

# Sustainable green space management in CPH

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# Presentation

## Who am I?

Former municipal parkplanner, parkmanager and leader within the municipality of Copenhagen

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## Today's topic

Sustainable management and maintenance of green areas in CPH

- Several agendas and issues of sustainability in play
- Strategic level agendas
- Practical level issues



## Sustainable management - a framework



### Economical

- Lifecycle-analysis when purchasing
- Efficiency in use of resources
- Responsible action



### Biological

- Local adaption
- Local circuit of resources
- Variation of species
- Low risk choice of plants
- Management strategy provided
- Efficiency in operations



### Social

- User and staff involvement
- Developing skills
- Multiple purpose use of green spaces
- Feeling of identity & cultural heritage,
- High value aesthetics
- Strategic communication



## Sustainable management initiatives in CPH



	Economical	Biological	Social
Strategic level	<p>Reconversion of budgets 'Need to' vs. 'nice to' Room for priority</p> <p>Transparency</p>	<p>CPH's Climate Adaptation Plan &amp; investment strategy</p> <p>Urban nature policy</p> <p>Tree policy</p> <p>'Greening' tool</p>	<p>Sharing Copenhagen</p> <p>Community CPH – development based on 'city needs'</p> <p>Partnership trees</p>
Practical level	<p>Work smarter not harder – innovation and change of habits</p> <p>Efficient use of machinery in focus</p>	<p>Climate adaptation – green growth</p> <p>100.000 trees by 2025</p> <p>14 hectares of new urban forest</p> <p>Nature care initiatives</p>	<p>Volunteers working in parks and nature areas</p> <p>Benefit recipients in CPH working with nature care</p> <p>Learning platform for schools</p>





## Green Copenhagen



### Municipality of Copenhagen

App. 0.5 million inhabitants

8800 ha city

2260 ha green space, incl. parks, nature areas, sports areas, allotment gardens, churchyards, playgrounds

Municipal plan renewed every four years

10 city districts – individual plans

Green space administration within the Technical and Environmental Administration, the Cultural Administration and the Finance Administration







