



JenKAS – The Local Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Activities of the Municipality of Jena (June 2014)



The City of Jena – Facts & Figures











Facts ...

- Country: Germany

- State: Thuringia

- District: Urban district

- Lord Major: Albrecht Schröter (SPD)

- Inhabitants: 106,915 (31.12.2012)

- Density: 940 inh./km² (2,400/sq mi)

- Area: 114,30 km² (44,13 sq mi)



Coat of Arms



... and Figures

- Jena forms the central metropolitan area of Thuringia with approximately 500,000 inhabitants (together with the neighbour-cities Erfurt and Weimar).
- Jena is a centre of education and research the Friedrich Schiller University has 21,000 students today, the Ernst-Abbe-Fachhochschule Jena counts another 5,000 students.
- Furthermore, there are many institutes of the leading German research societies.
- The city's economy is based on high-tech industry and research, making Jena an innovation centre in Germany.
- Optical and precession industry is the leading branch to date, while software engineering, other digital businesses and biotechnology are of growing importance.
- Furthermore, Jena is also a service hub for the bordering regions.



Current Developments in Jena

- Jena: growing city in a shrinking region
- Population growth from 97,000 in 2000 to 106,000 inhabitants in 2013
 - Population forecast for 2030: 109,090 inhabitants
- Economic growth:
 - Number of employees grows from 58,800 in 2002 to 74,300 in 2025 (2011: 69.300)
 - Demand for industrial and special areas from 362 ha in 2011 to 399 ha in 2025



Population and Economic Growth

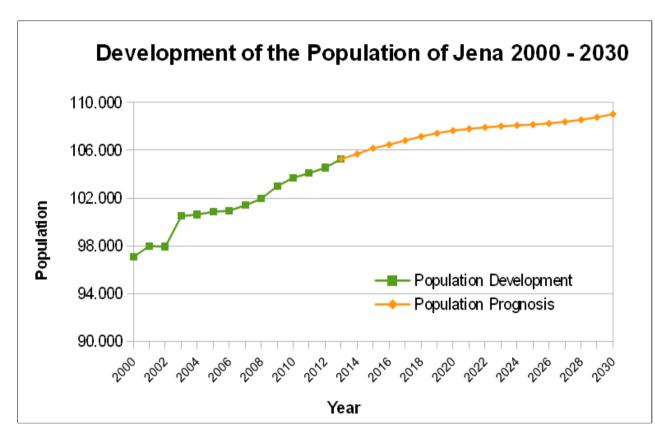
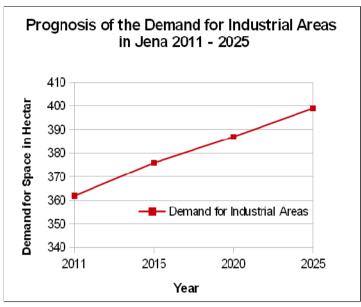
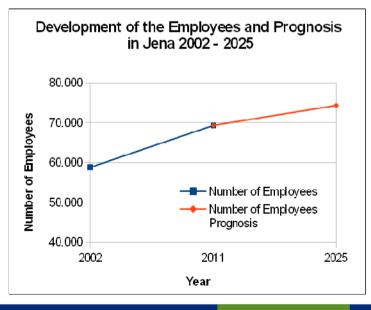


Diagram at the top: Development of the Population of Jena **Diagram on the top right:** Demand for Industrial Areas in Jena

Diagram at the bottom right: Development of Employees in Jena







Current Urban Development Projects







Picture on the top: Industrial area "Jena21"

Picture on the top left: Residential building "Sonnenhof"

Picture left: University campus "Inselplatz"



What is the climatic situation in Jena?



