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The Public Parks in Baghdad Kinds , Properties and Requisites

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Abstract

Public places and more specifically public parks of all kinds should be placed among the primary goals of city planning and a major concern in urban design . Cities in the developed countries had long realized the crucial importance of parks as a major avenue for relaxation , education , and entertainment ; in addition to their benefits as a primary source for activating the local economy in cities in particular and vitalization of the national macro-economy in general due to its impact on increasing the Gross National Product (GNP) .

The foundation of parks of all kinds, and their maintenance can provide plenty of jobs for thousands of unemployed local people.

Parks are also a major factor in inviting local , national , and international tourism , thus bringing currency to localities .

Environmentally , parks can play a major role in the fixation of incohesive soils ; it also could be a preventive barrier against sand storms , especially in cities encircled by sandy deserts , such as many Iraqi cities .

Greenery in cities , or green belts surrounding cities , are very important anti pollution elements , such as Co₂ , So₂ and other poisonous gases park are also a primary tool for the beautification of city landscape , and could be a very inviting element for bringing people together , thus providing an active means for recreation , relaxation and social interaction .

This dissertation came out of the belief that there is a noticeable neglect and disregard for the actual benefits of parks .This dissertation problem and its assumption and goal are thus crystallized as follows:

Research problem : Most Iraqi cities suffers from insufficient public park , and inappropriate location.

Hypothesis : There is a noticeable difference in the classification of public parks in cities as regard to its kinds and components .

Research Goal : Evaluation of the state of parks in Baghdad and of its sufficient number ; and to provide suggestion for improvement and locations in view of world and arab experiences in the design and location of parks .

Research Contents : The dissertation includes five sections

- 1- The first section : Its covers the types of green areas , their defintions , and benefits socially , economicaly and environmentaly .
- 2- The second section : Its provides analytical study of some parks Arabic , international and local .
- 3- The third section : Its studies the componets and characterisitics of city parks .
- 4- The fourth section :Its a study of parks in Baghdad .
- 5- The fifth section : provides some contusions and recommendations .