

## **Focus on the allotments in Latvia**

During the 4th meeting of the Cost project: „Urban Allotments in European cities“ the Office representatives and researchers could visit the allotments in Riga and Cēsis. They got information on the history and the actual problems of these allotments.

Experiences could be exchanged. The participants realized that besides the local particularities the allotment gardeners all over Europe share the same pleasures and the same worries.

Discover the allotments in Latvia and in Riga by a PDF presentation joined as appendix.

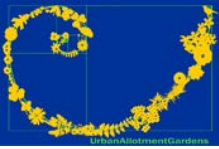


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# CHANGING TRENDS

DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN ALLOTMENT GARDENS IN LATVIA





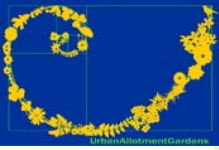
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# ALLOTMENT GARDENS

## INSIGHT IN SITUATION IN LATVIA

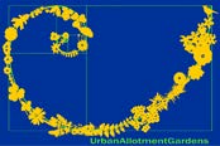
**RIGA**



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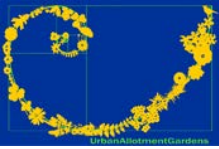
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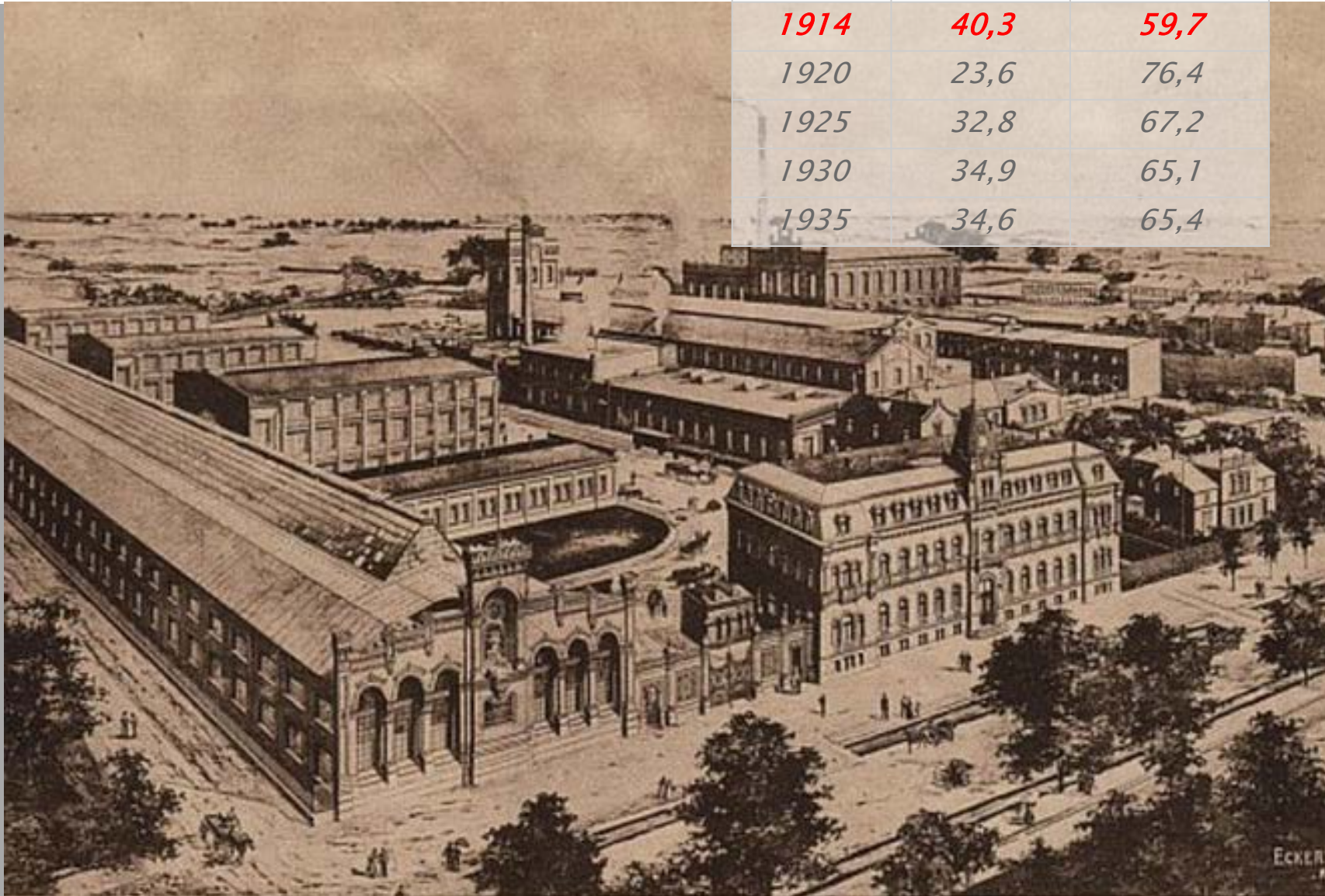
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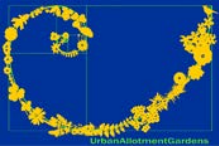


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<i>Year</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Countryside</i>
1800	7,3	92,7
1863	14,8	85,2
1897	29,4	70,6
<b>1914</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>59,7</b>
1920	23,6	76,4
1925	32,8	67,2
1930	34,9	65,1
1935	34,6	65,4

REASONS

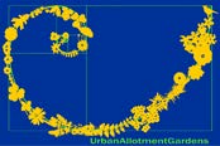


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BEGINNING

***“ In year 1907 when erection of allotment gardens were started in Riga probably no one – not the city council and also not those who use gardens could imagine that such a type of land use that deals with quite arin land on outskirts of the city already soon will have the popularity that it has today “***

*/A.KAPAKLIS „Ģimenes dārziņu iekārta un kopšana”/*



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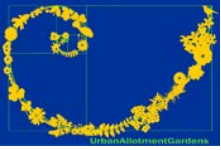
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**1907:** beginning – need for food

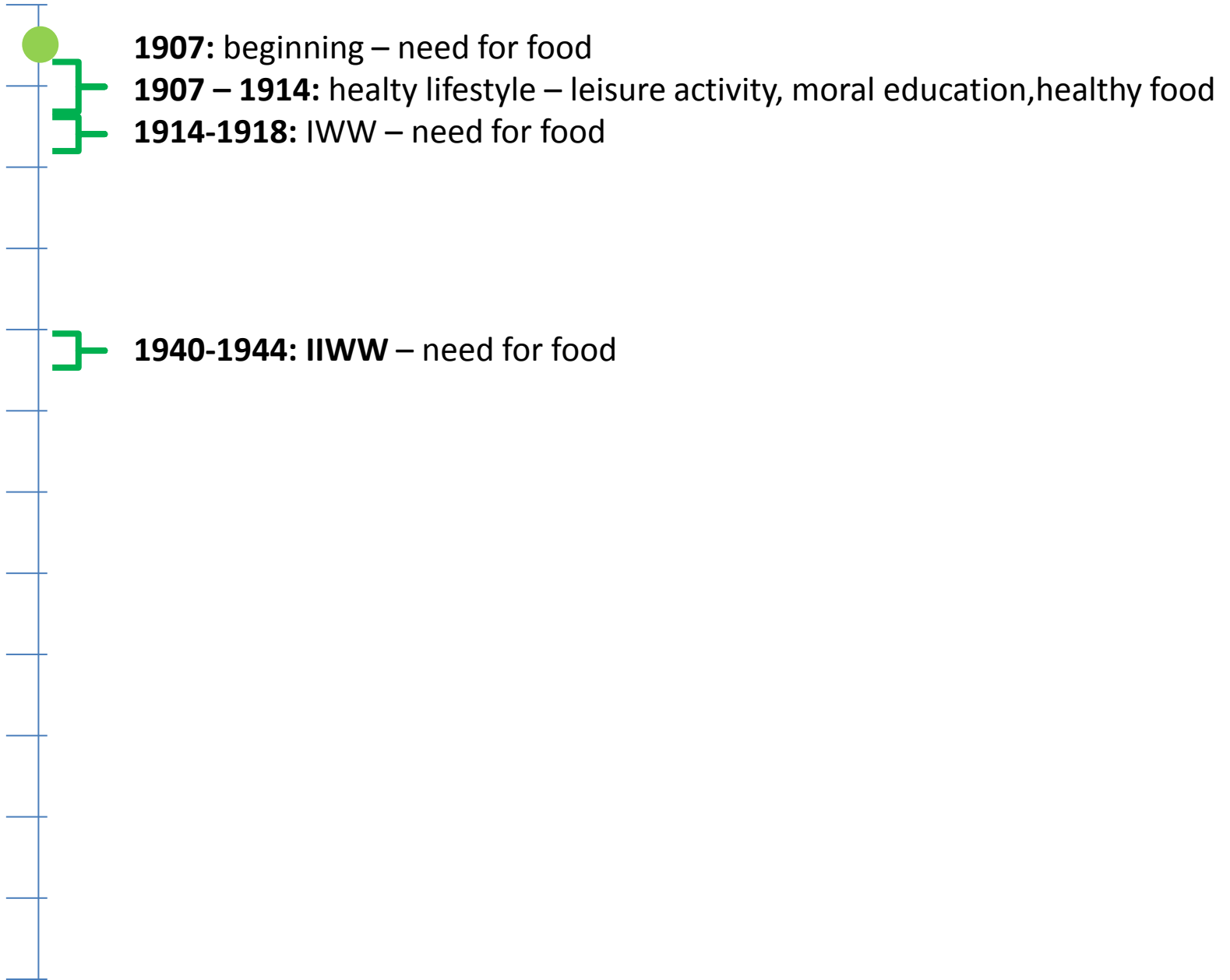
**1907 – 1914:** healthy lifestyle – leisure activity, moral education, healthy food

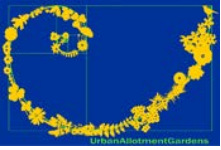




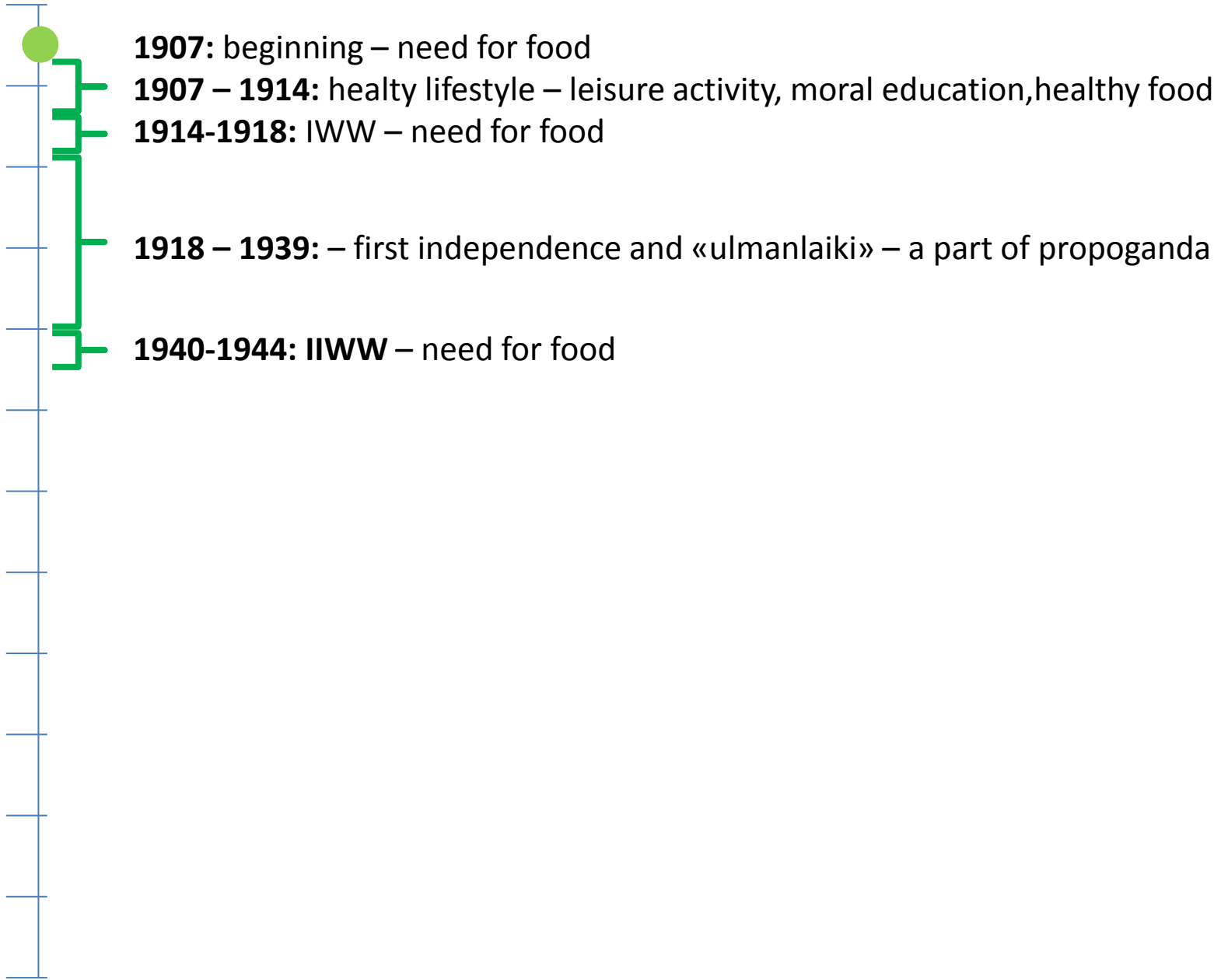
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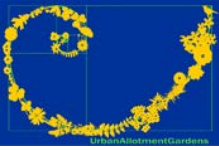