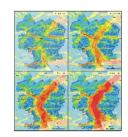
Climate Situation in Jena

- Jena lies in a hilly landscape in the east of Thuringia, within the wide valley of the river Saale
- The city centre is situated at 160 m of elevation, whereas the mountains on both sides of valley "Saaletal" rise up to 400 meters
- Characteristics of local climate situation / topography
 - Low air exchange (autochthonous weather every 5th day a year) → regular repeating smog-situations until 1990 due to energy use based on brown coal and low air exchange)
 - Thermal overheating (especially in densely built-up areas of the city) → Heat-Island-Effect
 - Importance of cooling winds from the side valleys

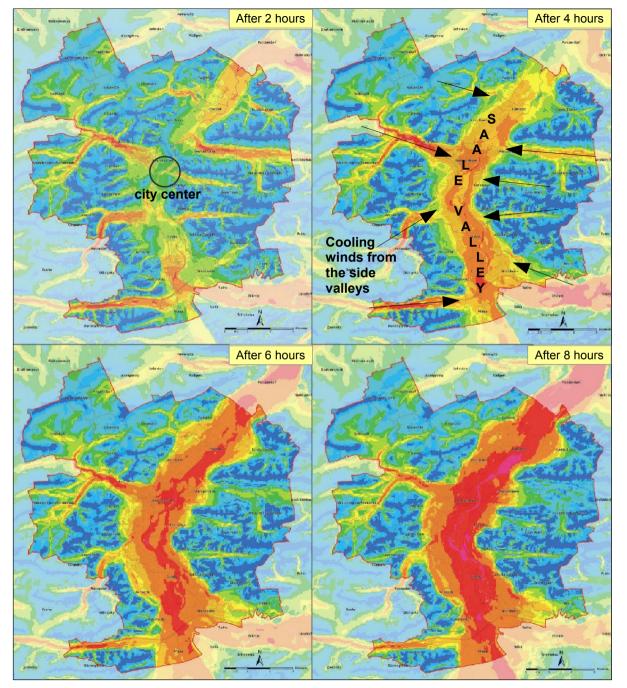


Autochthonous weather

- Cloud- and windless days with intensive short-wave insolation
 - Weather situation without exchange of warm and cold air masses
 - No cooling
 - In Jena a 5th of all days a year
- Side valleys of Jena play a central role in providing the exchange of air masses and cooling

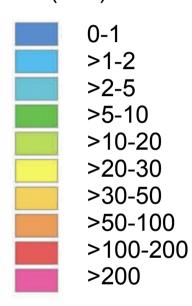


Cooling winds in Jena: see visualization on next slide





Cold air volume flow m³/(m*s)

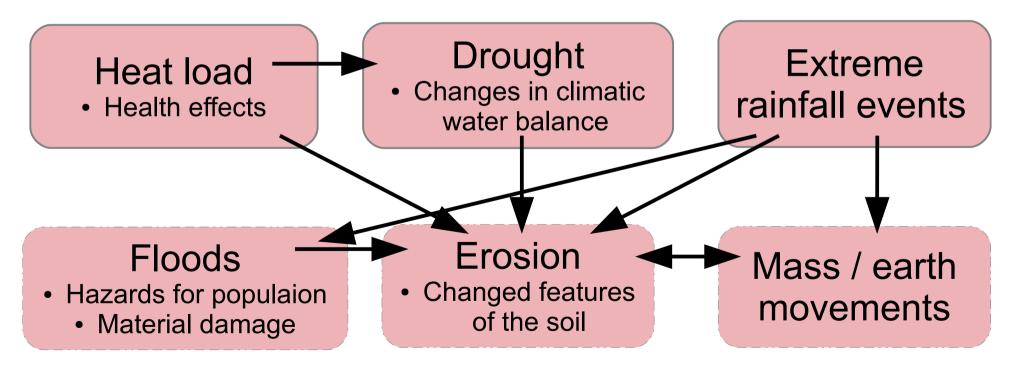


Picture: Cold air situation during autochthonous days in Jena

→ high importance of cooling winds from the side valleys; this happens overnight and leads to a cooling down of the Saale valley

Climatic Change and impacts on Jena JENA – biggest challenges in the future

- (1) Increase in temperature → thermal overheating
- (2) Increasing drought
- (3) Extreme events, especially heavy rainfall