Harbour front park and public swimbath



Playgrounds



Cemeteries



The lakes



Classical park



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Nature areas



Pocket Parks

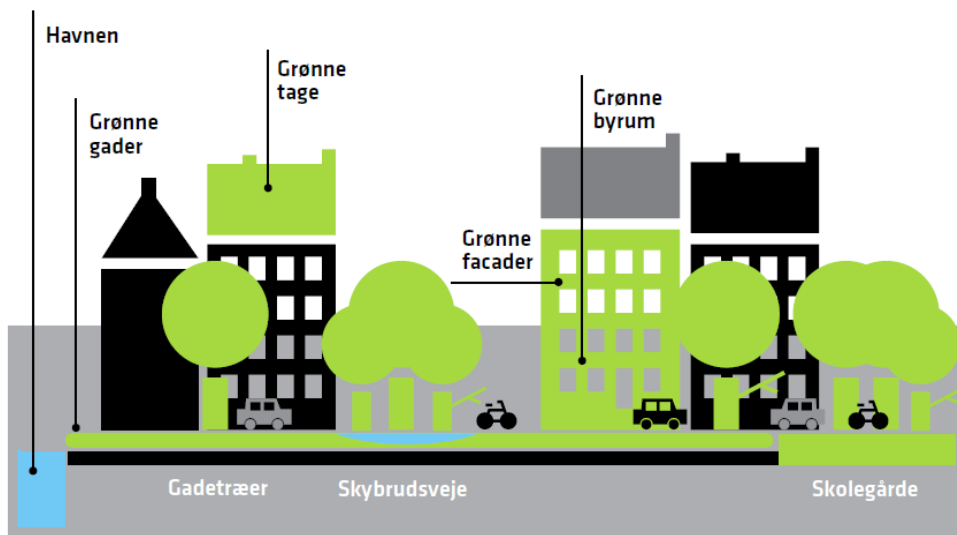


Street trees



# Urban nature strategy

## VISION #1 MERE BYNATUR TIL KØBENHAVNERNE



## VISION #2 BYNATUR MED HØJ KVALITET



# BY ←

# NATUR →

## BY- OG GADERUM



## PARKER OG KIRKEGÅRDE



## NATUROMRÅDER



Grønt belægning



Gulvare



Dagsfløjter  
sommerflugt



Barkløgner



Parkare



Skorpion



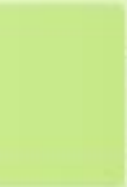
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Flugter



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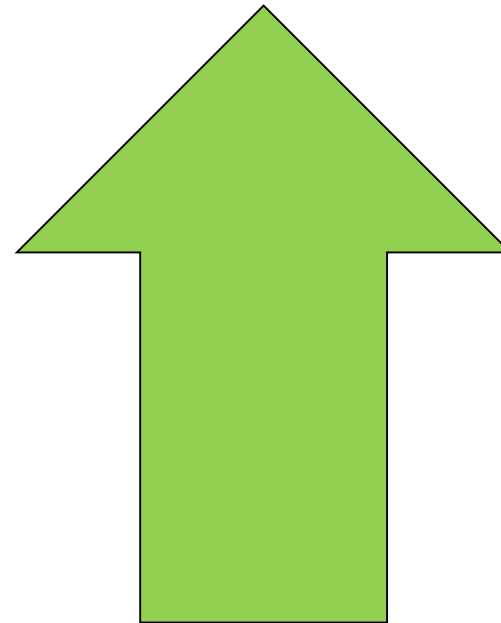
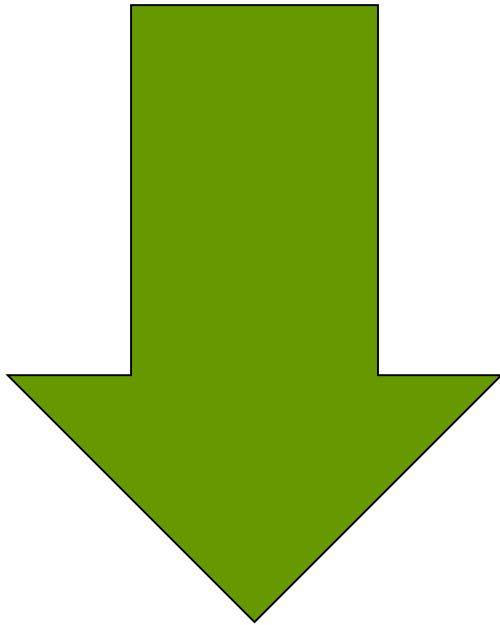
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## Top down vs. bottom up development

Politicians – top managers – strategic planners



Professional considerations – individual interests and performance

...and now on to some practical level issues....

## Biodiversity along the roads

### Arguments:

Economical – effective use of resources – reduce amount of cut of materiel

Economical – working environment – safety at work

Biodiversity – long term effect - change of species

### Challenges:

Disturbs traffic in a busy city

Disturbs citizens when working at night in residential neighbourhoods



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## Biodiversity in parks – hills and slopes

### Arguments:

Economical – effective use of resources – reduce amount of cut of material

Biodiversity – long term effect - change of species

Social – cultural environments are made visible and accessible

### Challenges:

Heavy machines on vulnerable surfaces

Heavy machines conflicts with recreative use of areas















## Biodiversity in parks – nature areas and heavy machinery

### Arguments:

Economical – effective use of resources – large areas and equivalent machinery

Biodiversity – long term effect - reduce invasive species (Solidago)

Social – working together with volunteers – grazing guilds – nature restoration

Social – provide experiences for citizens – especially children (daycare/schools)

### Challenges:

How to dispose of cut of material?