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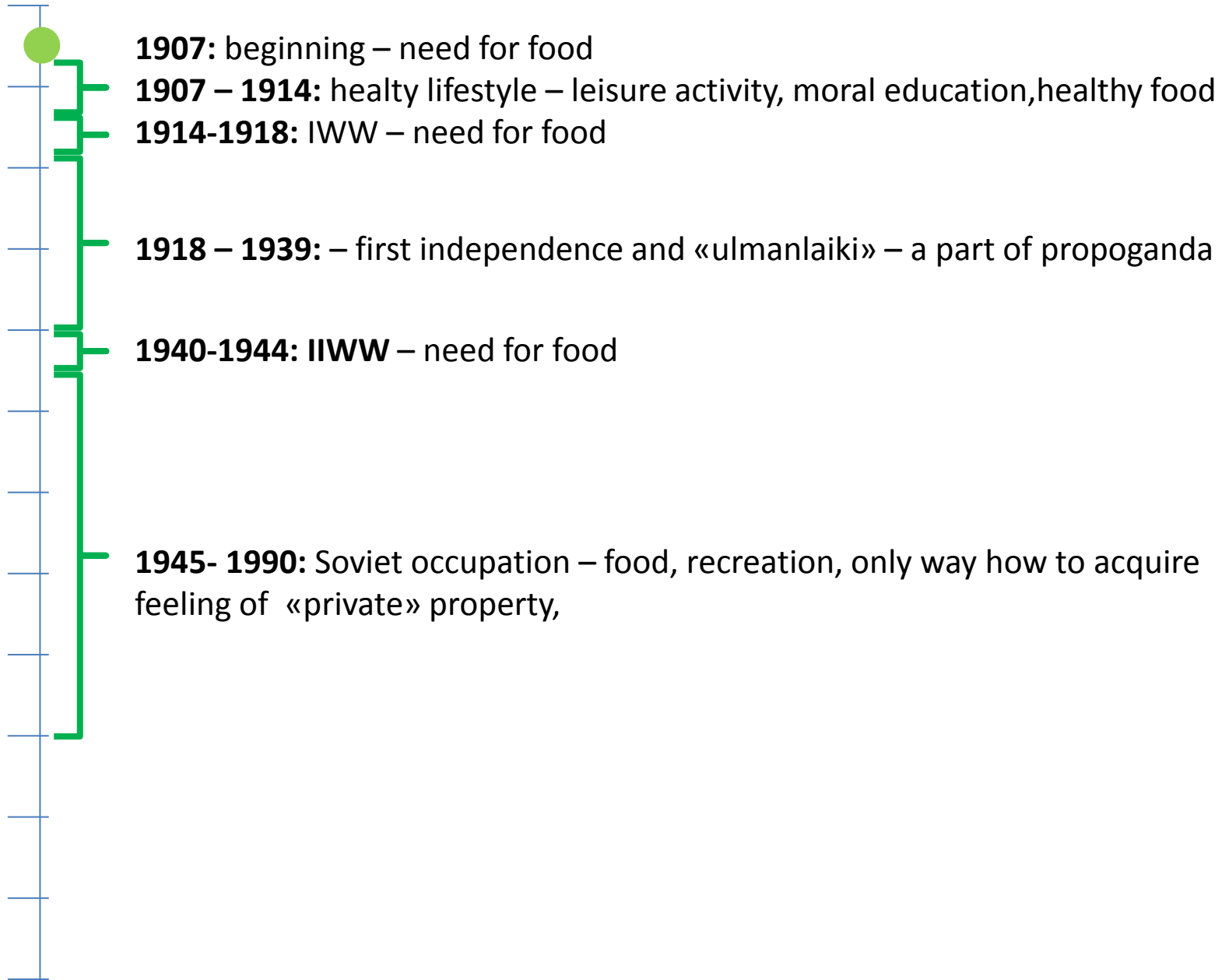


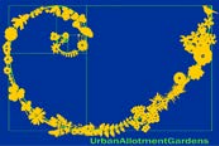
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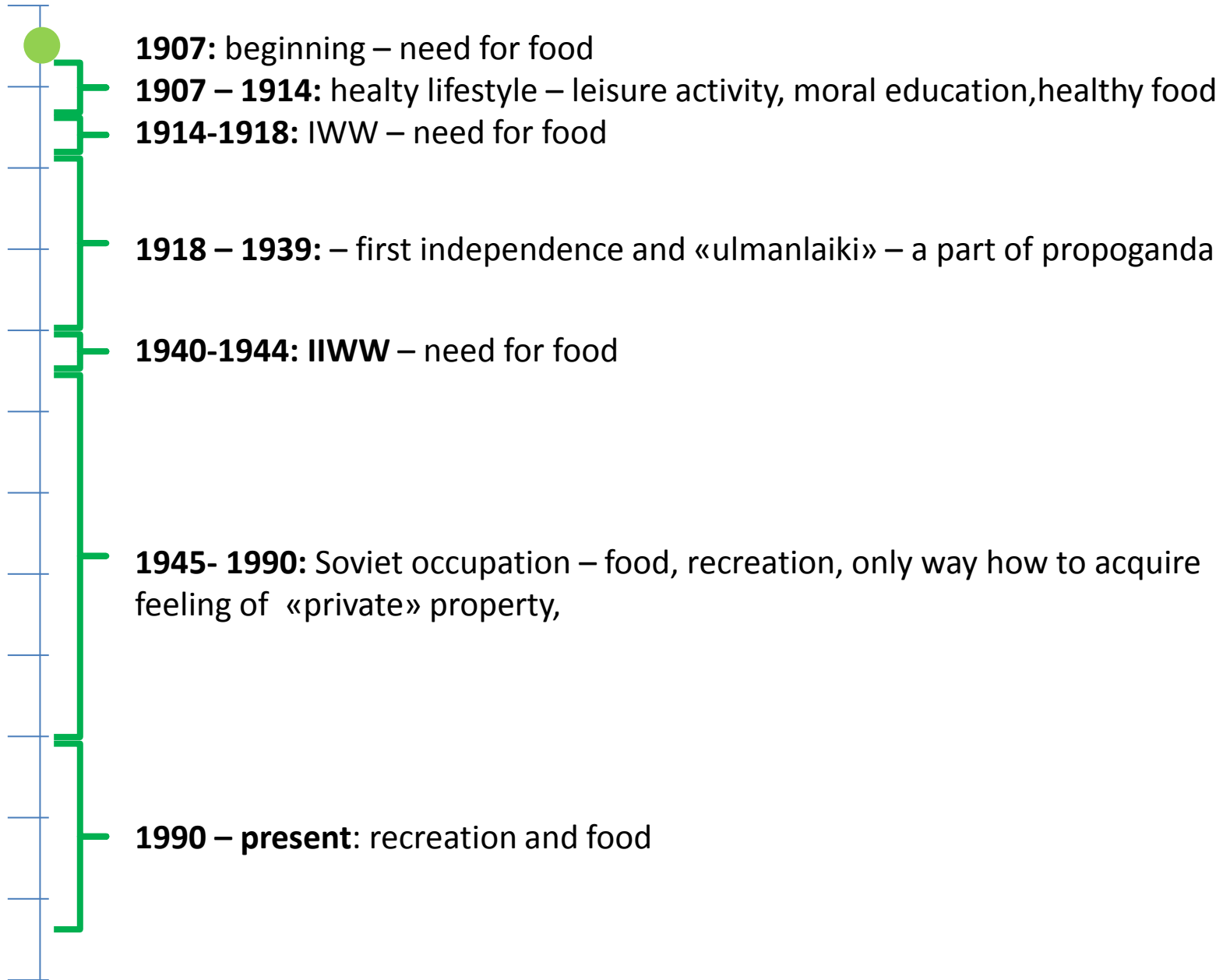
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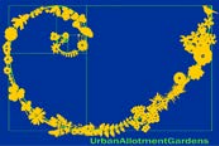




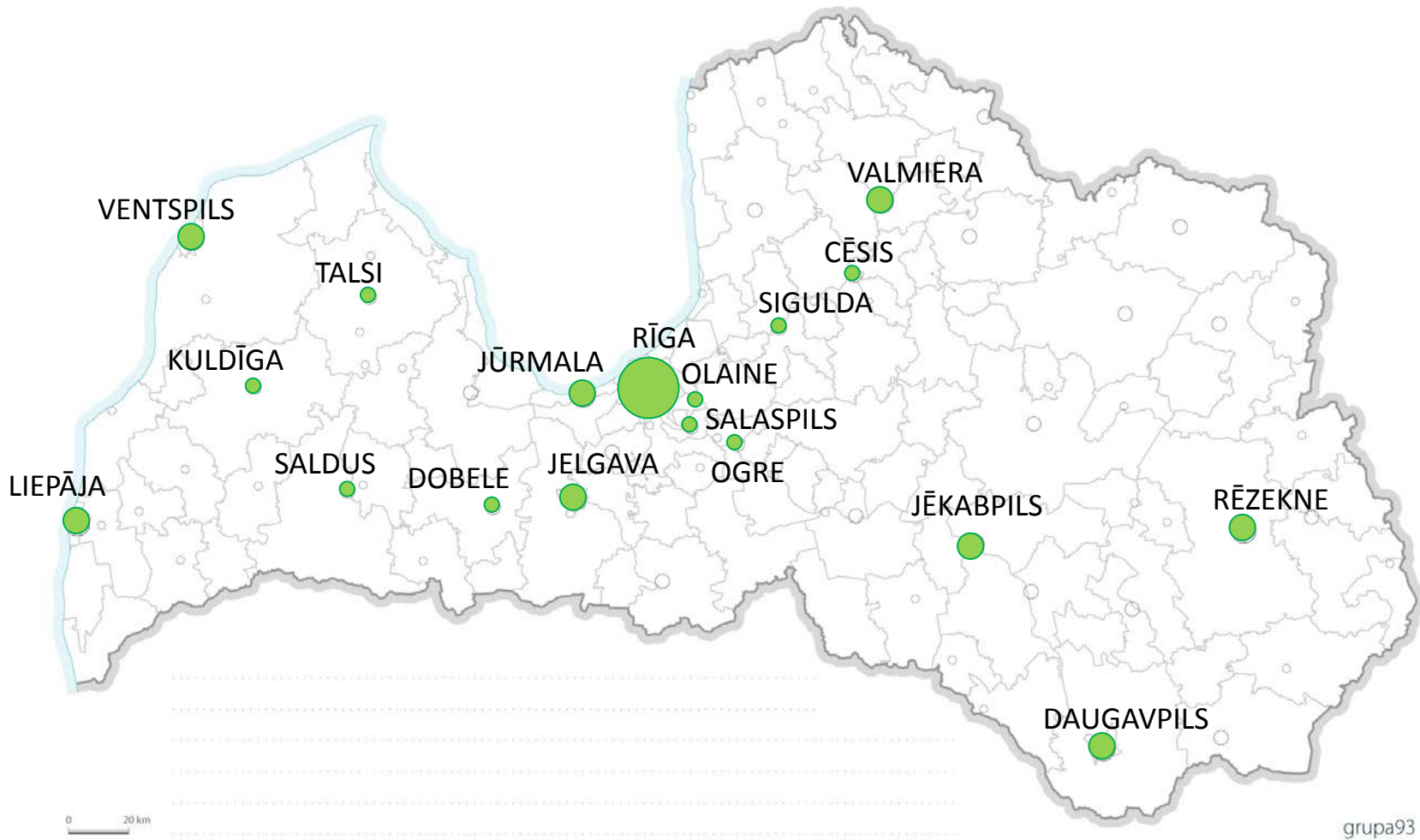
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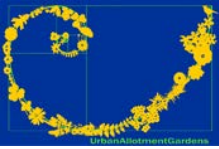




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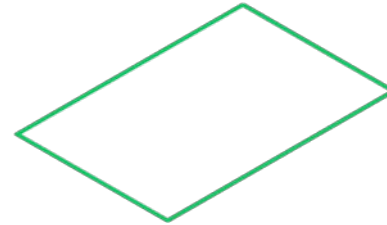