(1) Heat load – Thermal overheating

- Jena is located in the warm temperate zone of Central Europe
 - The city has a relatively dry position in Thuringia and Germany
 - The average annual temperature in Jena is higher than in whole Thuringia (2001-2010: 10,1 Degree)
 - Jena as one of the warmest places in Central Germany → "Toscany of the East"
- Heat-Island-Effect
 - In the city center is a higher average air temperature than in surrounding areas → possible threat for human health



(2) Increasing drought

- Rising temperatures lead to a deterioration of the climatic water balance
- Loss of vegetation
- Hazard of soil erosion by wind and water (surface runoff during heavy rainfall events)

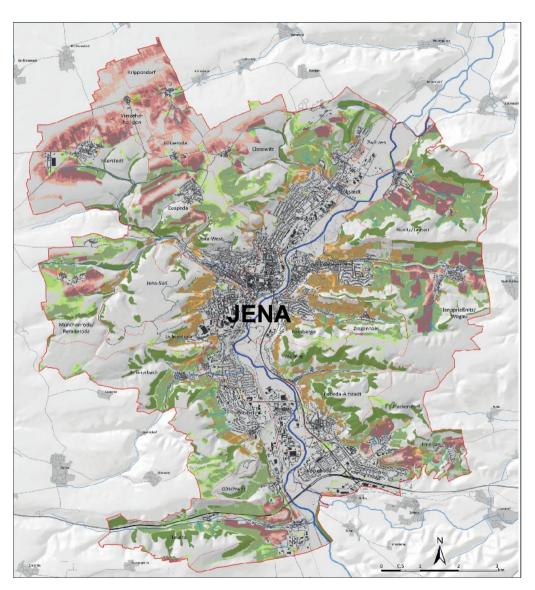




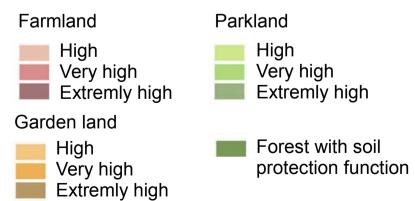
Picture: Heavy rain events increase the soil erosion in agriculture: acre in the district of Kunitz / Laasan



(2) Increasing drought



Potential hazard of erosion





(3) Extreme rainfall events





- severe storm and heavy rainfalls on May 30 & 31, 2013
- subsequent flood and erosion May 31 to June 7, 2013
- Considerable damage in residential and industrial areas



(3) Extreme rainfall events









Pictures: Impressions of the Flood 2013

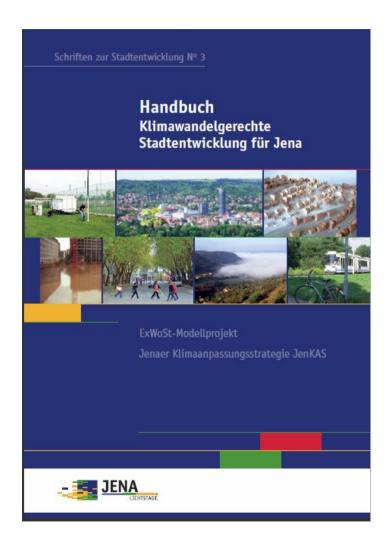


JenKAS – The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy of Jena

The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy of Jena



- Starting point: Report of the IPCC 2007 – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- 2009: Preliminary study on an adaptation concept of the Institute of Geography of the University of Jena
- 2009-2012: Federal promotion program
- 2013: City Council Decision
- Consideration in urban development and planning





Key Question:

How can municipalities integrate / improve climate adaptation measures in city development planning and daily processes?



Starting point of the JenKAS-Project

- Various observed trends, such as:
 - Increasing heat load / thermal heating in compact areas,
 - an increasing dryness (especially in the summer months) and
 - an inreasing risk of flooding of the river Saale and side channels (due to increasing extreme events).
- This led early on to the fact that the city dealt with issues of climate adaptation.



