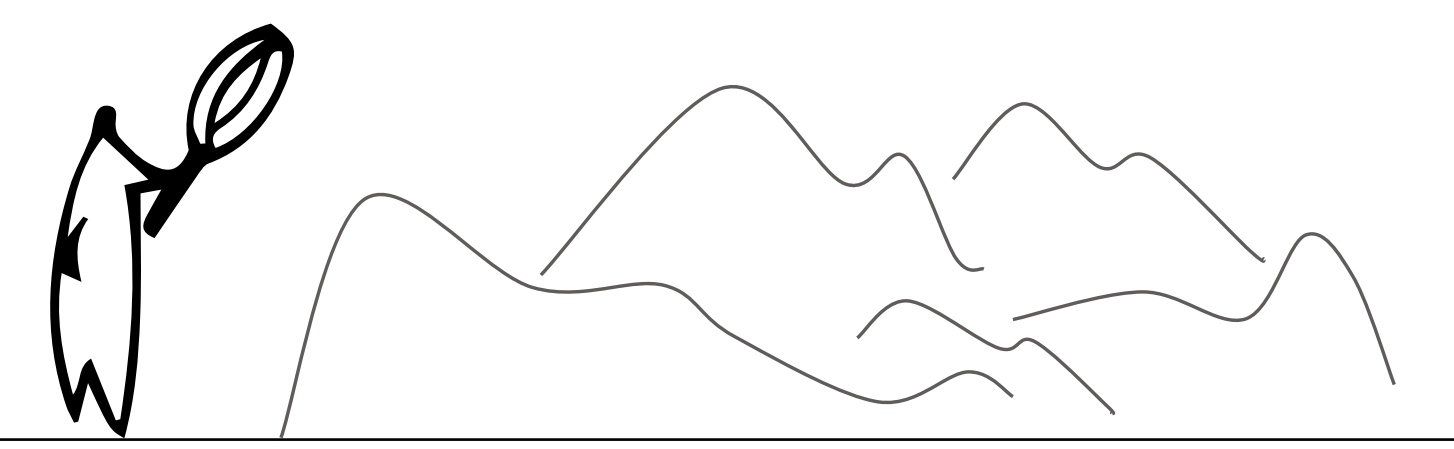
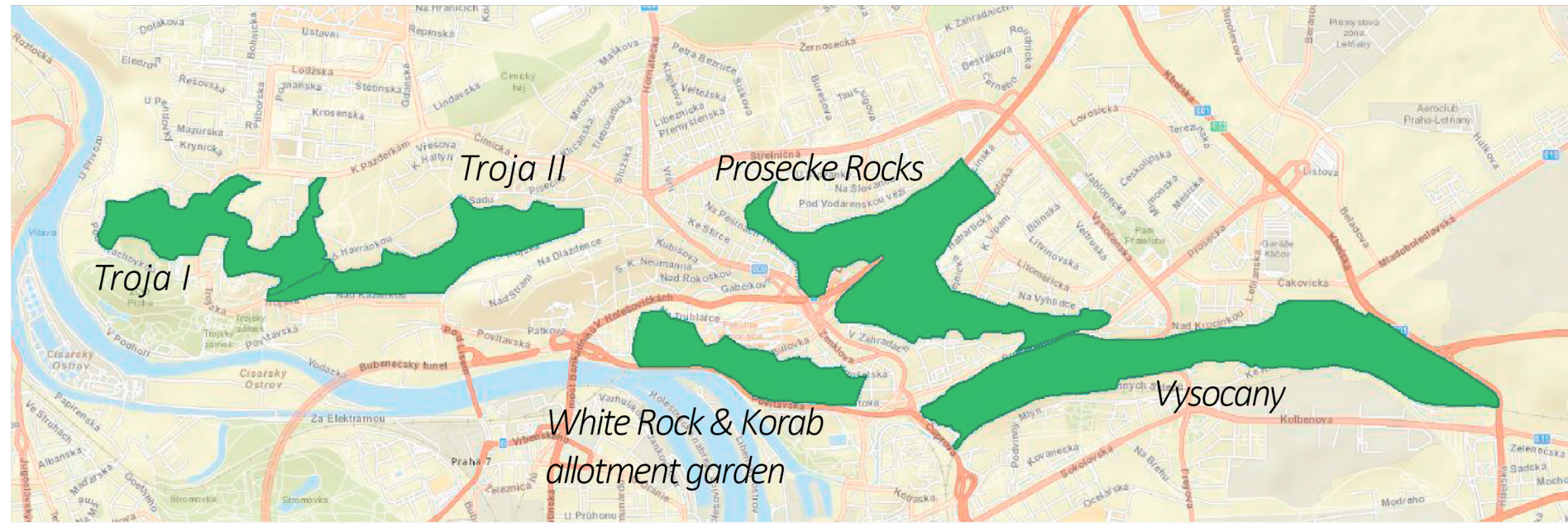


