

From Gardens to Parks

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Presentation Outline

- Gardens and Parks: *The difference*
- Influential garden design styles *of Modern History*
- From gardens to parks... *former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy (Prater, Augarten, Lužánky, Stromovka)*
- From private to public gardens *Bratislava (Castle Garden, Presidential Garden, Medical Garden)*
- The first 'original' public park *in Central Europe (Sad Janka Kráľa, Bratislava)*

Gardens and Parks

The difference

- **Gardens** – established mainly as private open spaces at estates
- **Parks** – established already as public open spaces mainly in urban areas
- **Gardens** or other private open spaces **turned to public parks and gardens**

Influential garden design styles

of Modern History

- **Renaissance** (Italian garden)
15th to 16th century
- **Baroque** (French formal garden - *jardin à la française*)
16th to 18th century
- **Romanticism** (English Landscape Garden)
18th to 19th century

From gardens to parks...
former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy

The Enlightenment: Royal support for public gardens and parks



Maria Theresa



Josef II

Prater and Augarten, Vienna

in the 19th century



Plan von [Carl Graf Vasquez](#), um 1830

Prater, Vienna

public since 1766

- **imperial hunting ground** only accessible for the **aristocracy**
- the Austrian Emperor **Josef II** donated the area **to the Viennese** in **1766** as a **public leisure center**

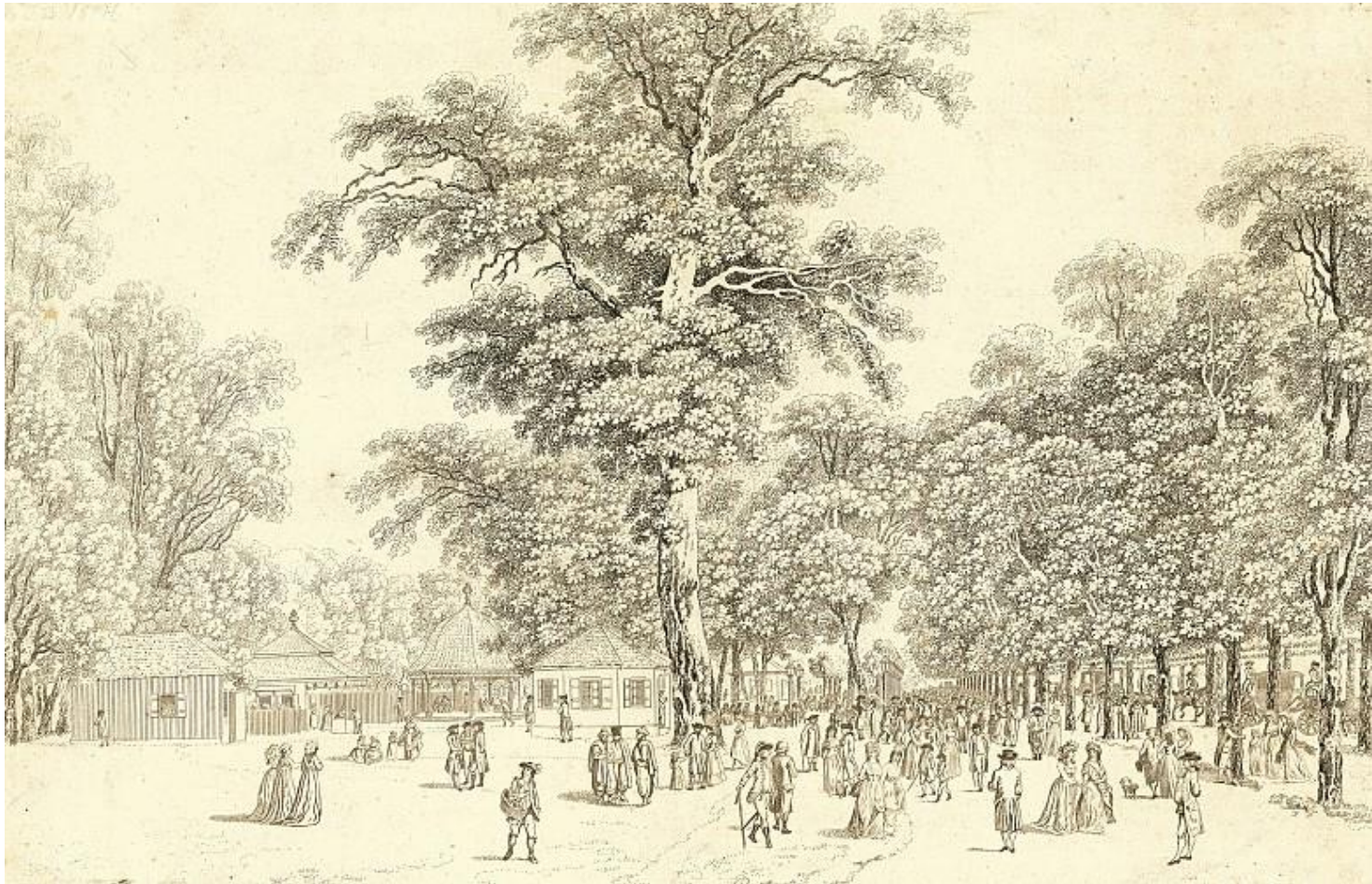
1766: Lorraine becomes French again / **American Revolution** / **African slaves** are imported directly into the American colony of Georgia for the first time