Partner of the JenKAS-Project

- City of Jena
- Thuringian Institute for Sustainability and Climate Protection (Think)
- Federal Institute for Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development at the Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning
- Thuringian State Office for Environment and Geology (TLUG)
- German Meteorilogical Service (DWD)
- Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research (UFZ)
- BPW baumgart + partner and plan + risk consult



















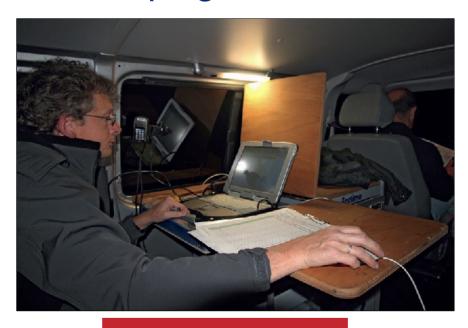






Procedure

- During the Project we made an integrated view of climate change impacts in the entire city as well as the derivation of appropriate adaptation strategies.
- Colloborations, there was inter alia with the DWD or the UFZ Leipzig.





Source: Maercker (2011)



The Three-Perspective-Approach

- Consideration of climate action sequences in the entire city
- Analysis of the impact of climate change in five action fields which are then
- incorporated into an action or recommendation catalog of 118 recommendations for the city of Jena



The Three-Perspective-Approach

Climate impact

- Heat load
- Summer drought
- Flood
- Erosion
- Extreme events

Field of action

- Settlement development
- Nature & environmental protection
- Water management
- Agriculture & Forestry
- Traffic & Infrastructure

Spatial unit

- 30 Districts of Jena
- Natural & Urban Space



118 recommendations for action

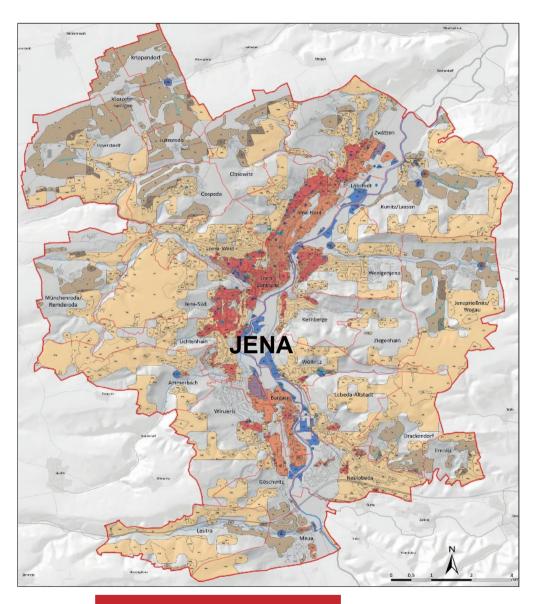


Results of the JenKAS-Project

- JenKAS The Climate Change Adaption Strategy of Jena
- Map series / Atlas
- DWD-Expertise (German Meteorological Service)
- JELKA A decision support system for local planners
- Recommendations for action
- Handbook & website







Impacts of Climate Change

Heat load
Drought

Flood

Water erosion

Heat load & drought

Water erosion & drought

Water erosion & flood

Heat load & flood

Drought & flood

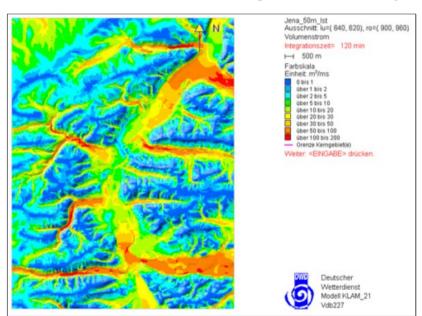
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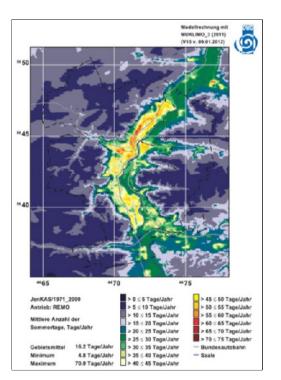
Picture: Risk-Conflict-Map of Jena