Vysočany



Introduction



The Vysočany Hillside is a diverse area located in between the dynamic urban centers of Prosek in the north and Vysočany in the south. Land use ranges from dense forests to residential neighbourhoods. Since the area is bordered by busy roads and a train track, it is relatively isolated from the rest of the city. This isolation and the slope of the landscape make Vysočany a suitable place for retreatment from city life. However, options should be identified to create a more lively and attractive space of the hillside as many places are neglected or inaccessible. This poster presents our findings of the most important features of the hillside, divided into six different themes.



Green

- Due to the railway and highway there is background noise.
- There is an absence of continuous bio-corridors due to the presence of fences, buildings and invasive species.
- In several parts of the hillside orchards contribute to local food production.
- Several streams contribute to the water supply of the green areas downhill.



Connectivity

- The area is easily reachable from other parts of the city by public and private transport.
- Metro lines B (Vysočanská station) and C (Prosek station) provide a direct connection with the rest of the city.
- Tramlines and busses provide additional access.
- A train connection is possible via Praha-Vysočany station.
- The presence of infrastructure serves as physical boundary of the hillside moreover, the existing connections are not very inviting for pedestrians.
- There are plans to connect Vysočany and Prosek via hiking trails.
- The western part of the hillside is easily accessible through maintained trails.
- The eastern part of the hillside is relatively inaccessible because it is crossed by infrastructure and utilities such as a water pipeline and the railway.
- Plans for a large transportation hub are created to connect trains, buses, trams and the metro.



Management

- Large variety in pathways ranging from well maintained to abandoned and overgrown.
- Confusion in landowners and usages of the plots.
- No accurate land use planning exists that coincides with cadastral data.
- Lack of adequate paths for bikes and disabled.
- Current management allows for lush vegetation.
- Old native oak trees are often not protected although they form an important landmark.

Use

- Many people only cross the area without engaging in other activities.
- The orchard is used for fruit picking, educational and social activities.
- The vineyard is a cooperative where locals engage in wine production and education.
- The bobsleigh is a place that attracts visitors.
- People engage in activities like running, cycling and walking.
- School children use paved paths and stairs for physical education.
- Throughout the hill various fireplaces are present
- Isolated parts are used for illegal housing.