Prater as a public open space *in the 18th century*



Johann Ziegler: Das Lusthaus im Prater, Kupferstich, 1783
Wien Museum

Prater as a public open space *in the 18th century*



Laurenz Janscha/Johann Ziegler: Versammlung der schönen Welt bey den Kaffée-Häusern in der großen Prater-Allée, Kupferstich, Wien Museum

The Prater today...



The Prater today...



MA 42 - Wiener Stadtgärten / Lammerhuber

Augarten, Vienna

public since 1775

- Established in 1614 by Emperor Matthias in the Danube flood-plain
- Around **1650** – Ferdinand III - a **formal Dutch garden**
- **1660s** – transformation into a **pleasure park**
- **1712** - Charles VI - landscape architect Jean Trehet - new plans to develop the whole park in **French style**
- After the opening of the Vienna Prater to the public in 1766, the Augarten was likewise **opened on 1 May 1775 by Joseph II.**

The Augarten then...



Augarten vor der Zerstörung durch die Türken
Ansicht von Wien,
Folbert van Alten-Allen (1683)



Der Greis im Frühling im Augarten
Hieronymus Löschenkohl (1781)
Wien Museum

1775: Second voyage of James Cook / American Revolution

The Augarten as a public open space *in the 18th century*



Augarten by Johann Andreas Ziegler (1783)

The Augarten today...



The Augarten today...



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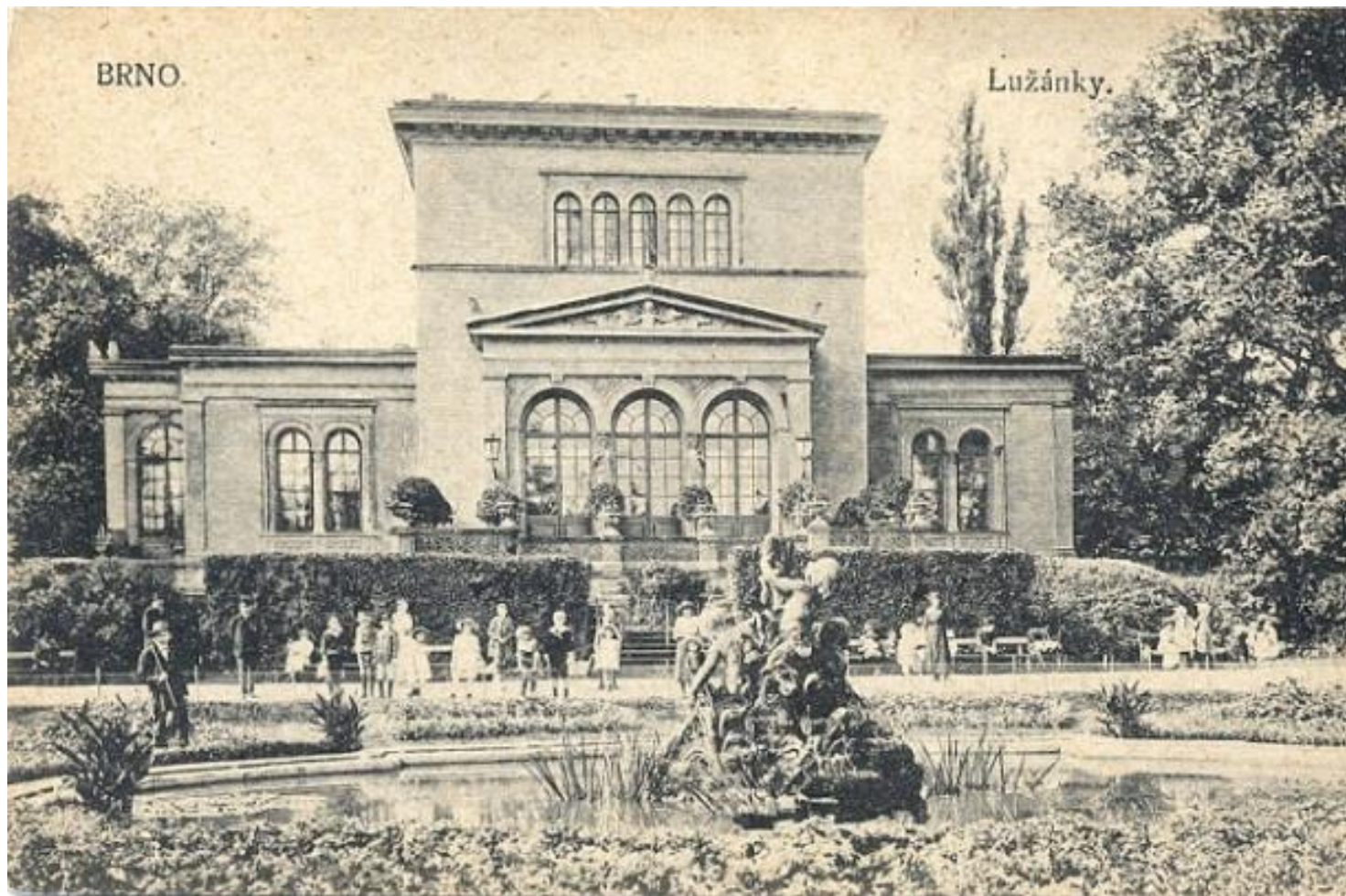
Lužánky, Brno