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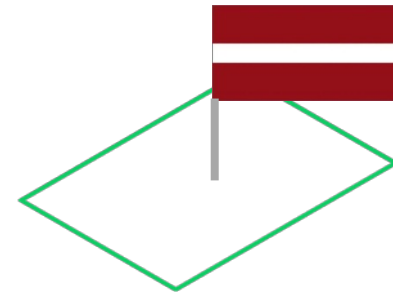
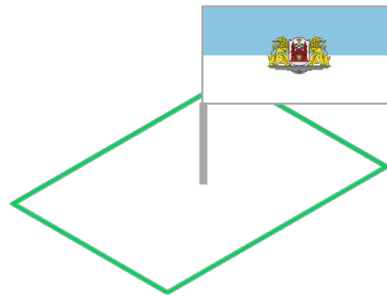
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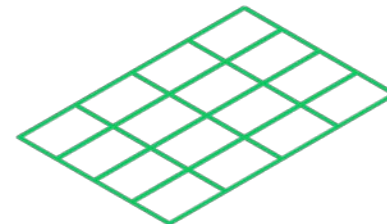
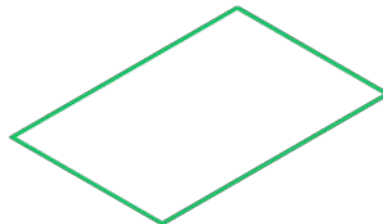
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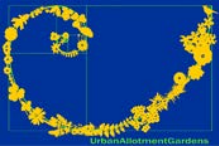


Owned by  
municipality or  
state



Rented for  
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associations

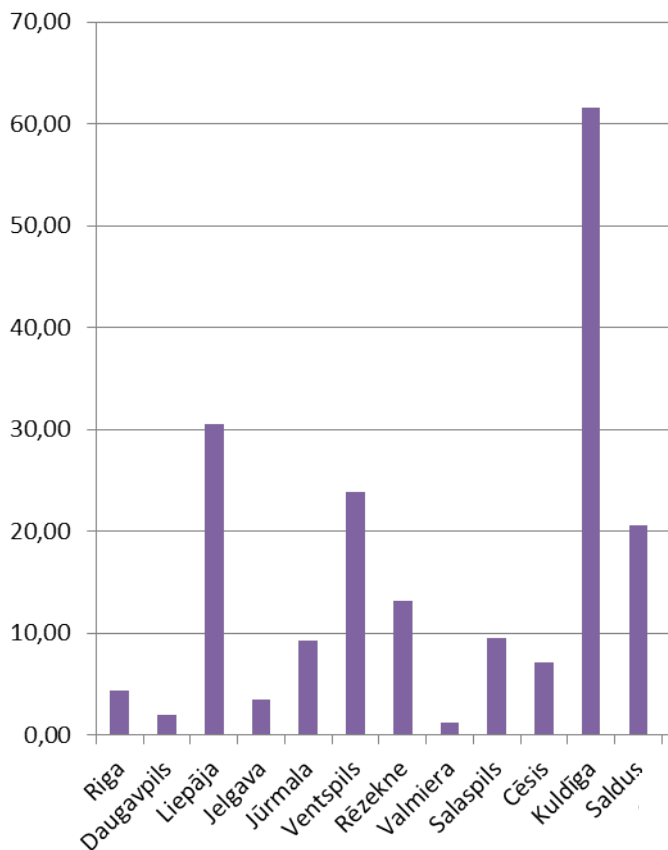




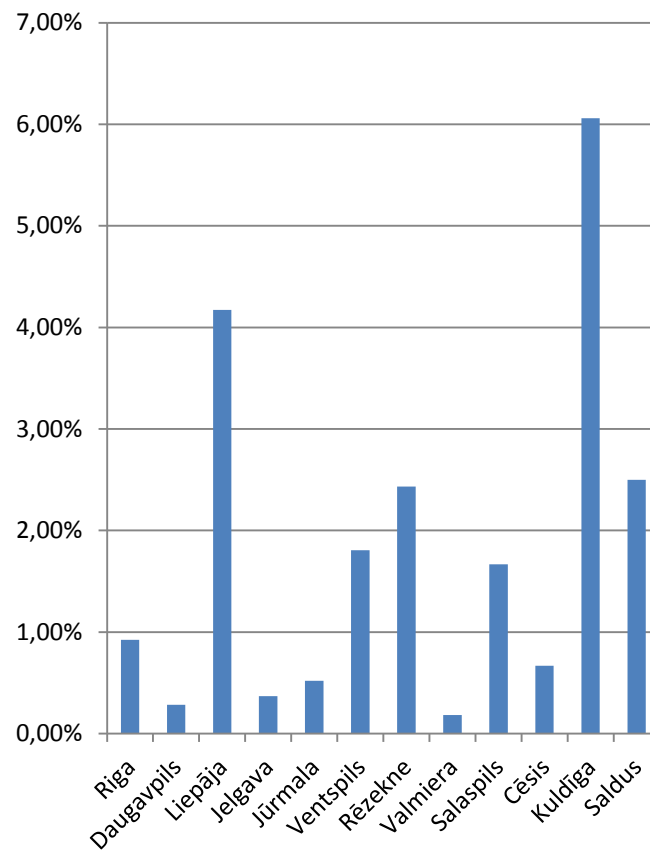
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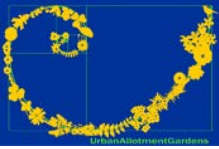
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### GARDEN TERRITORIES M2 PER INHABITANT



### PROPORTION OF LAND THAT GARDEN TERRITORIES COVER IN CITY

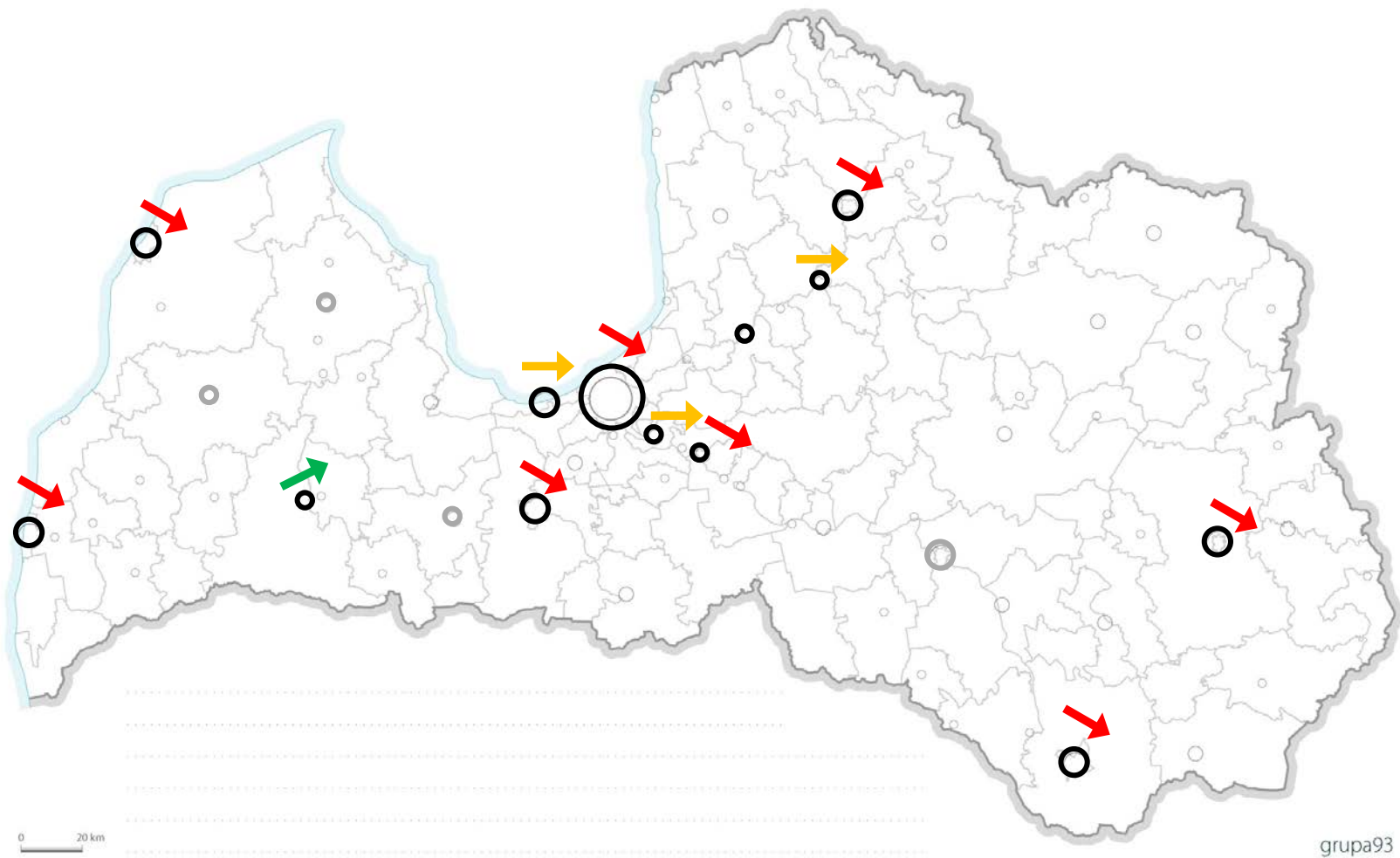




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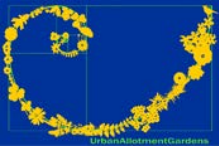
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-  *GROWING*
-  *SHRINKING*
-  *STABLE*



TENDENCY

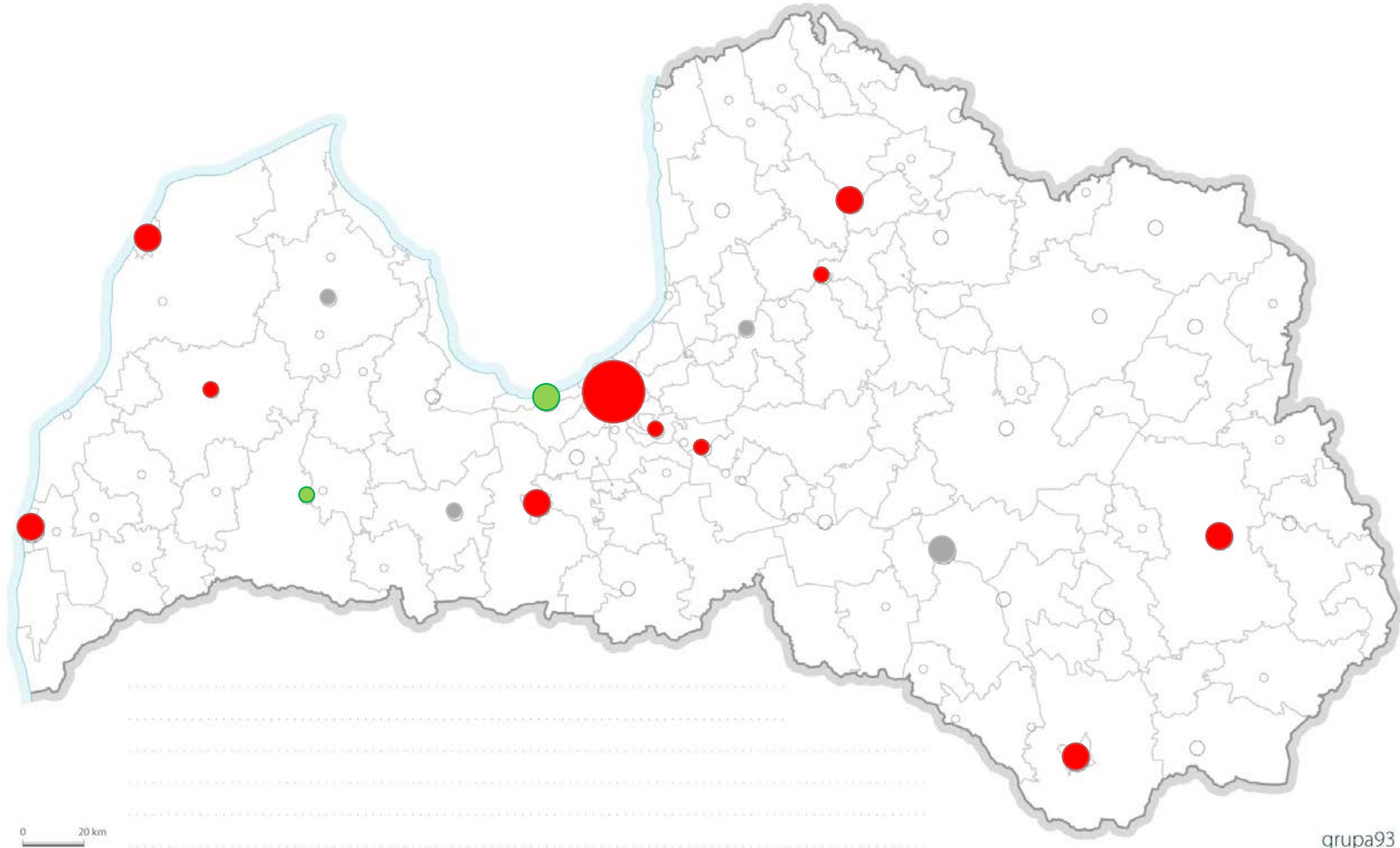




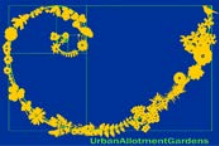
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'PLANNING TO:

- *EXTEND*
- *SHRINK*
- *N/A*

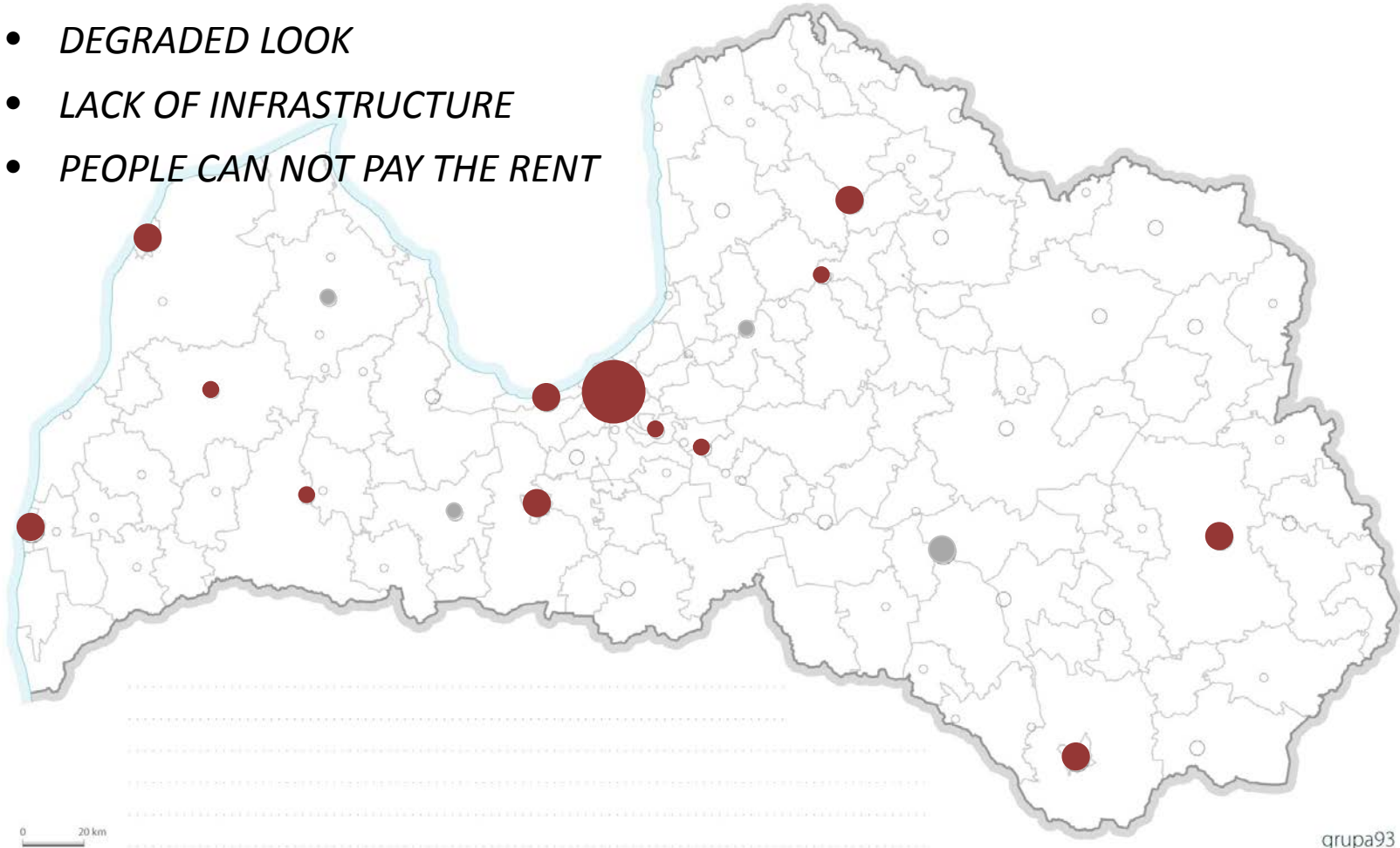


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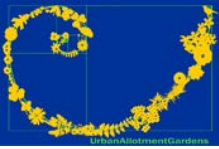


## URBAN ALLOTMENT GARDENS

- *BURGLARIES*
- *VANDALISM*
- *DEGRADED LOOK*
- *LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE*
- *PEOPLE CAN NOT PAY THE RENT*



# PROBLEMS



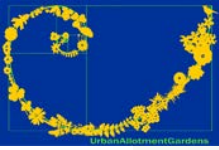
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**RIGA**

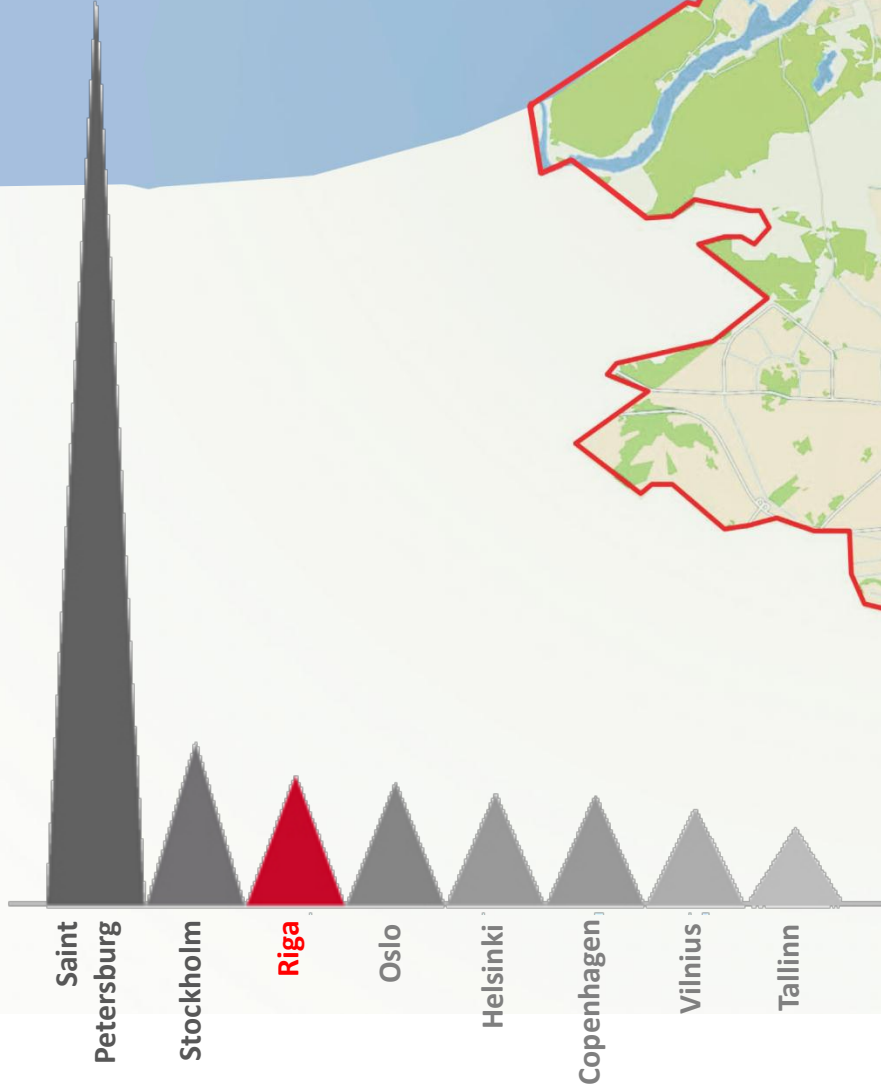


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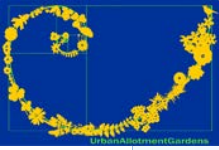
EXAMPLE OF RIGA



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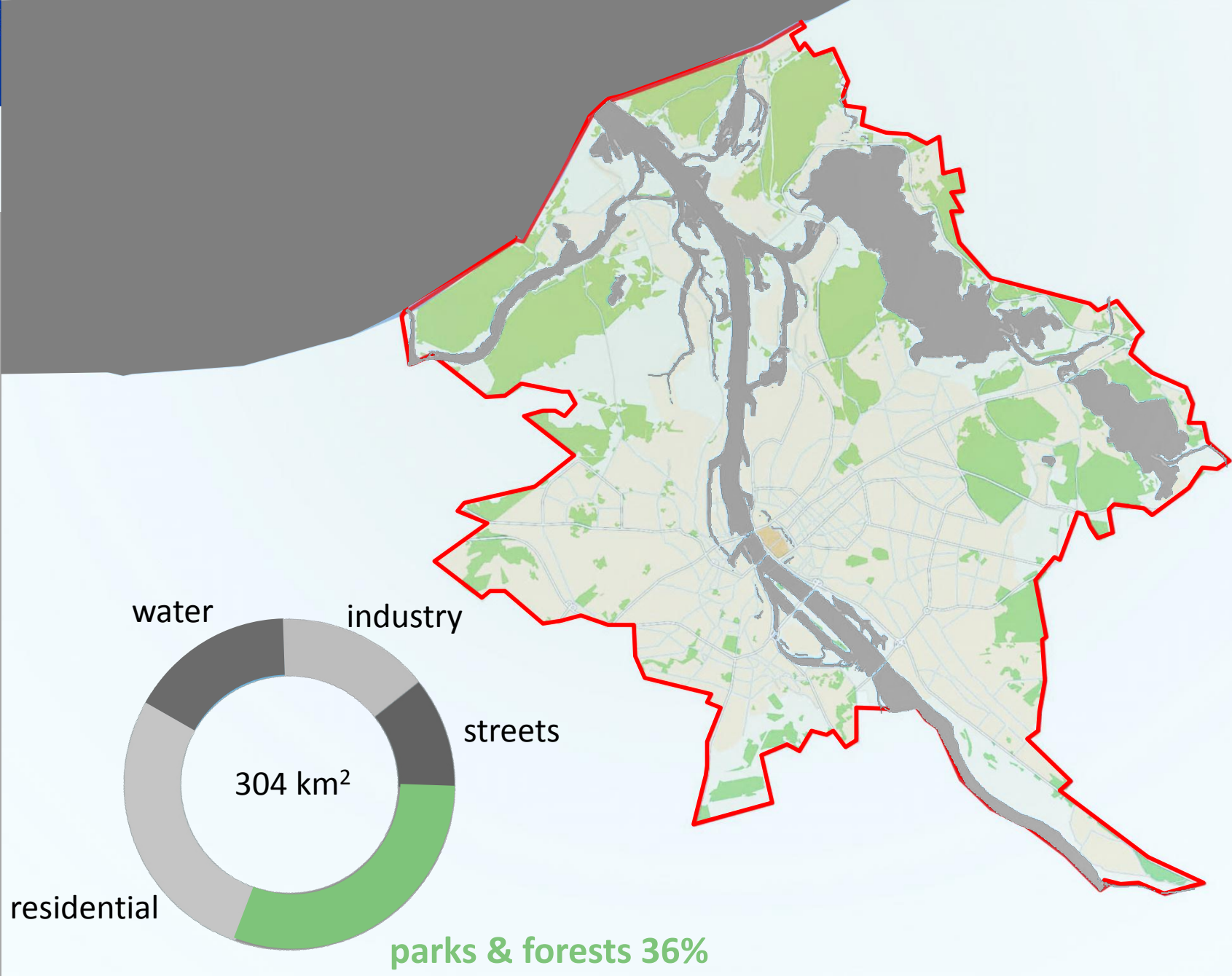


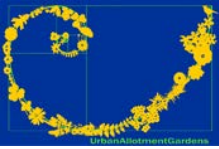
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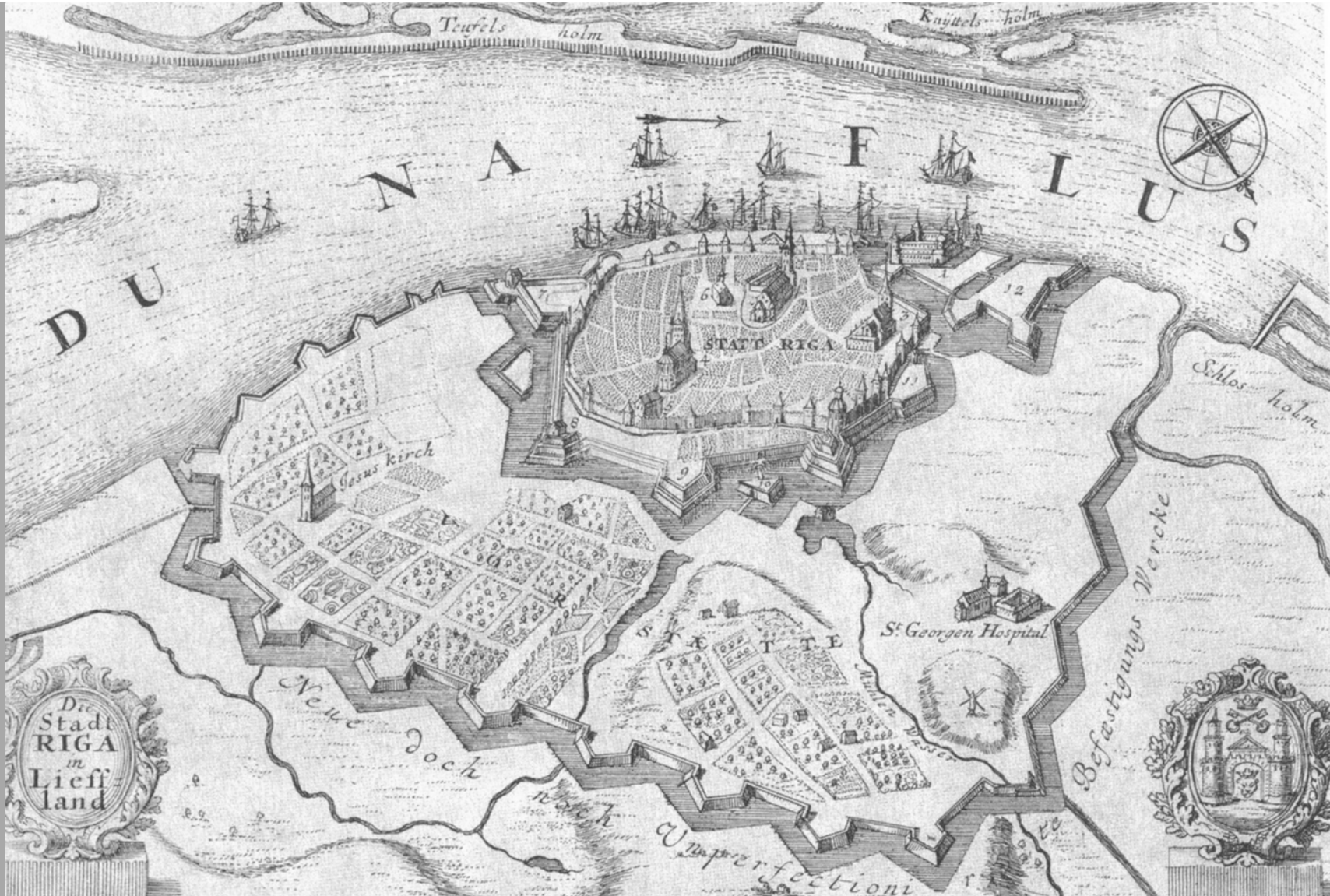
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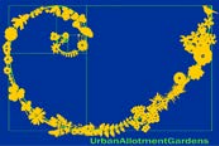




