

Seoul's Policies on Parks and Green Spaces

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Abstract

1. About Seoul

- Size : 605.52km²(0.6% of South Korea)
 - The Hangang(River) bisects the city into two parts
 - Gangbuk(north of Hangang) : 297.97km²
 - Gangbuk(south of Hangang) : 307.55km²
- Population : 10,297,000 person(22% of the national population)
- '07 Budget : 16.921 trillion won(US\$ 18.19 billion)
 - 9.6% of national budget
- Organization
 - 1 mayor, 3 vice mayors, 4 policy advisors, 20 bureaus, 63 divisions, 45 affiliate offices

2. Major Parks and Green Spaces Policy

- Making Green Seoul('82~'91year)
 - Improvement of quality of landscape near the downtown area
 - Children' Grand Parks, Seoul Grand Park, Hangan(Han River)Park, Olympic Park
- Refreshing Namsan Project('90~'98year)
 - Restoration of Naturalism and Historicity of Namsan(mountain)
 - Transformed Parks, Facilities maintenance for massive use of zone
- Parks & Green Space Expansion 5year Plan('96~'98year)
 - Parks & Green Spaces Expansion, Landscape's quality Improvement
 - Yeouido Park, Kildong Ecological Park, Cheonhodong Park
- Ten Million Trees : Making a Livable City('98~'02year)
 - Carrying out for citizen's desire for environment & urban ecosystem
 - Worldcup Park, Seonyudo(island) Park, Naksan Park, Hangang Park's Planting
- One million Pyeong Expansion of Parks & Green Spaces('02~'06year)
 - Extensive expansion of parks & green spaces considering district balance.
 - Seoul Forest, Nadeuri Park, 1Dong-1Park, Cheonggyecheon Restroration

3. Current Policy Directions for Seoul's Parks and Green Spaces

- Expand green spaces in the urban area
 - Convert closed landfills and purification plant into parks & green spaces
 - Balanced arrangement of parks & green spaces across the region
- Connect scattered parks & green spaces[build a green-network]
 - Create a green way by expanding linear green space, such as street, riversides, railway sides
 - Connect green spaces that were disconnected due to road and house construction
- Create the foundation for ecosystem in the urban area
 - Create a small bio-top within parks & eco-ponds in forests
 - Designate/manage ecosystem and migratory birds sanctuaries
- Preserve green areas and encourage citizen participation
 - Implement Green Trust Movement and actively support voluntary activities of NGOs
 - Develop and run various program to attract people to parks