public since 1786

- **Lužánky** (*Augarten*) – the most important public park in Brno, the oldest publicly accessible park in Czechia
- 13th century – floodplain meadow dedicated to a monastery; 16th century – Jesuits acquire the area
- **18th century – ornamental garden** for meditation, spiritual activities and recreation
- **1786 – Josef II** dissolved the monastery and gave the area to the city of Brno **to create a public park**
- **1840** – the park **rebuilt from French to English** Landscape Garden style
- At the turn of the **20th and 21st century reconstruction by Ivar Otruba**

1786: Mont Blanc is climbed for the first time

Lužánky then...



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Lužánky today...



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Lužánky today...



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Stromovka, Praha

Public since 1804

- **Originally royal hunting reserve** established in the 13th century
- **1584 – landscaping** on demand of Rudolf II
- **since 1804 open to the public**, used as a park
- **19th century - rebuilt in English Landscape Garden Style**
- Today used for recreation, sport, cultural and educational activities

1804: Napoleon Bonaparte is proclaimed Emperor of the French

Stromovka then...



Viktor Barvitijs: A Thursday in Stromovka (1865)

Stromovka now...



Stromovka now...



Wikipedia

From private to public gardens

Bratislava

The newly reconstructed castle garden



The newly reconstructed castle garden



Presidential and Medical gardens



Presidential Garden

Grassalkovich Palace Garden



Medical Garden

Aspremont Palace Garden

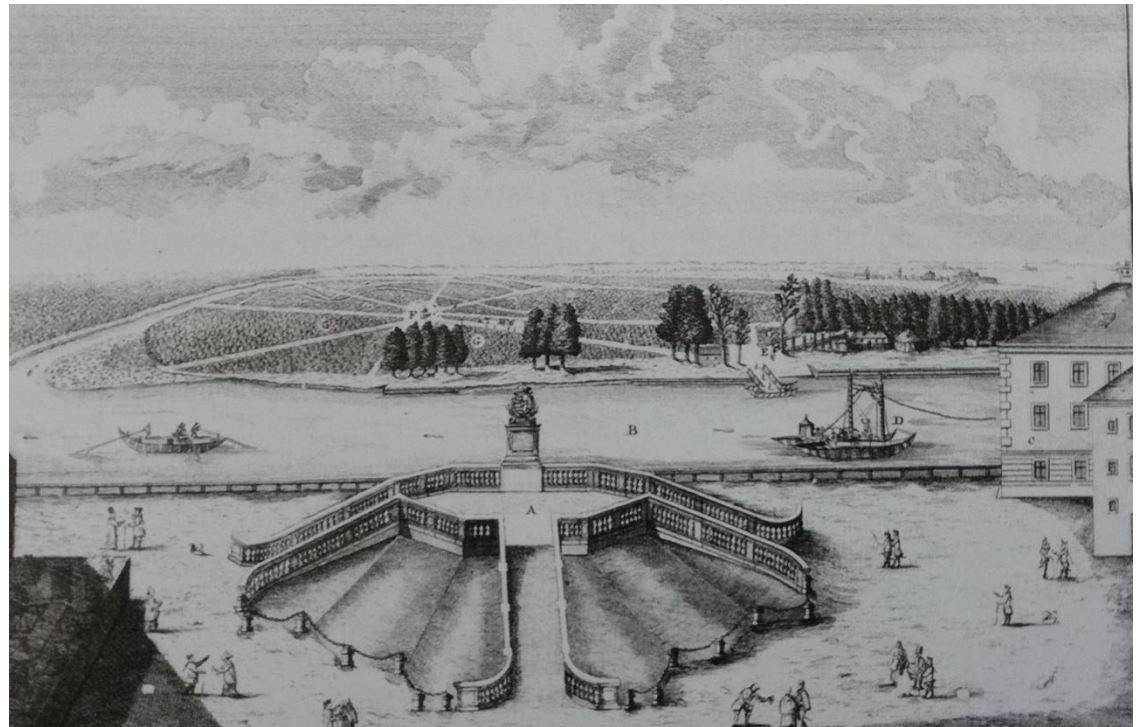


The first 'original' public park
in Central Europe

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(Sad Janka Kráľa, Bratislava)

1775-1776



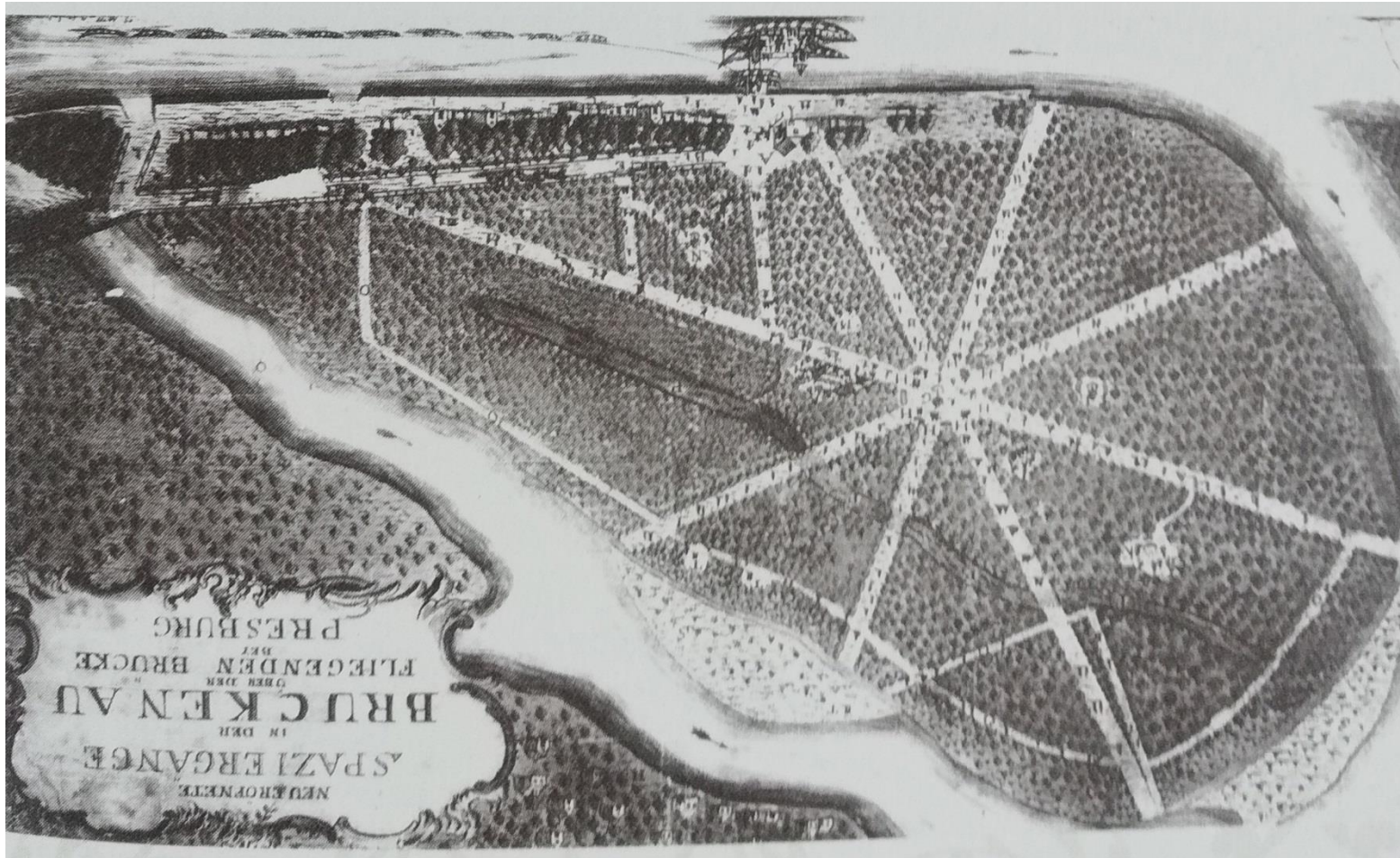
The area where Sad Janka Kráľa Park is situated, used to be a river island before the regulation of the Danube