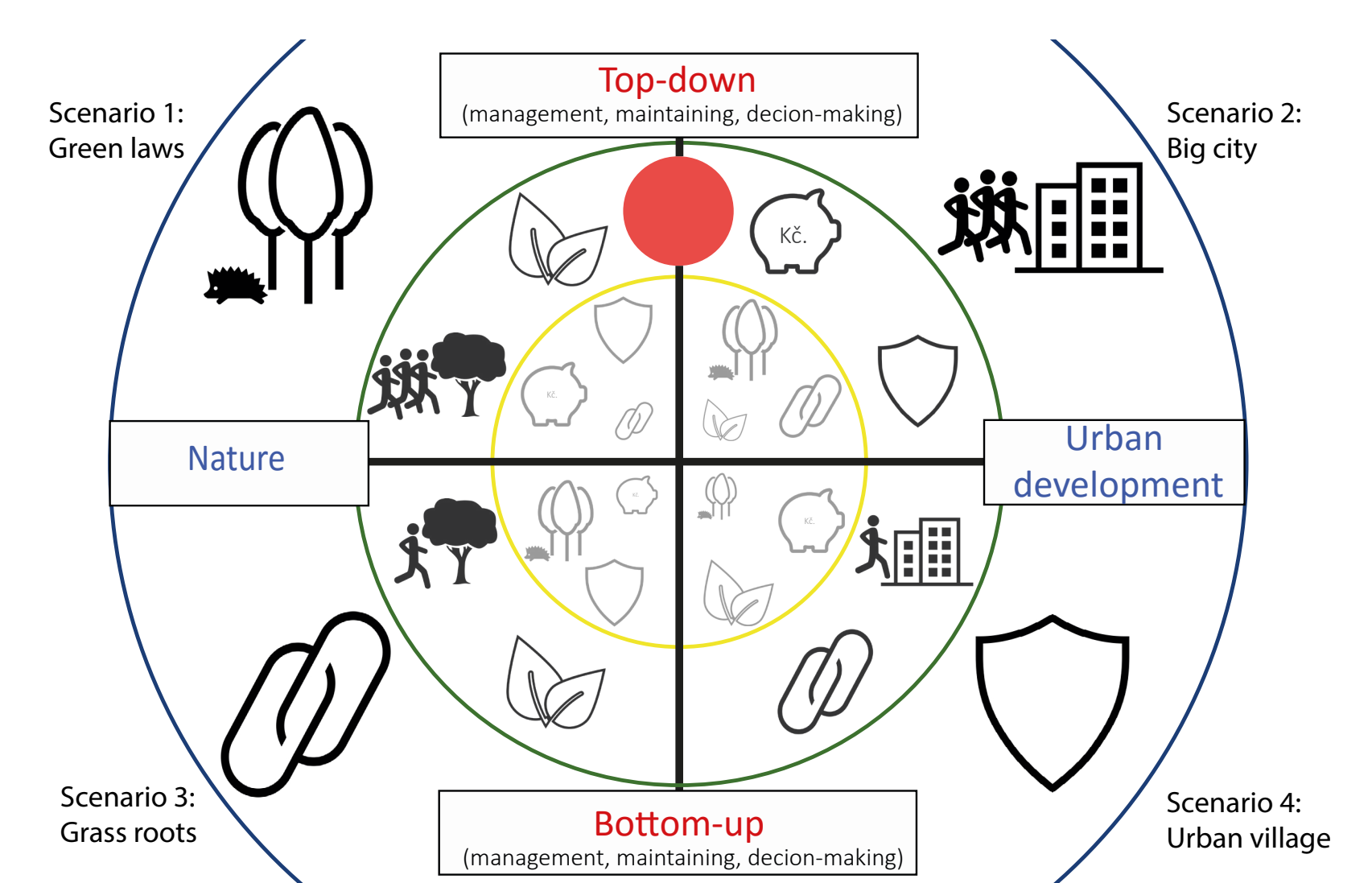
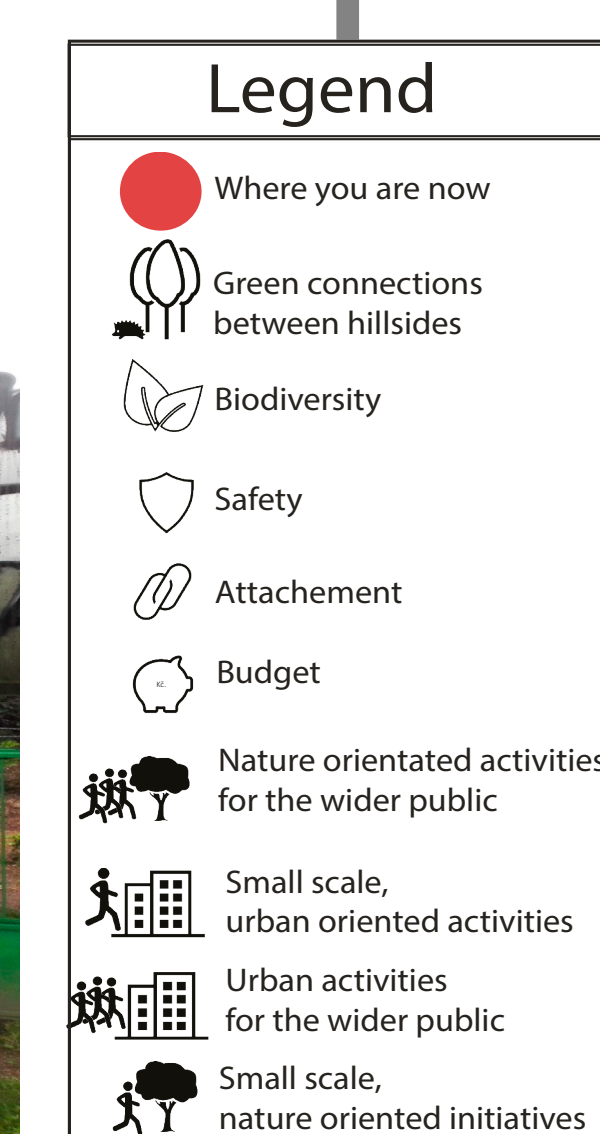
Actors

- There is no clear vision for the development of the hillside.
- There is no structural cooperation between stakeholders.
- There are plans for urban expansion which clashes with nature protection and causes confrontation.
- The ownership is fragmented making planning difficult.
- Shared interests of actors allow for temporal cooperation.

Safety

- It is hard to navigate on the isolated parts of the hillside due to the badly passable paths, stairs and the absence of signs that can show the right direction.
- Only the paved paths through the hillside are lighted at night.
- Fences or railings are not always present alongside hiking trails with steep downhill edges.
- Pavements along busy roads are often blocked and interrupted.

Scenarios



Orchard