Litter in the field is wrapped in the bale – not suitable for food

Bale wrap is made of nylon rope – shall be removed before reuse

Breakdowns due to uneven surfaces – expensive repairs





Three operations  
Cutting – Raking - Baling





















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OM BYEN  
STENHANS KOMMUNE  
Stik af Høvedsmønstret

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## Biodiversity in parks – nature areas

Arguments:

Economical – small efforts with large benefits

Economical – grazing animals reduce the need for labour

Biodiversity – create a variety of habitats

Social – create ownership – grazing guilds

Social – provide experiences - landart

Challenges:

Do we agree on the goals?

Purpose of small efforts can be hard to explain

Conflicts between nature conservation and safety





# SKOVBRYNSPLEJE - D INDHUG/D-LOMMER

## PRINCIPPER, IDEER OG TJEKLISTE

STØRRELSEN KAN VARIERE AFHÆNGIG AF BEVOKSNINGENS STØRRELSE OG DE OMKRINGSTÅENDE TRÆERS STØRRELSE. DER SKAL KUNNE KOMME SOLLYS INDI 'LOMMEN'.

- DER SKAL FORTRINSVIS FÆLDES SKYOGENDE TRÆER SOM AHORN OG TÆTTE, HÆKARTIGE KRAT I BRYNZONEN

- PAS PÅ EVENTUEL OPVÆKST AF ØNSKEDE BUSKE OG TRÆER.

- FORETAGES OM VINTEREN AF HENSYN TIL DYRELIVET

- HAR OMRÅDET EN SKOVBUKSVegetation DER SKAL TAGES HENSYN TIL? (TJEK SOMMERFORÅR)

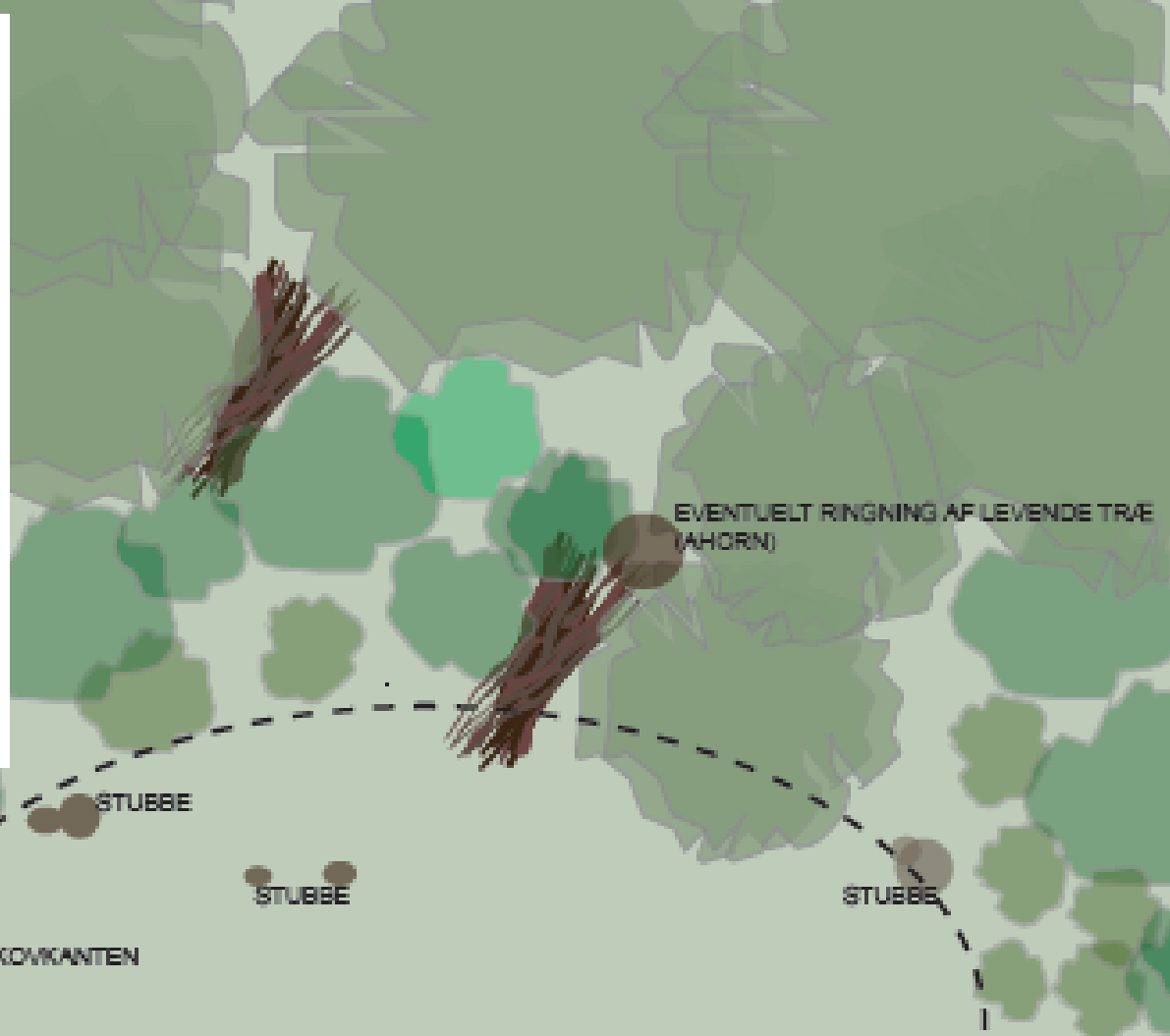
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-DRIFT: FJERNE AHORN OG ANDRE SKYOGETRÆER FRA 'LOMMEN'. PASSE PÅ NATURLIG OPVÆKST AF BUSKE.