A view of the park from the castle

1776: United States Declaration of Independence (July 4)

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French Style



Original composition of Sad Janka Kráľa from 1776, with a characteristic eight-armed star alley (Reháčková, 2012, p. 76)

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with war earthworks „Schanzen“

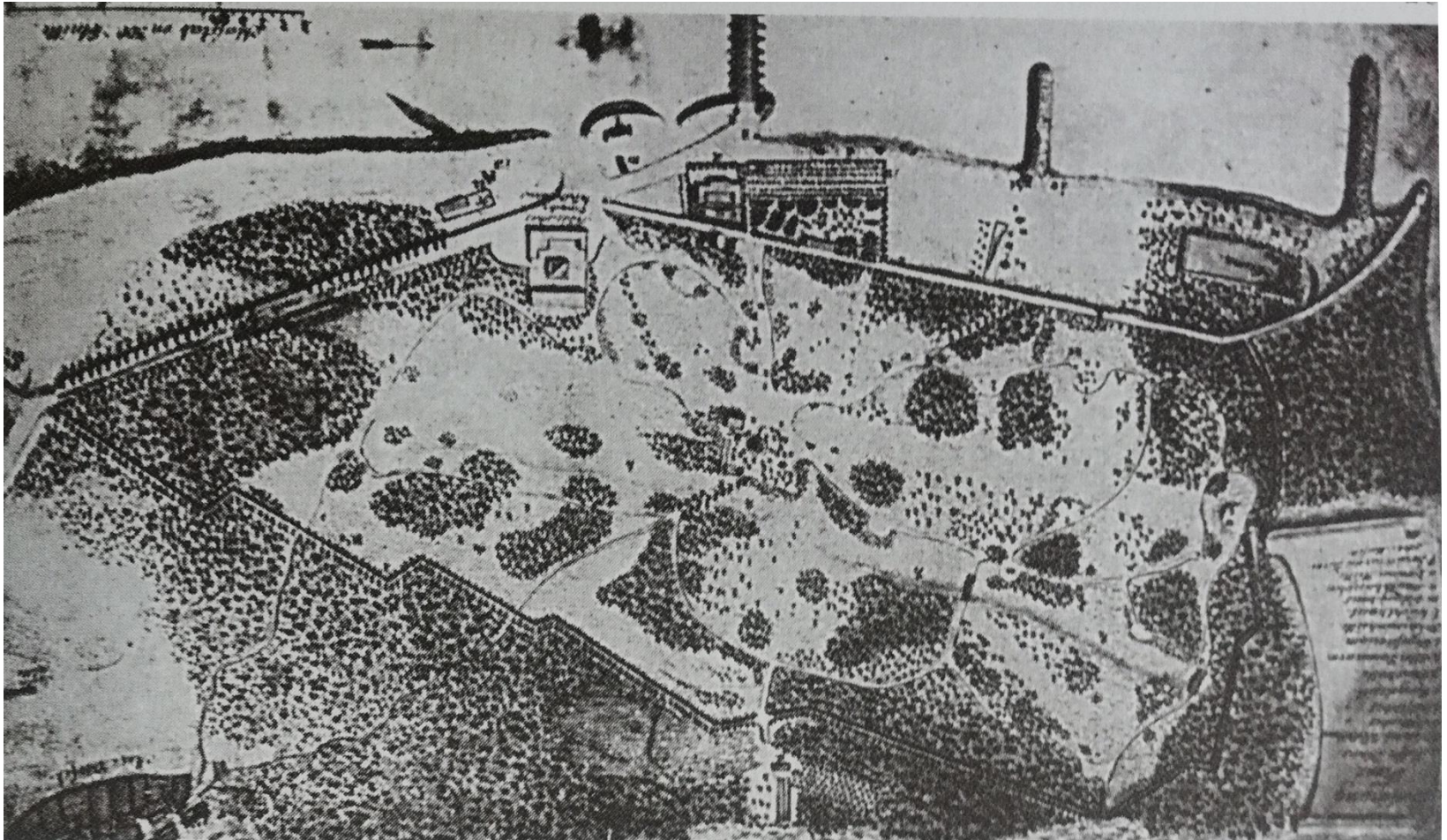


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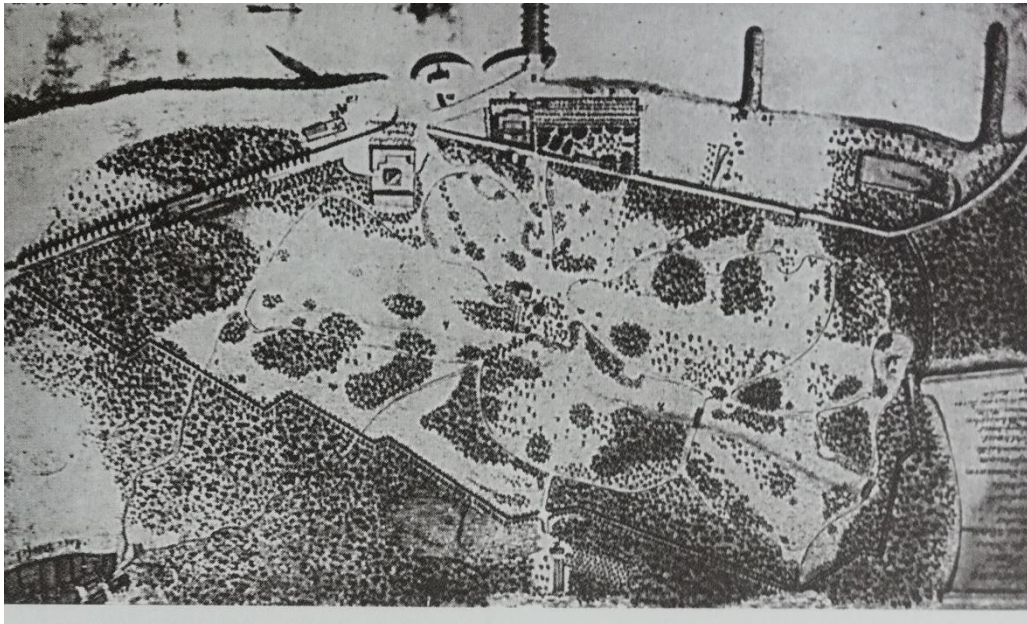
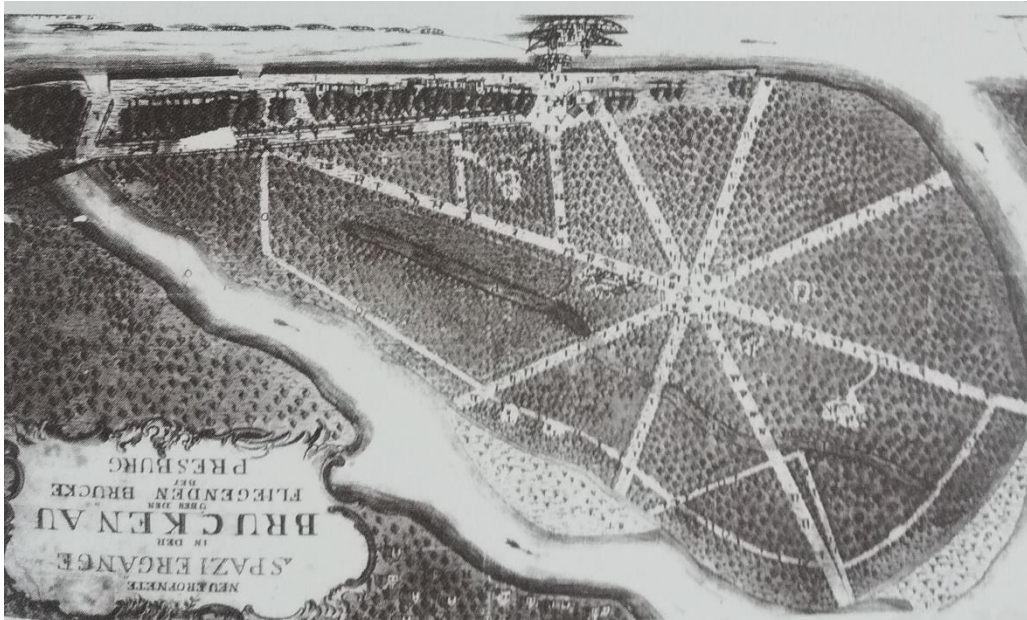
Situačná mapa z prvej štvrtiny 19.stor. zachycuje ešte situáciu pôvodnej .
úpravy parku po roku 1809, kedy boli vybudované "šance" vojakmi Napoleona.