Results (2): DWD-Expertise

- Final report of the German Meteorological Service (DWD)
- Results of local climate modeling with cold air model (picture left) and urban climate model (picture right)
- Statements on the local cold air dynamic and on the development of urban overheating tendency



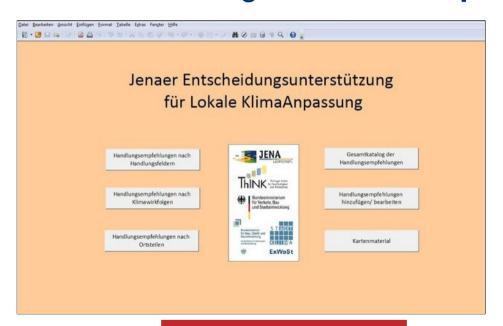


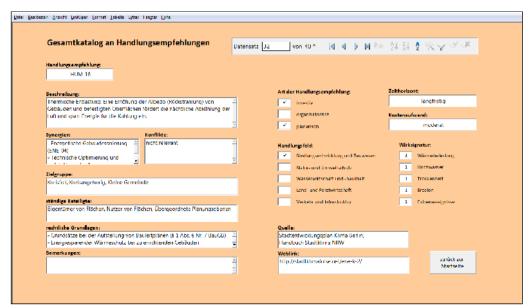
Source: DWD 28





- Database with recommendations for action to adapt to climate change in Jena
- Three-Perspective-Approach
 - Selection of more than 100 recommendations for action according to climate impact, field of action and district



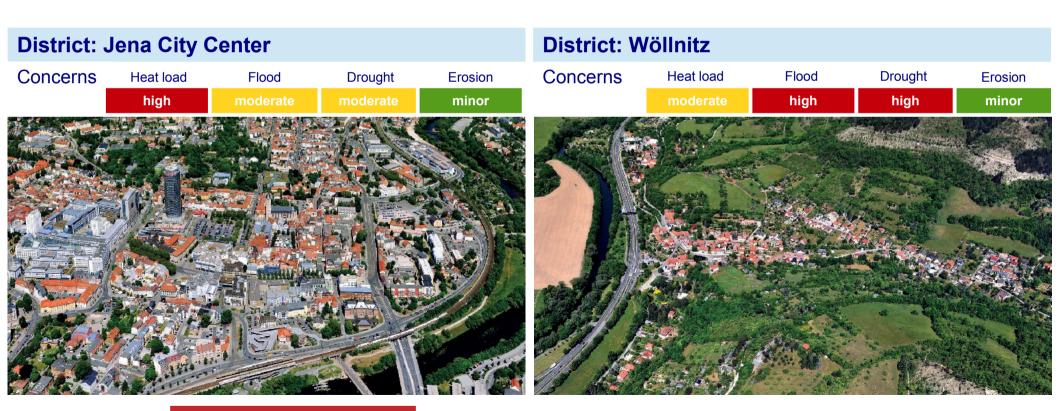


Source: Think

Results (4): Recommendations for Action

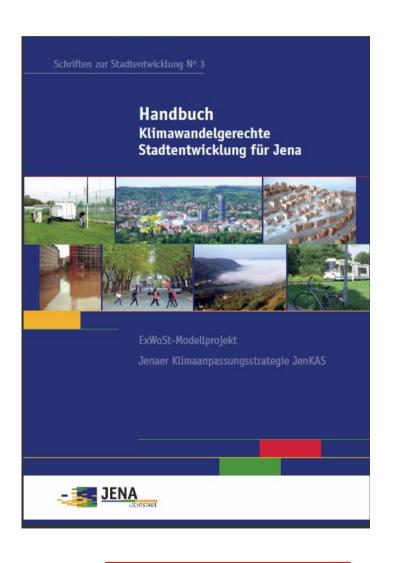


- For each of the 30 districts of Jena
- Traffic light labeling system (showing the degree of impact)
 - Important measure for raising awareness and information





Results (5): Handbook & Website



- Summary of all results in the "Handbook of climate change-friendly urban development"
 - Working base for the employees of the city council
- Website gives informations about the project, the scientific backround, documentation of the working steps and results
 - → www.jenkas.de



How can JenKAS become an inherent and permanent part in administrative action?