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# HISTORY



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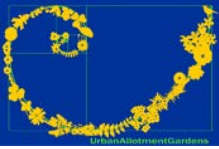


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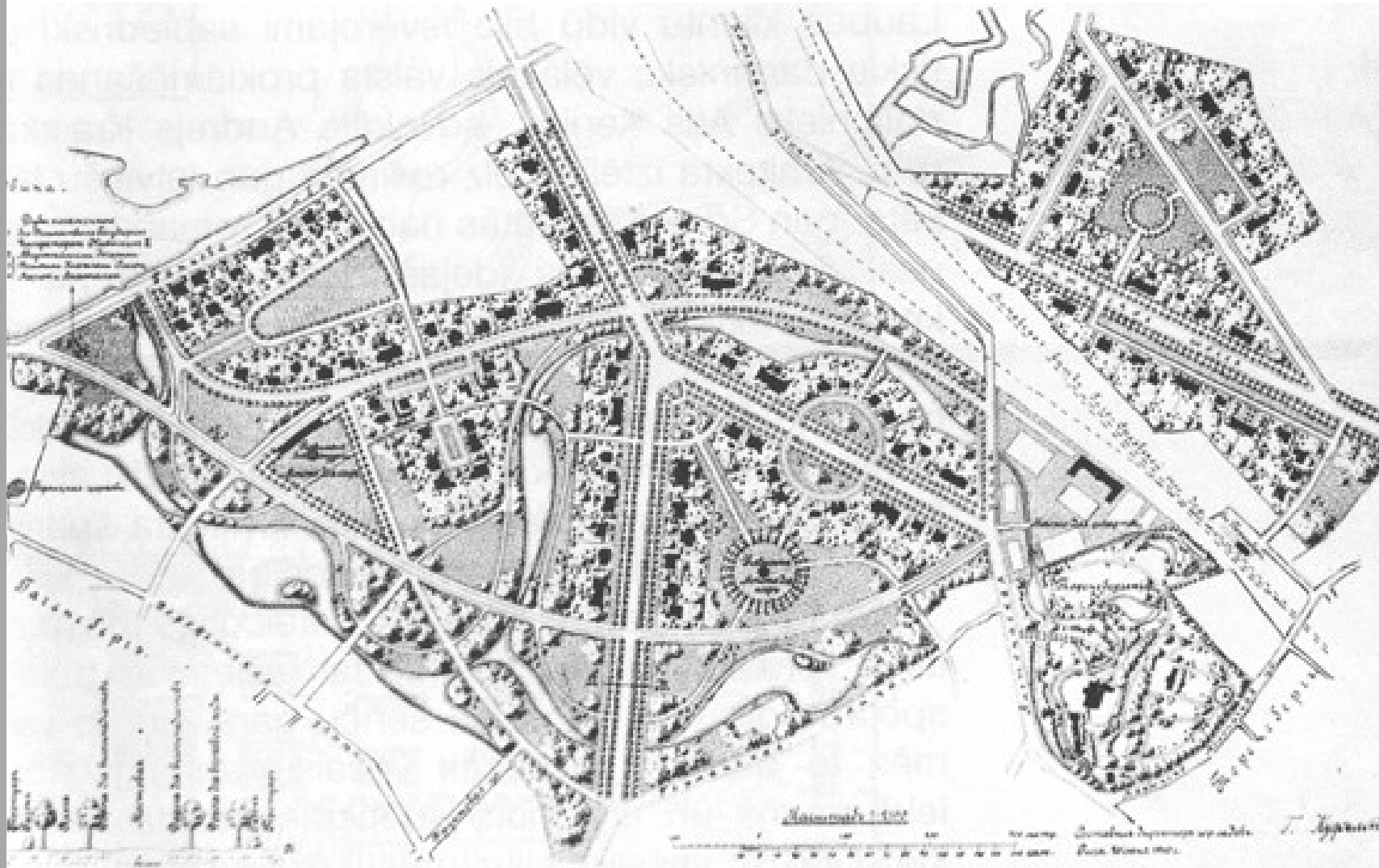
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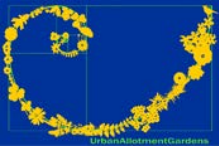


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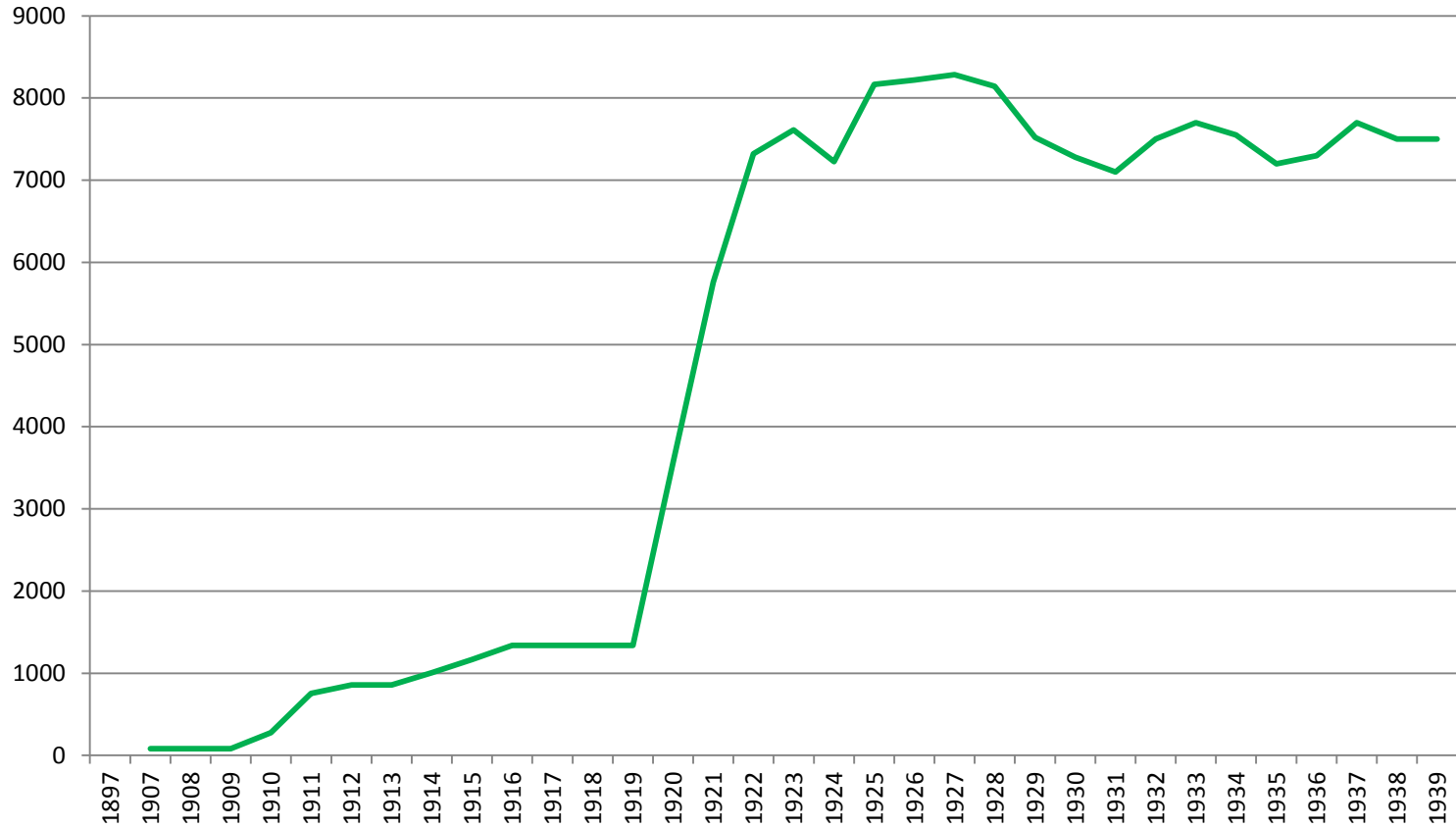


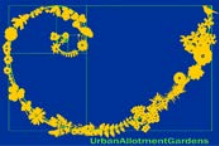


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DEMAND

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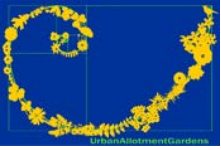




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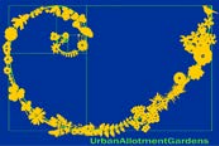
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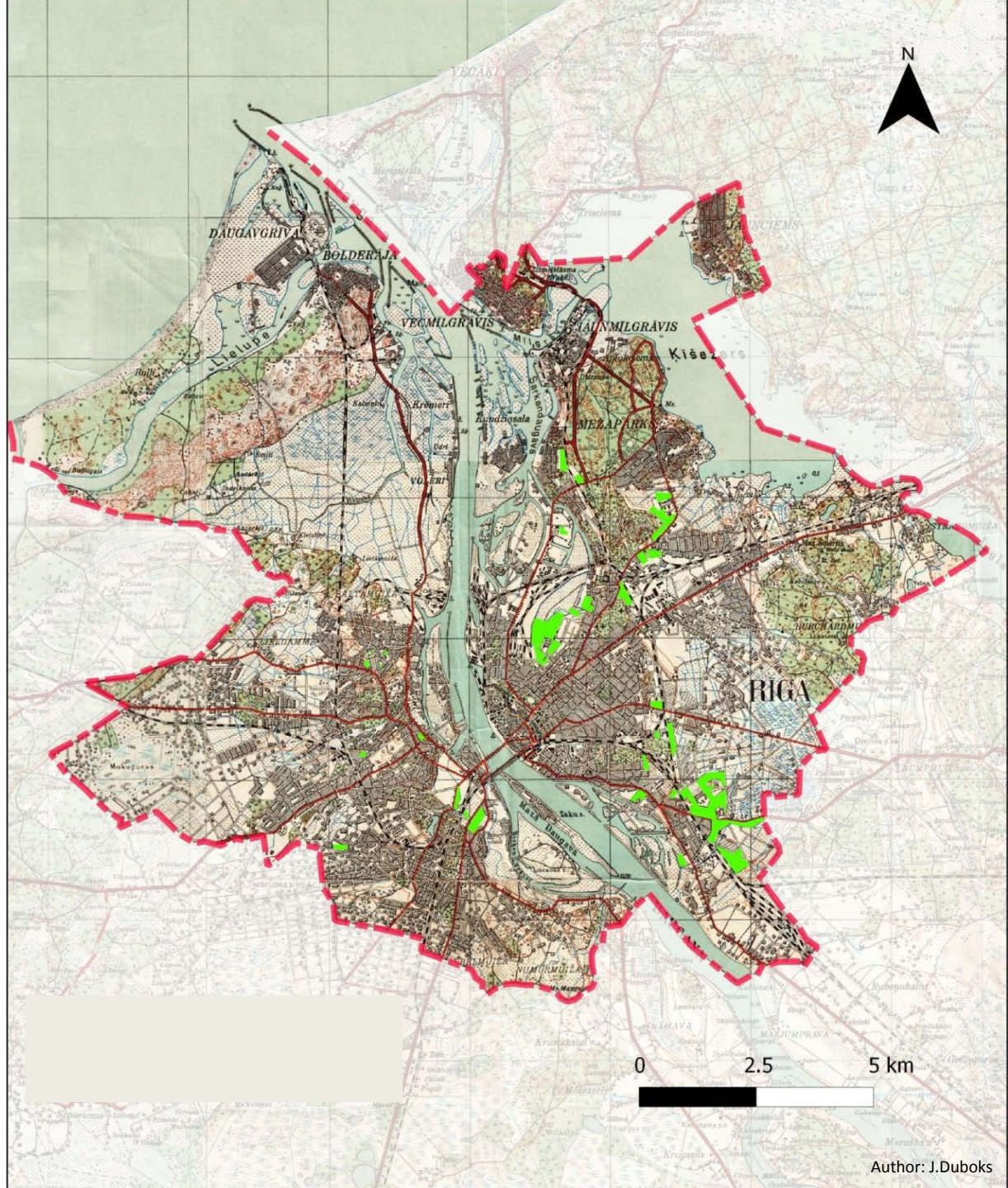
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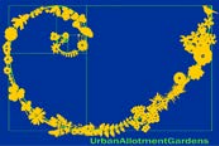