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## Social sustainability – working with volunteers

### Arguments:

Economical – grazing animals reduce the need for labour

Biodiversity – focus on small-scale maintenance

Social – create ownership and experiences

Social – interaction – learning old craftsmanship

### Challenges:

Do we agree on the goals?

Working with volunteers is time-consuming



# PLADS TIL NATUREN

LÅN DINE TRAKLER - HVILDT DU ER - LØBET NÅR DU  
KARANTENERT I ET AF DINE NÅRTE LØBET

MIDNACHTET  
BETYDER FORHØJNING  
INDEN FOR NATUREN  
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## Social sustainability – education

Arguments:

Economical – lack of resources - helping each other out

Biodiversity – Perennials ‘made wild’ – native species – creating habitats

Social – create ownership and learning

Social – interaction with citizens

Challenges:

Project without a budget





○ Peromyscus  
○ Lepus

○ Dactylis 3-7  
△ Dactylis + grass  
△ Ceramium spongia

○ Bull Terrier

△ Lamb 3-7

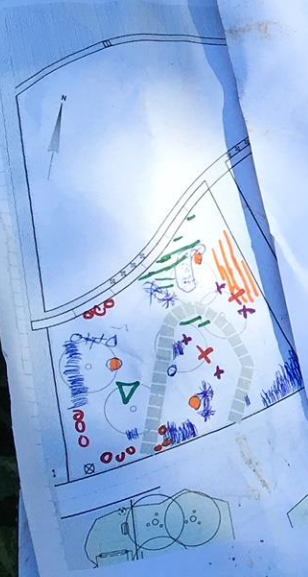
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○ Bone 5X

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○ Horse more

○ Edible 3-7  
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## Social sustainability – cultural heritage and experiences

### Arguments:

Economical – cultural heritage carries expensive maintenance activities

Biodiversity – habitats for urban wild life as well as burial ground

Social – cherry trees blossom - highly valued experience

### Challenges:

Interaction between different groups of users – vulnerable circumstances





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