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English Style



A plan from 1832 shows Sad Janka Kráľa after it had been rebuilt in the English Landscape Garden style (Reháčková, 2012, p. 76)

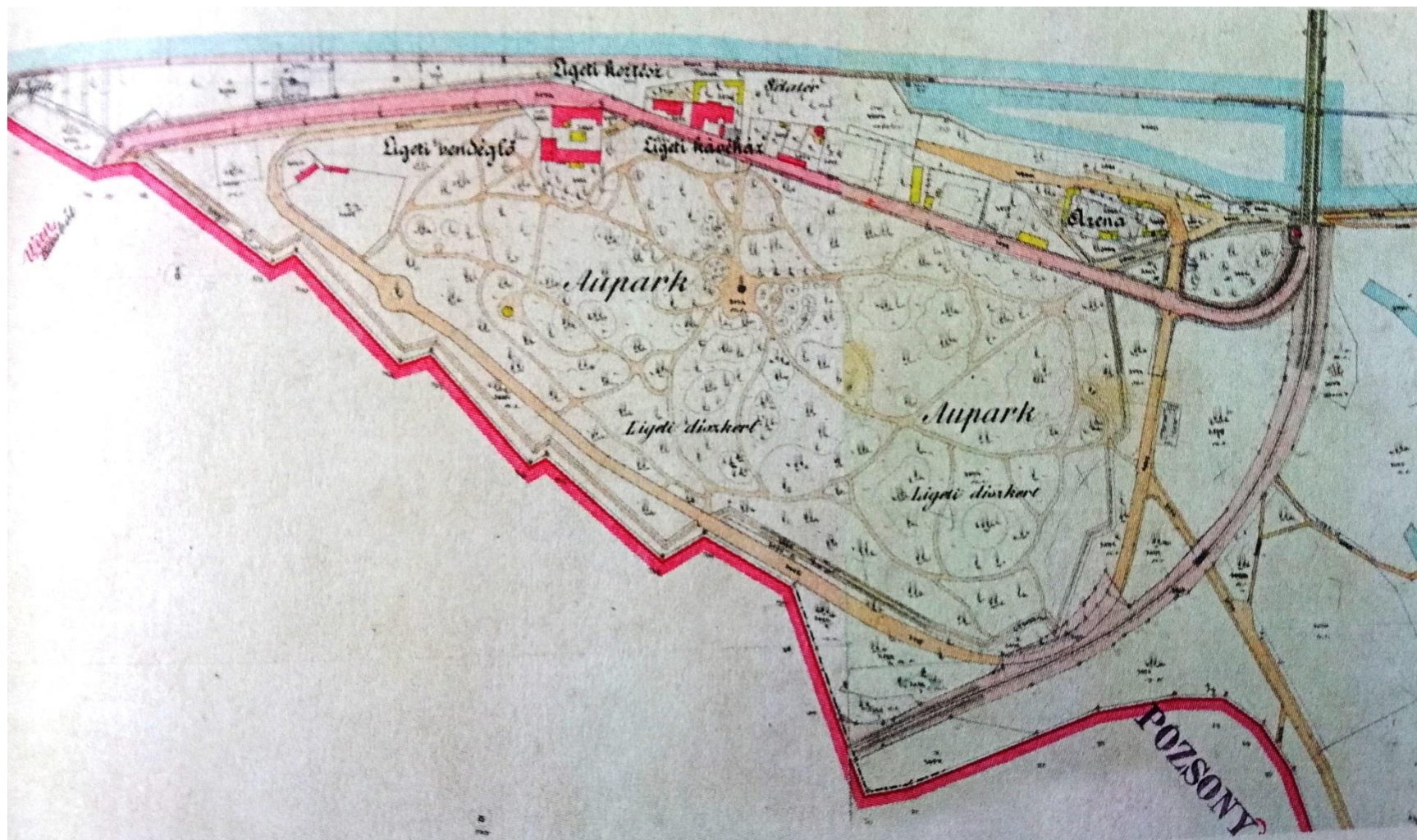


Style change

- „Sternallee“ – 2 alder, 2 poplar, maple, willow, elm and ash alleys - partly incorporated in the new design