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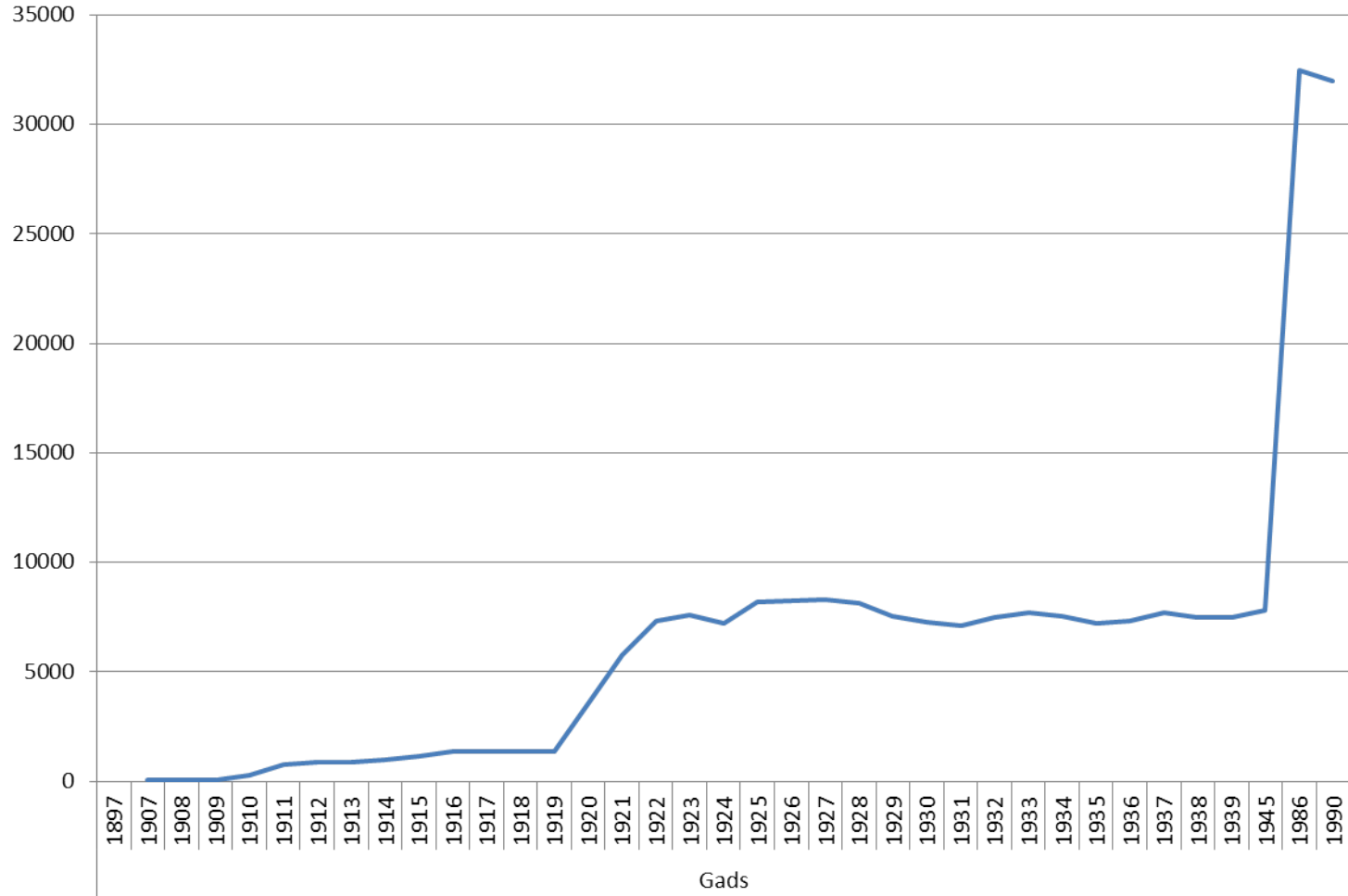




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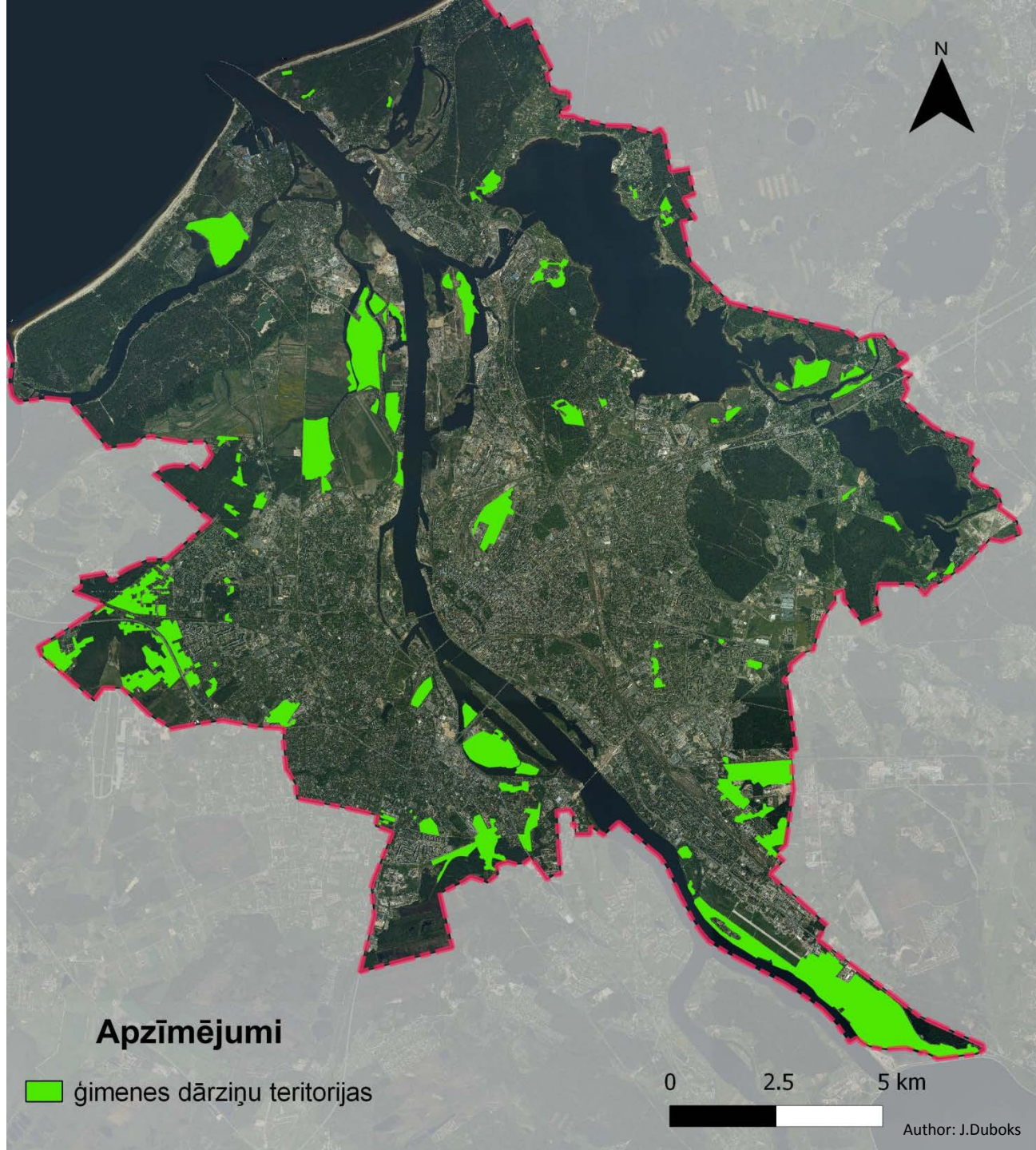
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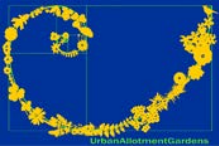




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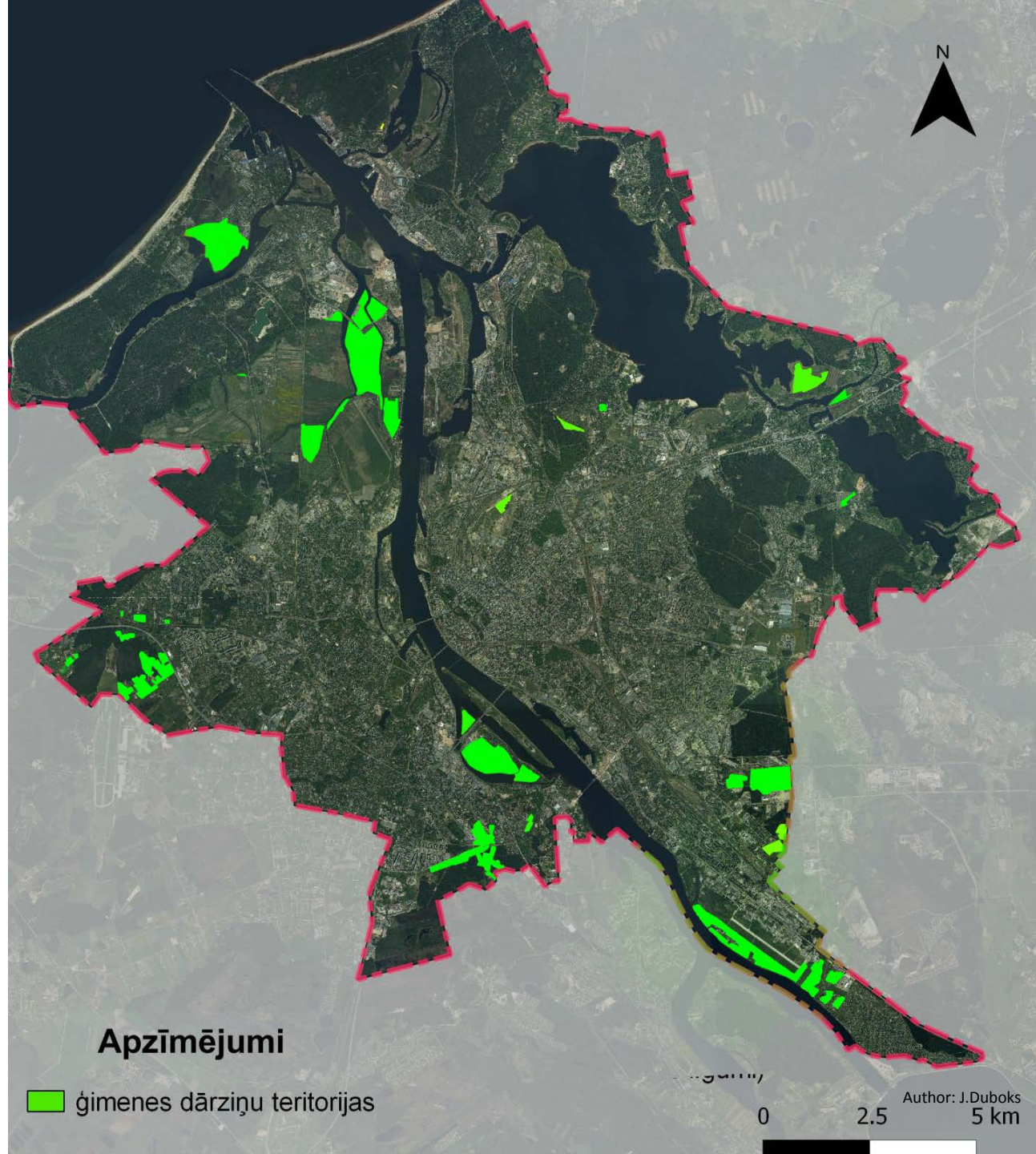
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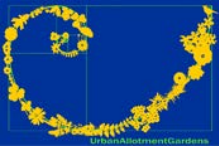


