space itself?	
	Foundation administration : Council (11 members) – Consultants - Secretariat Forest management : 1 Forester-environmentalist - 2 Technicians 1 Forest guard-12 Forest workers- 2 seasonal fire-guards				Yes	
BUDGET AND SOURCES OF FUNDING	No specific budget	It has a shared but not differentiated budget	It has a shared, differentiated budget	It has its own budget	Who are the public funding bodies?	
				550.000 €/year		
	Give the approximate distribution of annual income as a % broken down into large general items			Give the approximate distribution of annual expenditure as a % broken down into large general items		
100 % contributed by the administration (There is occasional private sponsorship)			95 % personnel costs 5% general maintenance and provisions (expenses only for the forest)			
MAINTENANCE SERVICES	What maintenance is covered by in-house services or by the administration?			What maintenance is provided by contract with private companies?		
	forestry			-----		
PRIVATE SPONSORS OR COLLABORATING COMPANIES	There is occasional private sponsorship for the purposes of the foundation					

PLANNING, REGULATION AND THE OPERATING REGIME OF THE SPACE

	Is there an overall Master Plan?	What is its duration?	Is there also a Sectoral Plan governing public use?	What is its duration?	Other rules or legal regulations
PLANNING INSTRUMENTS	Yes	2004-2013			P.D.544/78 for the regulation of zones in Mount Hymettous which defines the Aesthetic forest as a protected area
	Is there individual planning for each space or collective planning for several spaces?				
	There is a plan for botanical garden				
	Is there a zoning plan for different uses within the space?				
	No				
WHAT USES AND ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED?	“Soft” outdoor recreation activities (walking, jogging, biking, picnicking, etc) and some sport activities				
WHAT USES AND ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED?	Camping, hunting, outdoor manifestations, motor vehicles trespassing				
ARE THERE OPENING HOURS?	Yes	Summer opening hours: from 06.00 to 20.30 hrs mainly for the vehicles Winter opening hours: from to hrs.			
IS THERE ANY SPECIFIC FACILITY FOR VISITOR RECEPTION AND INFORMATION?	No	Independent:	Integrated in another facility:		* There is great information boards with map and details for the history of the forest and the inhibitions
		Area (m²):	Opening hours:		
WHAT IS THE GENERAL MEANS OF ACCESS TO THE SPACE?	Free, unrestricted entry in general	Free, unrestricted entry with restricted access in certain zones (prior authorisation necessary)	Free entry, but payment required for certain optional services or areas		Entry by payment of entry charge or season ticket
	✓				
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT	100% direct public management	Combination of direct/indirect public management	Mixed public/private management company		Combination of the foregoing
IS THERE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY SYSTEM?	No				
PUBLIC SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT CONCESSIONAIRES	The owner foundation “Philodassiki Enosis Athinon”				

AREA OF INFLUENCE AND VISITS TO THE SPACE

AREA OF INFLUENCE	What is the approximate maximum distance of the residence of users?		What is the total population of the area of influence?		From what town or city do most of the visitors come?	
	5 Km	15 min by transport means	300.000 inhabitants		Kessariani Vyronas, Zografou	
ACCESSIBILITY OF THE SPACE	By motorway or dual-carriageway	By a single lane major road	By a minor road	By other rural highways, forest roads, etc.	Is it accessible by public transport?	Is it accessible by non-motorised greenways?
	✓	✓		✓	204 and 224 bus lines	No
	Is there parking space for buses?	Is there parking space for cars?	Is there parking space for bicycles?	Is there parking space reserved for persons with mobility problems?	Other access options	
	Yes, 4 spaces	Yes, 8 spaces	No	No		
MEANS OF ACCESS TO THE SPACE	Access in private vehicles	Access on foot	Access by bicycle	Access by public transport	Other means of access	Is there a maximum number of users?
	1	2	3	4	5	No
APPROXIMATE N° OF VISITORS	Average on a working day	Average on a Sunday or ordinary public holiday	On a peak day	When is the high season?	When is the low season?	Estimated total n° of visitors per year
	150-200	1000-1500	3000-5000	Spring - summer	winter	100.000
FREQUENCY OF VISITS	Several times a week	At least once a week	At least once a fortnight	At least once a month	Several times a year with no clear regularity	Irregular
	5	1	2	3	4	6
TYPE OF VISITS TO THE SPACE	In family groups	Groups of friends	School groups	Other groups	Individual visits	No pattern
	3	2	5	4	1	
SOCIAL/CULTURAL LEVEL	Unqualified	Primary education	Basic secondary education	Higher secondary education	Other education	University education
	✓					