... how the strategy is transformed into local action

- The "JenKAS Working Group"
 - Regular meetings (every 2-3 months)
 - Discussion of current projects, new project ideas, new insights
 - Members: Staff of the city council, Climate Agency (state institution), Thuringian Institute for Sustainability and Climate Protection (local research assistance), Centre for Environmental Research
 - Objective: Improving information and transfer of knowledge



... how the strategy is transformed into local action

Exemplary Activities:

- Temperature measurement on municipal buildings (2014)
- Project "City trees in climate change" (2014)
- Training on JELKA-Tool (2013)
- Microclimatic analysis of several major building projects (since 2010)



Picture: Greening the marketplace for more climate comfort

Source: Dr. Lerm

Project: Analysis of the Impacts of Local Heat Hot Spots (2014)

- Analysis of the temperature-data of all municipal buildings
- Objective: Identifying local heat hot spots during selected periods of extreme heat
- Therefor: Analysis of outdoor-sensors of approx. 80 municipality buildings (schools, administration, kindergartens, sports facilities, etc.)
- Consideration: Analysis as basis for a development of an emergency system in periods of high temperatures for health prevention
- Protection of heat sensitive groups (children, senior citizens, construction workers, etc.)









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Pictures: Buildings of the city administration; Owner: Kommunale Immobilien Jena, a municipal-owned enterprise for agement of municipal buildings

Project: City Trees in Climate Change (2014)



- Greening in the city improves the urban climate
 - Trees have the effect of an air conditioner, dust filter, water reservoir
 - Trees give shade and quality for urban life
- Project:
 - Inventury of all trees in the urban area of Jena
 - Focus: Concept for future plantings
 - Selection of suitable trees that are adapted to the conditions of climate change
 - Tree species that are tolerant to drought, summer heat and frost in the wintertime



Picture: Tree of Heaven ("Götterbaum") as a promising future tree in climate change

Project: City Trees in Climate Change (2014)











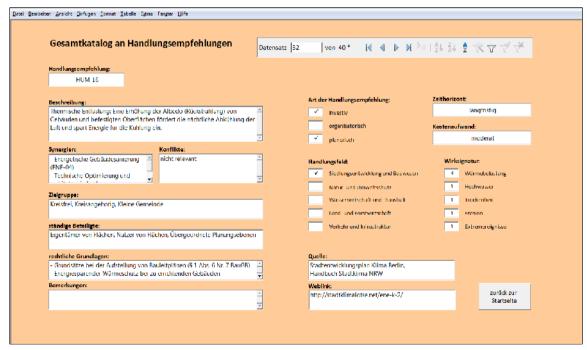
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Training on JELKA-TOOL (2013)

- JELKA: Database and decision support system for local planners to adapt to climate change
- Select over 100 recommendations for action according to climate impact, field of action and district
- Training of the employees of the departments of the city administration
- Objective:

 Raising awareness for taking recommendations into account and using the tool



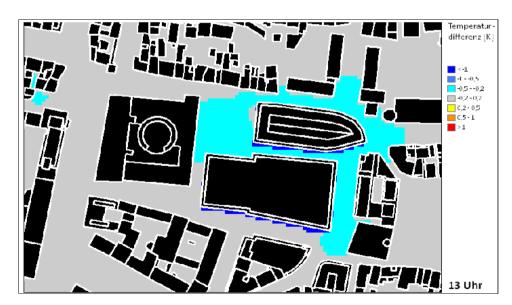
Picture: User surface of the JELKA-TOOL

Source: Think

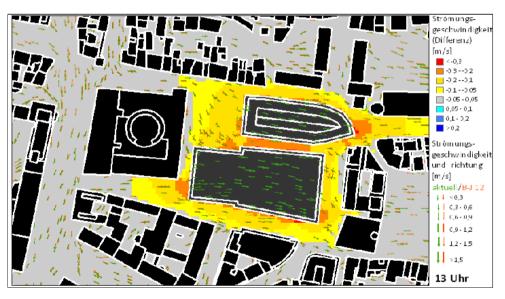
Micro-Climatic Analysis of Major Building Projects (2010)



