

Jihlava has in its area a number of smaller and larger greens. The most significant is central **forest park Heulos**, where 2nd stage of revitalization is being prepared.

As far as environmental protection is concerned, the definition of system USES (territorial system of ecological stability). In Vysocina Region, one of the largest areas listed in European network **Natura 2000** is located. It is spread on the banks of river Jihlava where a number of precious and endangered animal and plant species live. In the area of Statutory city of Jihlava, two small area zones are declared as especially protected, those are nature reserve Zajeci skok and nature sight Vysoky kamen.

Since last year a project of **Revitalization of town green** has taken place, cca 4000 trees at the most exposed places in town will be treated.

Last year the town organised Championship of CR in tree climbing which brought the work through tree-climbing technique in treetops closer to the inhabitants of Jihlava and thus also the technique with which the trees in the town centre area are treated.

In the past years the town realized several projects concerned with regeneration of public spaces and some new park areas have been created: **Park above the tunnel, Gustav Mahler Park, Grounds near Heller pond.**



In the historical centre there are 582 buildings with 214 cultural sights. Thanks to the historical value of the building complex in the town centre, it was declared an urban conservation area (next only UCA) in 1982. In the second half of the 20th century a part of preserved town walls were also reconstructed in length of 3 km, including one preserved town gate.



A significant historical sight of the town is **Jihlava's underground**. Its total length is 25 km and it spreads over 50 000 m². Jihlava is closely connected to the person of Gustav Mahler, the world famous composer. The town owns the **House of Gustav Mahler** where the exhibition of Gustav Mahler's family remains.

Unique environment is provided by open-air amphitheatre neighbouring with park Maly Heulos, where the program of summer open-air cinema and other cultural events takes place. Concerts of classical and spiritual

music or exhibitions can be organised in the premises of Dominican **Holy Cross Elevation church** since 2011.

Jihlava supports recycling where it already achieved 3rd place in the competition 'We recycle the best'. Recycling bins are placed in the building of Town Magistrate. The town also realizes project for schools and nurseries orientated to involvement of schools in enlightenment and public education.

Jihlava Magistrate cooperated with Vysocina Region in project '**Evaluation of air quality in the industrial zone of Jihlava and arising health risks**, which is now followed by further monitoring.

In Jihlava there are localities which can be characterized as so called **brownfields**. An example of usage of such areas is **Old People's Home Stribrne Terasy**, a project which was built in the unused premises of industrial company Tesla finished in 2011.

In accordance with the modern development of civic society a large scale of activities orientated to support of public participation and introduction of community principles is taking place. At the same time, the emphasis is to put on getting the feedback in area of public opinion and attitudes and overall happiness of the inhabitants. Regular meetings **Healthy City Forum** are held to identify the most painful problems by cooperation with the public. A new event this year was **Children's forum or ten problems in Jihlava town. Through the eyes of Jihlava's pupils and students in primary and secondary schools**. An example of such cooperation is involvement of non-profit organisations in area of environment. The result is care of natural biotopes in the town and its surroundings, systematic protection of swifts and bats during the building reconstructions etc.



A number of healthy lifestyle activities takes a place in the town. There is the annual **Health Day** where there are free checks of cholesterol levels, sugars and triglycerides in blood, and prevention programs HIV, for example a happening for support of HIV positive people and those with AIDS in **CR Light for AIDS**. Next, it is also **World No Tobacco Day** which draws attention to the risks connected with smoking, and **European Mobility Week** which draws attention to the alternative ways of town transport and to the impacts of regular exercise and changes of behaviour to human health.

In the area of **prevention of socio-pathological phenomenon** several organisations whose activities are targeted to various groups in town's population operate in Jihlava. The most common form is primary prevention, lectures and discussions with pupils and students in all schools including various topics.

Town is also dealing with the question of mobility and transport. During 2010, 30 municipal bus stops underwent non-barrier adjustments. The feedback of users was then obtained via surveys.

In the last few years attention has been given to cycling. Actualization of **development plans of cycling transport** from 2011 suggested a new approach in building of cyclepaths and cycle arrangements in the town.



In order to set up a strategic document which would reflect not only local and regional specifics in problematic and developing areas it is necessary to observe circumstances with valid strategic and concept documents which exist in different levels. The environment of Statutory city of Jihlava is not developing quite independently and independent of external conditions, but it is subject to the influence operating within European macroregion, Czech Republic and within higher autonomy unit of Vysocina Region.