* If data is available, give the approximate % for each option. Otherwise, order by importance (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.)

** If attendance is too variable, give ranges (e.g., 500-1000 visitors/day). If quantitative data is not available, indicate the scale of visits qualitatively: high (level close to the maximum capacity); Medium (level close to half capacity) or low (level significantly lower than capacity).

SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN THE SPACE

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RECREATION	Bicycle hire				
	Stables/horse-riding				
	Small funfair				
	Wildlife park or zoo				
	Bathing areas/water park or similar facilities				
SPORT	Sports facilities (tennis, basketball, football, etc.)	✓			
	Adventure sport circuits				
	Water sport instruction centre				
	Provision of boats for water sports				
	Fishing equipment				
Other					
EDUCATION	Nature guide service (guided walks with monitors)				
	Nature classroom				
	School farm				
	School nursery				
	School or recreational allotments				
	Courses, seminars, nature workshops, etc.				
Other					
SOCIAL / CULTURAL	Organisation of family, school or social festivities				
	Organisation of cultural activities: exhibitions, theatre, concerts, competitions, workshops, etc.				
	Thematic centres or specific museums:				
	Other				
TOURISM	Small drinks stalls	✓			
	Restaurants				
	Shops				
	Camping areas/campsites				
	Accommodation in other tourist establishments				
	Golf course				
	Tourist river trips				
	Overland tourist trips (small trains, etc.)				
	Other				
MIXED	Parking	✓			
	Toilets	✓			
	Visitor Information Centre/Reception or Interpretation Centre				
	Botanical Garden	✓			
SOCIAL SERVICES	Centre for minors, the elderly, persons with disabilities, etc.				

Available: Mark the services or equipment offered with an X.

Payment: Mark with an X if payment is required for the service or equipment.

Management: Indicate the management system for each service or equipment: Direct Public Management (**DP**); Indirect Public Management (**IP**); Private Management (**PR**)

Access: Mark with an X if the equipment is adapted for persons with mobility problems.

FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SPACE BROKEN DOWN BY MOTIVE

FUNCTIONS	ACTIVITIES	1	2	3
RECREATION	Short walks	X		VF
	Short bicycle rides	X		F
	Horse-riding			
	Picnicking	X		F
	Use of children's playgrounds			
	Bathing			
	Others			
SPORT	Rambling/Cross-country walking			
	Sport on open-air tracks or fields	X		F
	Use of gym apparatus			
	Use of adventure sport circuits: rock-climbing walls, zip-lines, tree-borne rope bridges ...			
	Water sports (canoeing, sailing, rowing, etc.)			
	Mountain sports: mountaineering, climbing			
	Mountain biking	X		F
Fishing				
Others				
EDUCATION	Educational walks	X		O
	Guided visits with monitors			
	Visits to Interpretation Centres, Nature Classrooms, School-Workshops, School Farms or similar facilities			
	Organisation of seminars, courses, nature workshops, etc.			
	Environmental awareness-raising activities and campaigns			
	Environmental knowledge and training, in general	X		O
	Others			
SOCIAL / CULTURAL	Festive events related to the environment or the history of the city			
	Conservation of the inherited landscape as an expression of identity of scenic or cultural value			
	Cultural activities: exhibitions, theatre, concerts, competitions, workshops, etc.			
	Conservation of elements related to the historical, cultural, ethnological or religious heritage, etc.	X		O
	Organisation of regulated sporting competitions and events			
	Promotion of activities by volunteers and associations related to the protection of the space	X		O
	Place for meeting and socialising between different groups (young, old) or minorities			
	Refuge for activities of marginalised groups			
	Integration of groups at risk of social exclusion (e.g., prison inmates, problematic children, etc.)			
Others				
THERAPEUTIC: SOURCE OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	Source of direct contact with nature (as it is a natural space)	X		VF
	Enjoyment of the landscape as a place of relaxation and a source of healthy living (clean air, no noise, etc.)	X		VF
	Visits for the specific observation of the fauna, flora or other elements	X		VF
	Therapeutic use for the improvement of health; existence of therapeutic centres or itineraries			
	Others			