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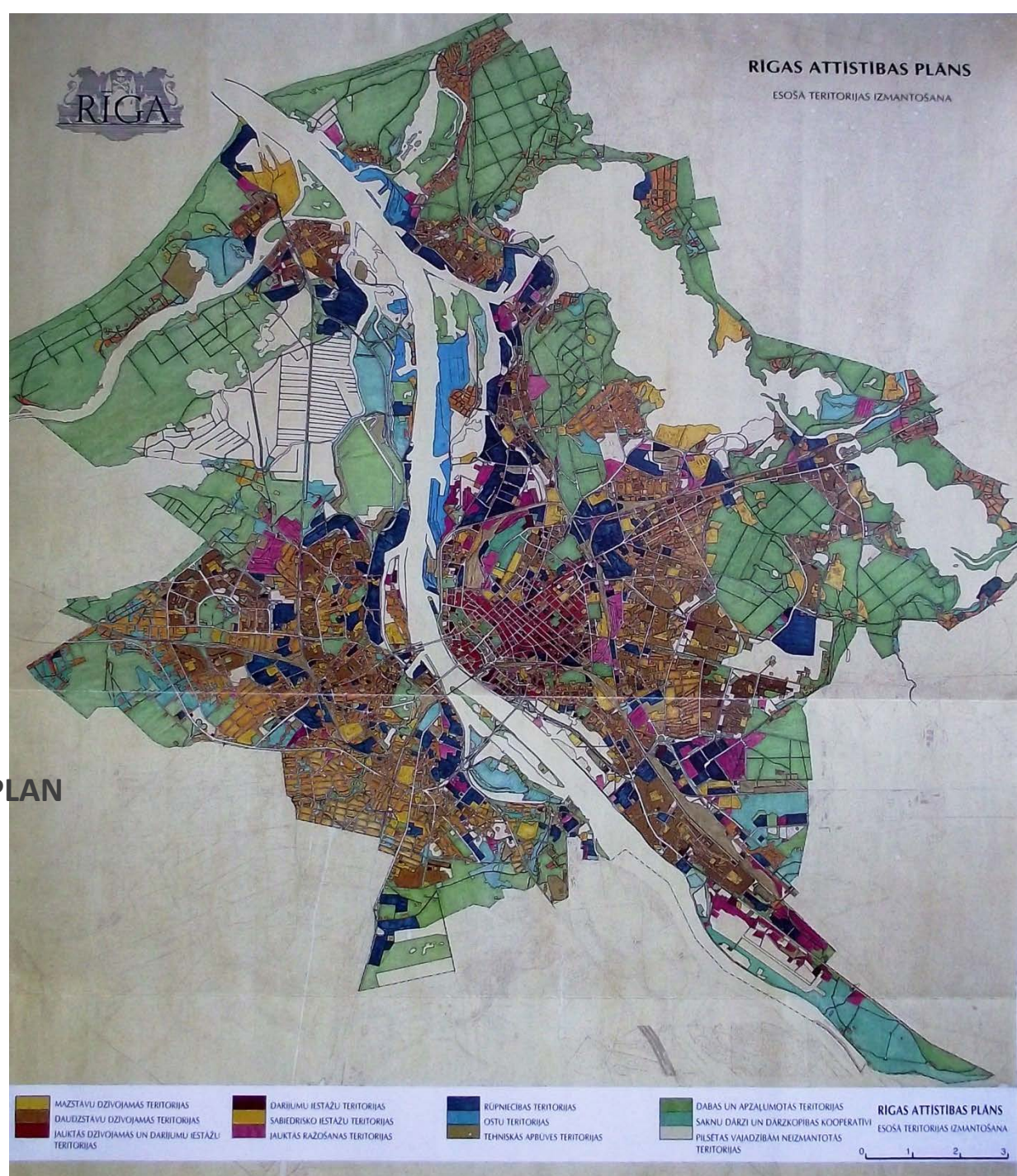


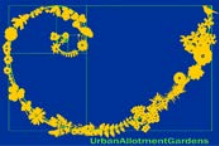


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## RIGA DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1995.-2005.

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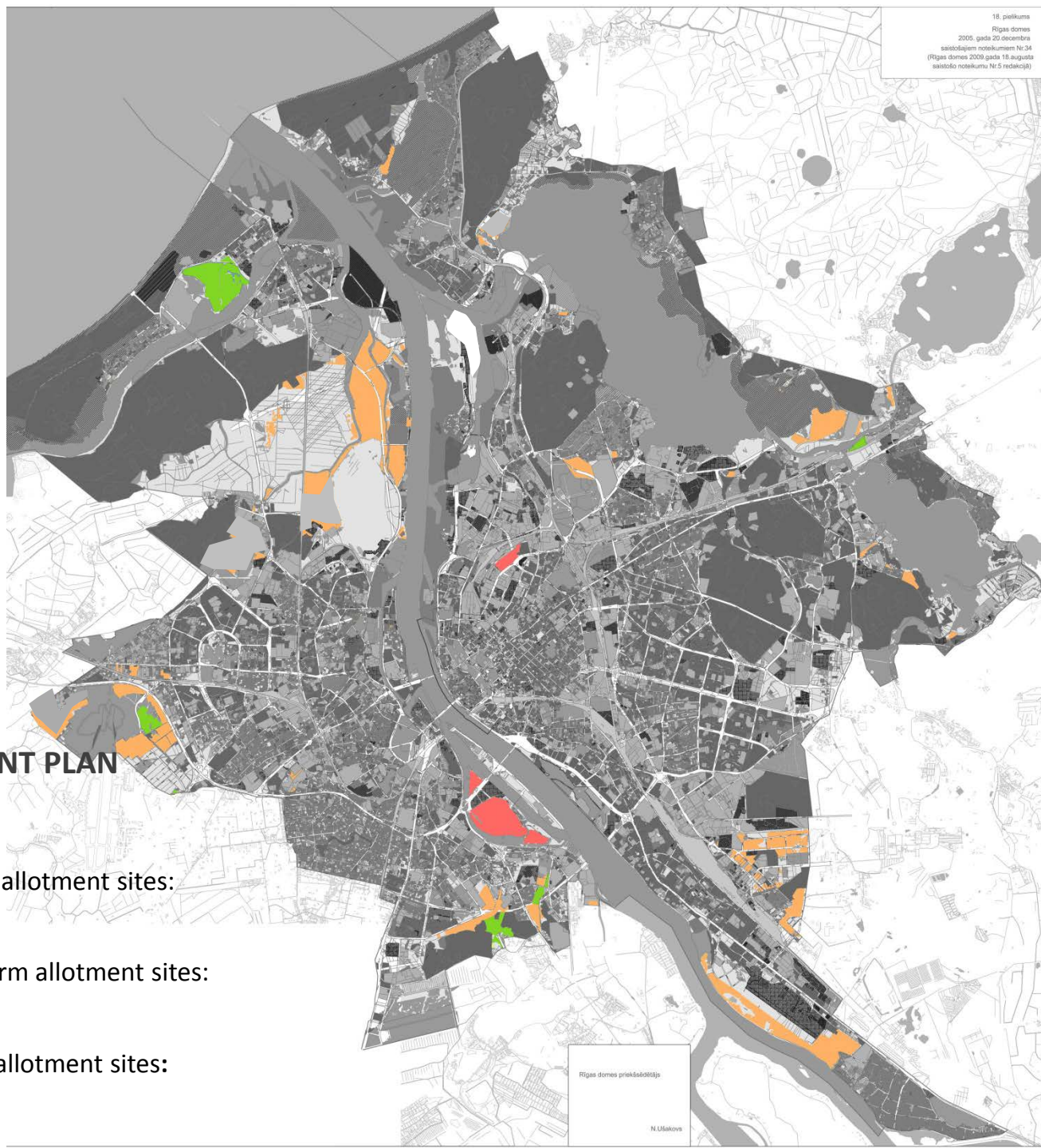


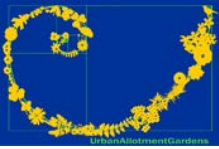
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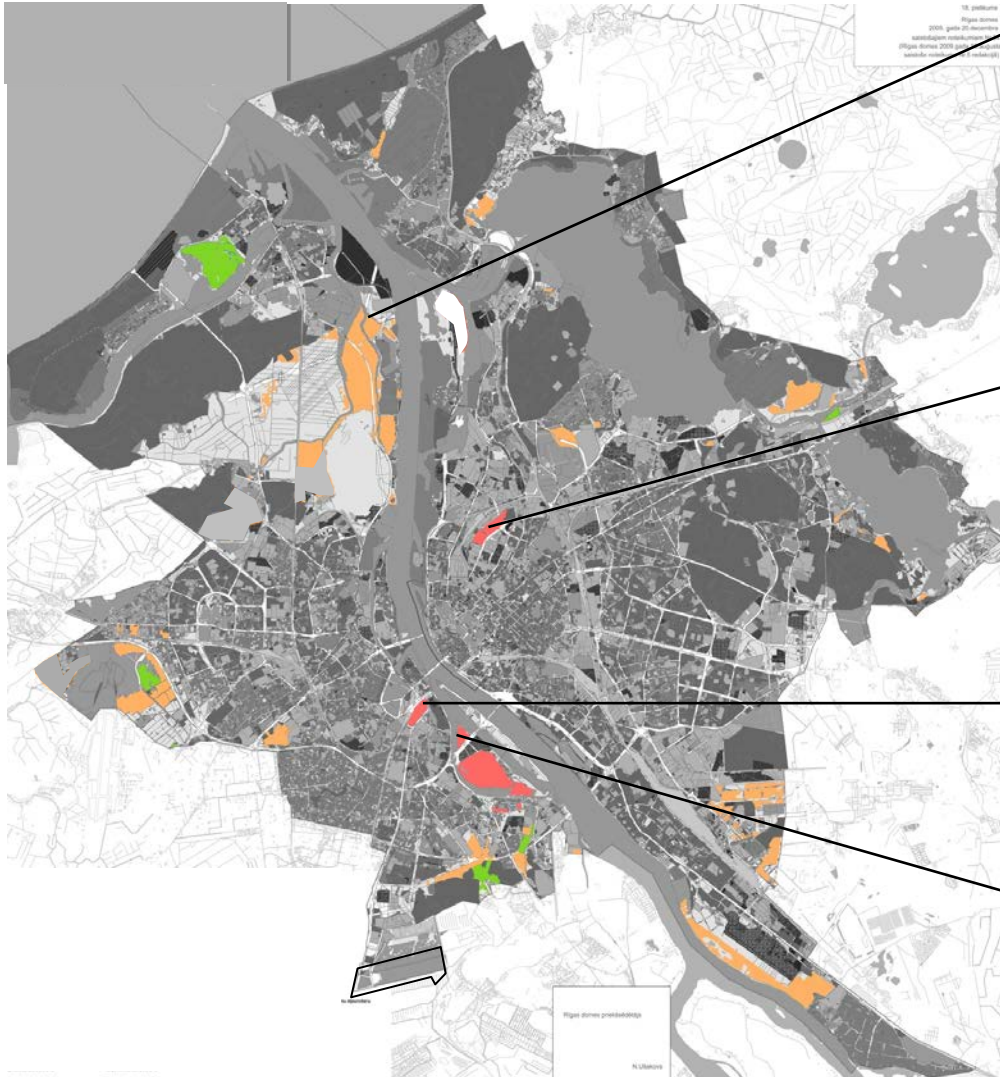
-  Short lease term allotment sites:  
**1 year lease**
-  Medium lease term allotment sites:  
**3 to 5 year lease**
-  Long lease term allotment sites:  
**6 to 9 year lease**

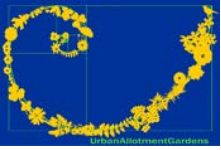




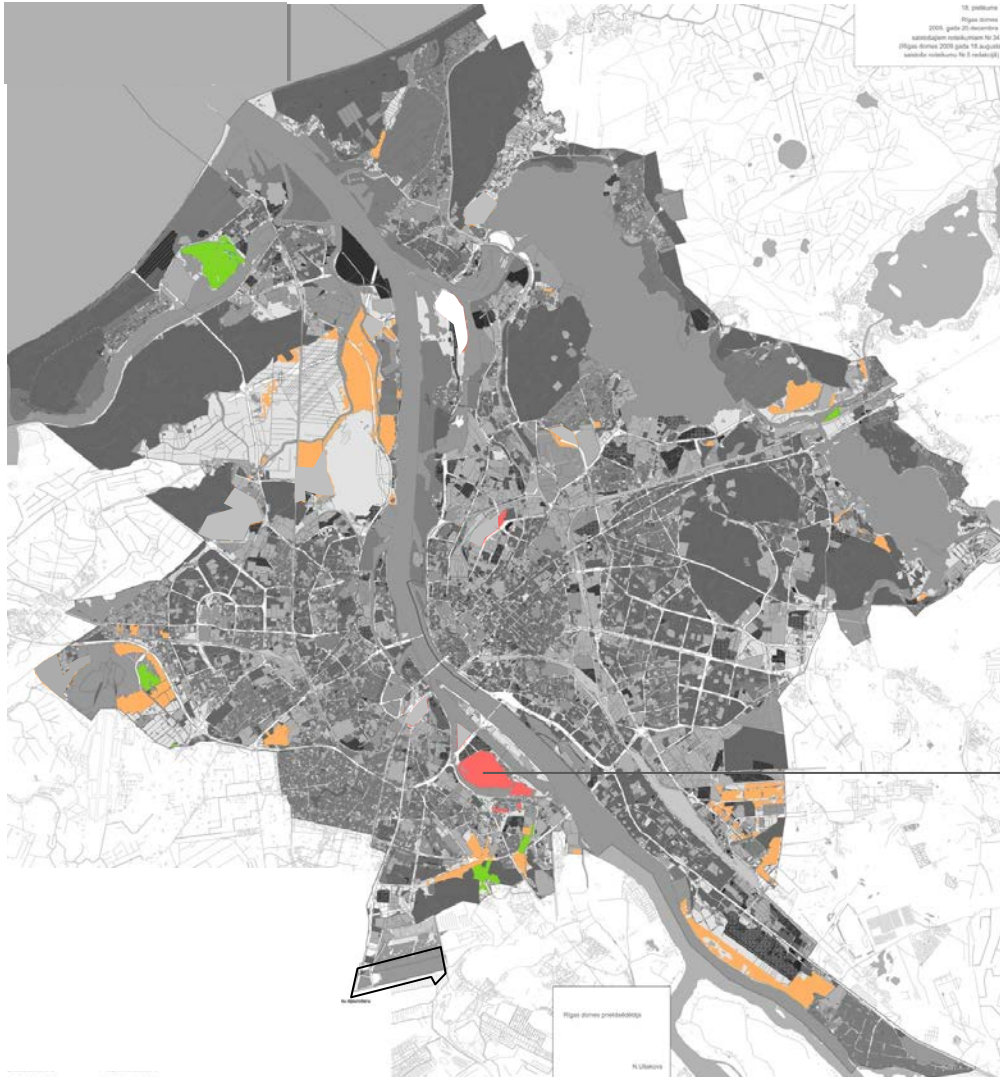
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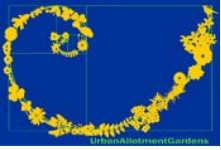


