



Fragments of nature project in Jánossomorja and Veľké Úľany

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Fragments of nature is a cross-border project between the Slovakian Veľké Úľany and its Hungarian sister city Nagyfödémes. Priority Axis 1: Nature and Culture - Since December 2017, the program has been increasing the attractiveness of the border area and its implementation ends in November this year.

Veľké Úľany and Jánossomorja have been cooperating in the project "Use of the fragments of nature in the former industrial-used areas and in the rural areas" of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Program. The aim of a project section which concerns Jánossomorja is to revitalize the park used as a sand pit in Szent István Street. As the first step, the conditions of park's shrubs and trees were surveyed, based on which the plans were created. In addition to the development of the natural fragment, new sport and social function were developed in the park. These contributed to the environment, adapted to the needs of the population and are also optimized for the protection of nature. This will be supported by the creation of a new supply of nature-friendly, matterful recreational activities, culminating in a focus on nature conservation. The rubber-covered running track, playground equipments, outdoor fitness machines for adults, benches, tables and rain shelter guarantee pleasantly spent leisure time for all age-groups. Walkways are covered with paving-blocks and gravel. During the renovation of the park, trees and shrubs were planted, and the grassy area was renewed. 40 trees and shrubs were marked with information cards. An exercise book was created in Hungarian and Slovak language for elementary school students, so they can learn about the planted trees. Currently, finishing works are taking place in the park. The park is due to be delivered in November, and on this occasion the project partners from Veľké Úľany are also invited.

The overall support for the project Fragments of nature SKHU/1601/1.1/227/B2 is 406 783.52 €, of which the eligible budget of Jánossomorja is 252 303.14 €. The Government of Hungary has supplemented with 10% domestic co-financing the 85% of the European Union fund and the Local Government of Jánossomorja provided 5% own resources.

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