- Measurement of the microclimate and the air quality in areas of major development projects
- Calculation of the climate in built-up space → show / unveil potential changes in temperature and air flow rate



Picture: Calculation of the potential temperature in built-up space



Picture: Calculation of the air flow rate in built-up space

Source: Think

Micro-Climatic Analysis - Urban Development Project "Eichplatz"





Picture 1: Calculation of potential temperature

→ Minor changes of potential temperature



Picture 2: Calculation of the air flow rate

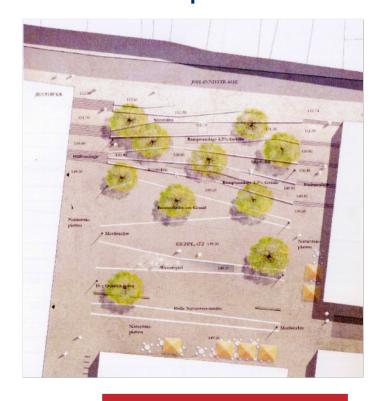
- → Reduction of the air flow rate
- → Changes in the flow direction

Micro-Climatic Analysis "Eichplatz"



- Results

 Consideration and integration of climate issues in building processes and masterplans





Picture right: Determining of green space in the Masterplan "Eichplatz"

Picture left: Square design with climate comfort oasis

Source: Stadt Jena



Further activities...

EU-Project BASE



Universität Bielefeld Fakultät für Gesundheitswissenschaften

- → Project in cooperation with the center of environ-mental research (UFZ) in Leipzig
- Workshops on climate change and effects on the health of citizens
 - → Objective: Adaptation strategies on climate change to strenghten the health of citizens
- Puplic relations (e.g. city-website, press, print, social media, events, flyers, information material)

The JenKAS-Steadying Process – "Climate Proofing" in the City Council

- Implementation of key research findings as main challenge for the next years
- Considerations of aspects of climate change adaption in urban planning
- Objective: Resilience and adaptability of plannings and investments to current and future effects of climate change
- First Milestones have been completed:
 - City Council Decision in May 2013
 - Consideration of climate issues in building processes, urban plans and concepts



"Climate Proofing" in the City Council



Next Step: JenKAS as an inherent and permanent part in administrative action and the preparation of urban plans

Climate-friendly urban development for Jena

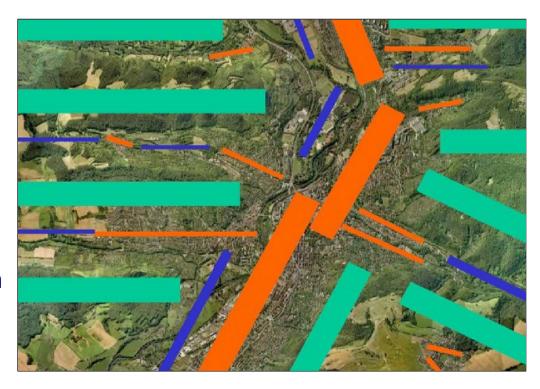


- Tendencially linear urban compression
- Conservation of climate compensation areas
- Risk areas should be kept free

Picture: Map of Jena

Orange – Linear urban compression

- Blue Blue structures (water)
- Green Green structures (green, forest, agriculture)



Source: Dr. Lerm

Sustainable Action Against Climate Risks



Avoiding Risks (Climate Protection)

Reducing Risk
Effects
(Providing, Adaptation)

Coping Compatible with Unavoidable Events
(Crisis Management)

Insuring unavoidable
Risks
(Aftercare)

Source: Dr. Lerm

"Future is not a stroke of fate, but the consequence of the desicions we make today."

Franz Alt

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