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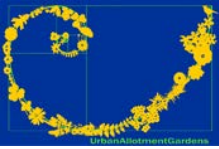
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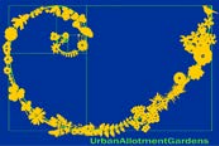
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RESISTANCE

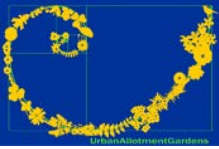




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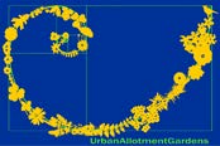


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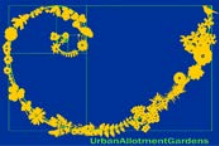




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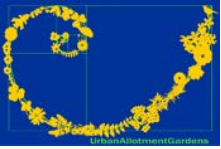
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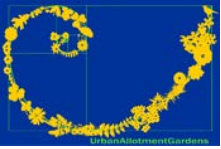
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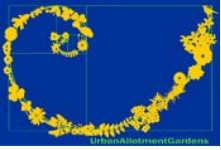
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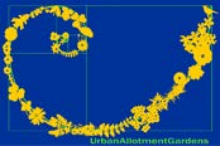
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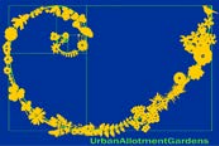
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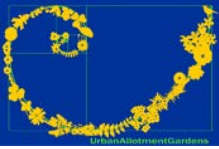


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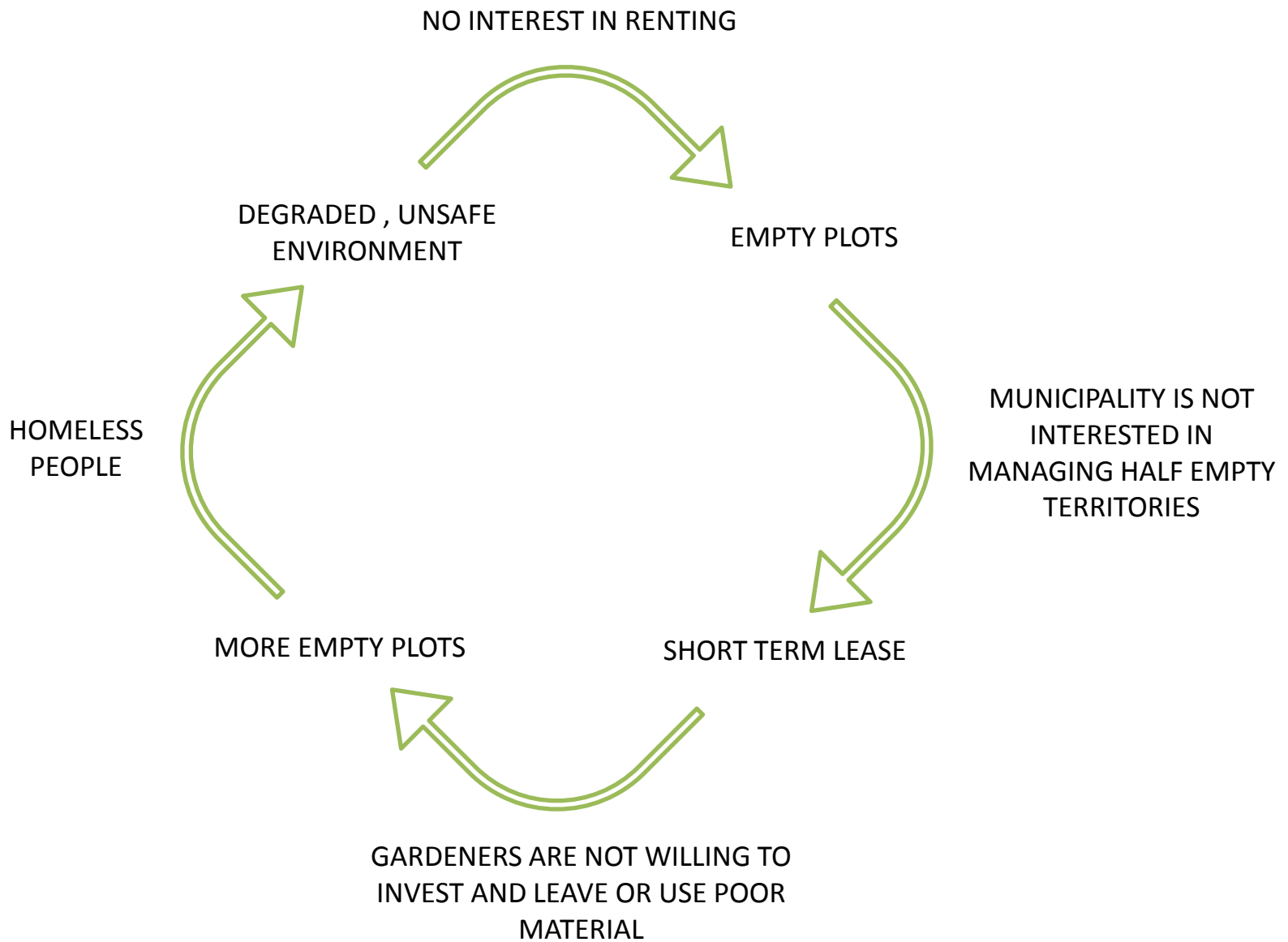
## MAIN PROBLEMS

- Due to spatial marginalization of allotment sites allotments are becoming less accessible
- Short lease terms (in 2011 53 % of allotment plots were available only for 1 year lease)
- No support from city for infrastructure
- Absence of allotment rules and building regulations
- Insufficient administrative governance
- Insecure social environment (homeless people)
- Low aesthetic value is typical to some allotments (mainly short term lease areas)

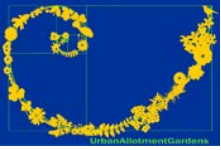


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**CONFLICTS**



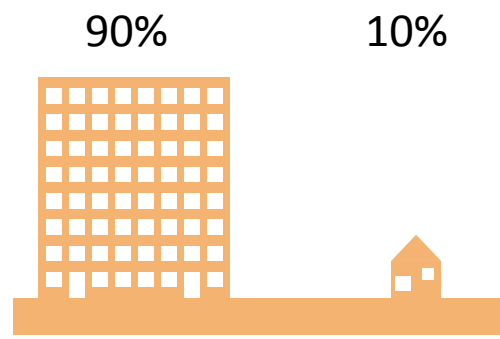




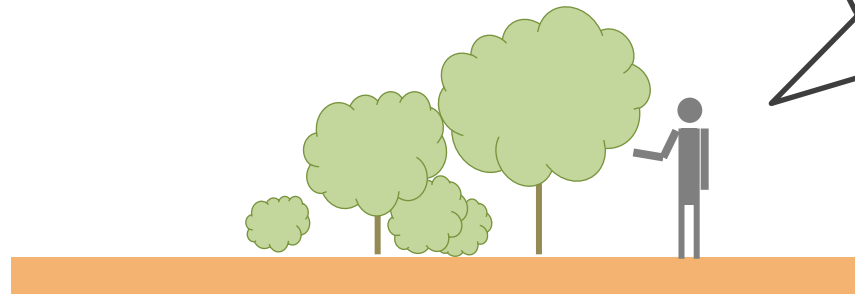
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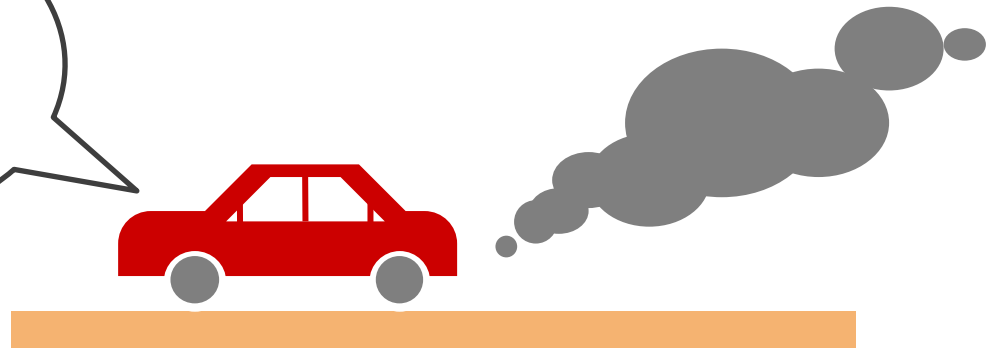
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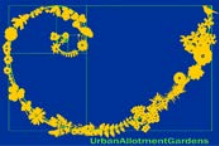


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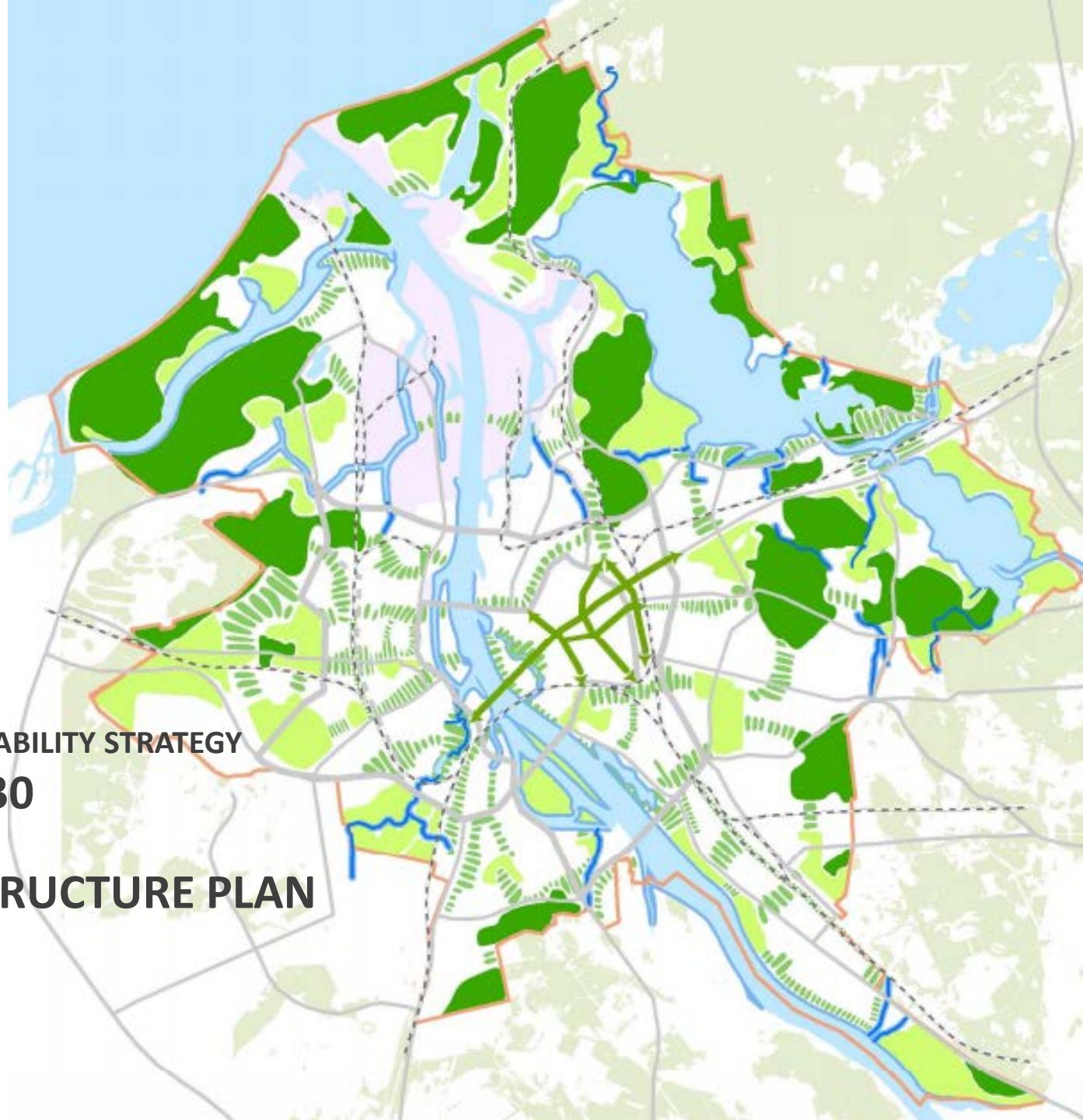




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