1 Mark the functions and activities offered in the space with an X.

2 Indicate in this cell the approximate percentage of users visiting the space for this purpose, if data is available.

3 If quantitative data is not available, indicate the frequency as follows: occasionally (O), frequently (F) very frequently (VF)

PROMOTION AND DYNAMISATION OF THE SPACE

PROMOTION	Is there a Dynamisation Plan or promotion of activities in the space?		NO
	Even if there is no specific Plan, who is responsible for the promotion of activities and programmes?		What media and promotion channels are used?
	The owner foundation "Philodassiki Enossis Athinon"		Leaflets, quarterly edited magazine "Nature and Life" (since 1970), press, official website (www.philodassiki.org)
	What programmes are offered regularly and who are the targets?		
ORGANISATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS * (holidays, contests, competitions, cultural events, etc.)	Name of the event and approximate date		Organisers/promoters
ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUPS INVOLVED IN CONSERVATION AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Name of the group		Type of activities undertaken
Does the space have a building or premises available to facilitate the work and contact between these groups?			
PUBLICITY OF THE SPACE	leaflets, boards with maps and information, produced by the owner foundation "Philodassiki Enossis Athinon"		
	Is there any centre providing information about the space open to the public?		

* Unlike Programmes, which have a longer duration and are aimed at a specific target group, these are festive, sporting or cultural activities, etc., of short duration (only a few days) whose basic objective is collective enjoyment, encouraging social contact and public participation.

PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SOCIAL USES

WHAT ARE THE MAIN LIMITATIONS OR DEFICIENT ASPECTS OF THE SPACE WITH RESPECT TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ABOVE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS?	Insufficient equipment, delays of public administration, small number of guards
WHAT ARE THE MAIN PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE PERFORMANCE OF THOSE FUNCTIONS?	Pressure of visitors in some areas and some paths mainly with bicycles, some problems of vandalism, generation of waste, fire hazard, uncontrolled uses
WITH WHAT OTHER USES, ACTIVITIES OR FACTORS DO THEY CONFLICT?	existence of a great motorway existence of some illegal houses

MONITORING

		Yes/No	Frequency		Performed by	
VISITOR CONTROL	Control of the number of vehicles using the car parks	No				
	Control of the number of persons visiting the space as a whole	No				
	Control of the number of users of specific equipment or sectors	No				
	Studies of activities of the users and the ways they use the space	(empirically)				
	Opinion surveys and user satisfaction	No				
	Others					
IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND EQUIPMENT	Monitoring of the state of repair of the equipment	Yes				
	Studies or monitoring of the impact of users on the natural surroundings	No				
	Others					
EVALUATION BY VISITORS	Degree of satisfaction	Low	Medium	High	Very High	No reply
	If user satisfaction surveys have been carried out, give the results in %					
	Which aspects are most highly valued by users?					
	Which aspects are least valued by users?					
OTHER MONITORING ACTIVITIES	What other studies, apart from those mentioned above, are regularly carried out?					
	What other activities would you propose for a Monitoring Plan?					