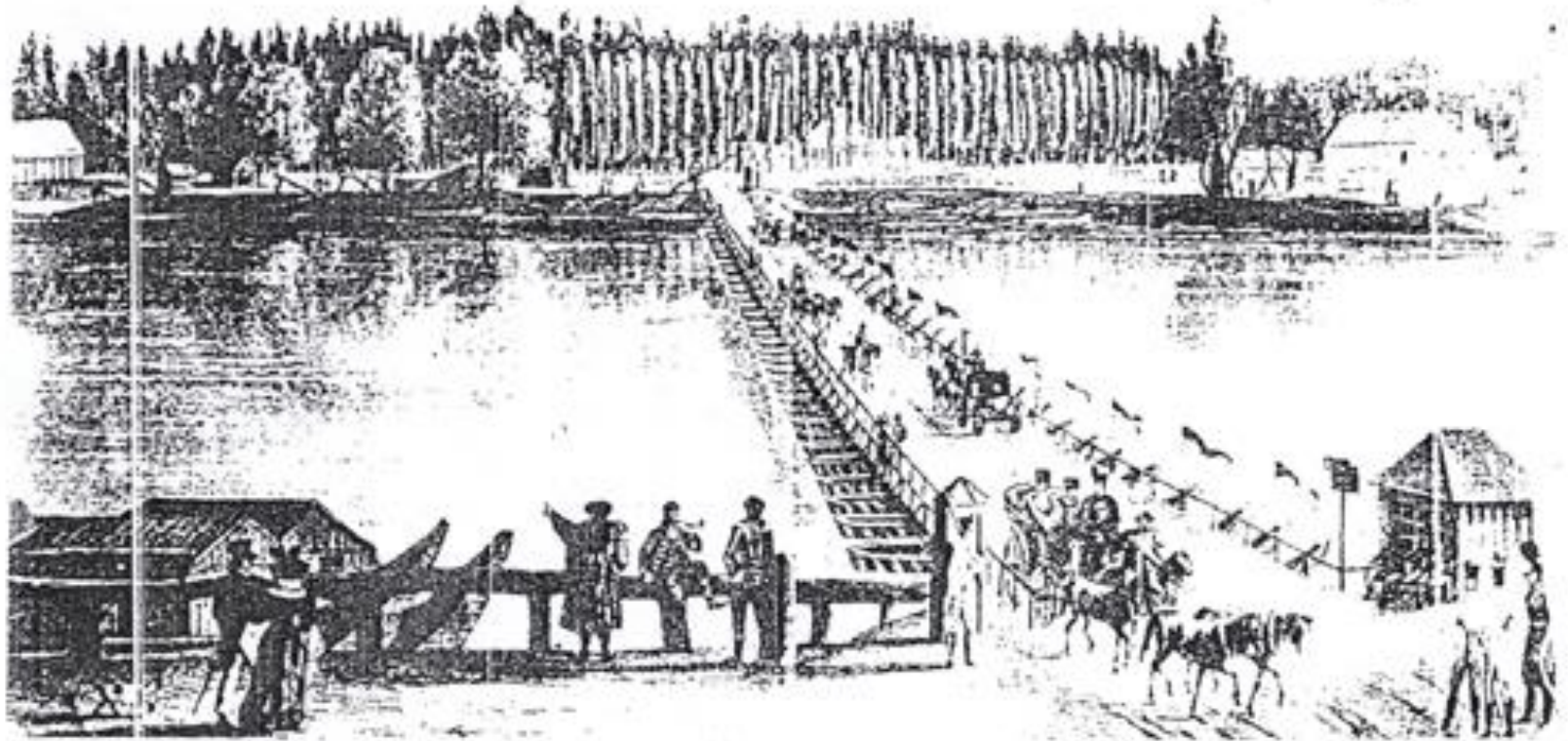
(Reháčková, 2012, p. 76)

Composition of the park in 1895



(Reháčková, 2012, p. 77)

A view of the park across the Danube



Sad Janka Kráľa v Petržalke v minulosti (začiatok 19. storočia)
Public garden of Janko Kráľ in Petržalka in the past (beginning of 19th century)

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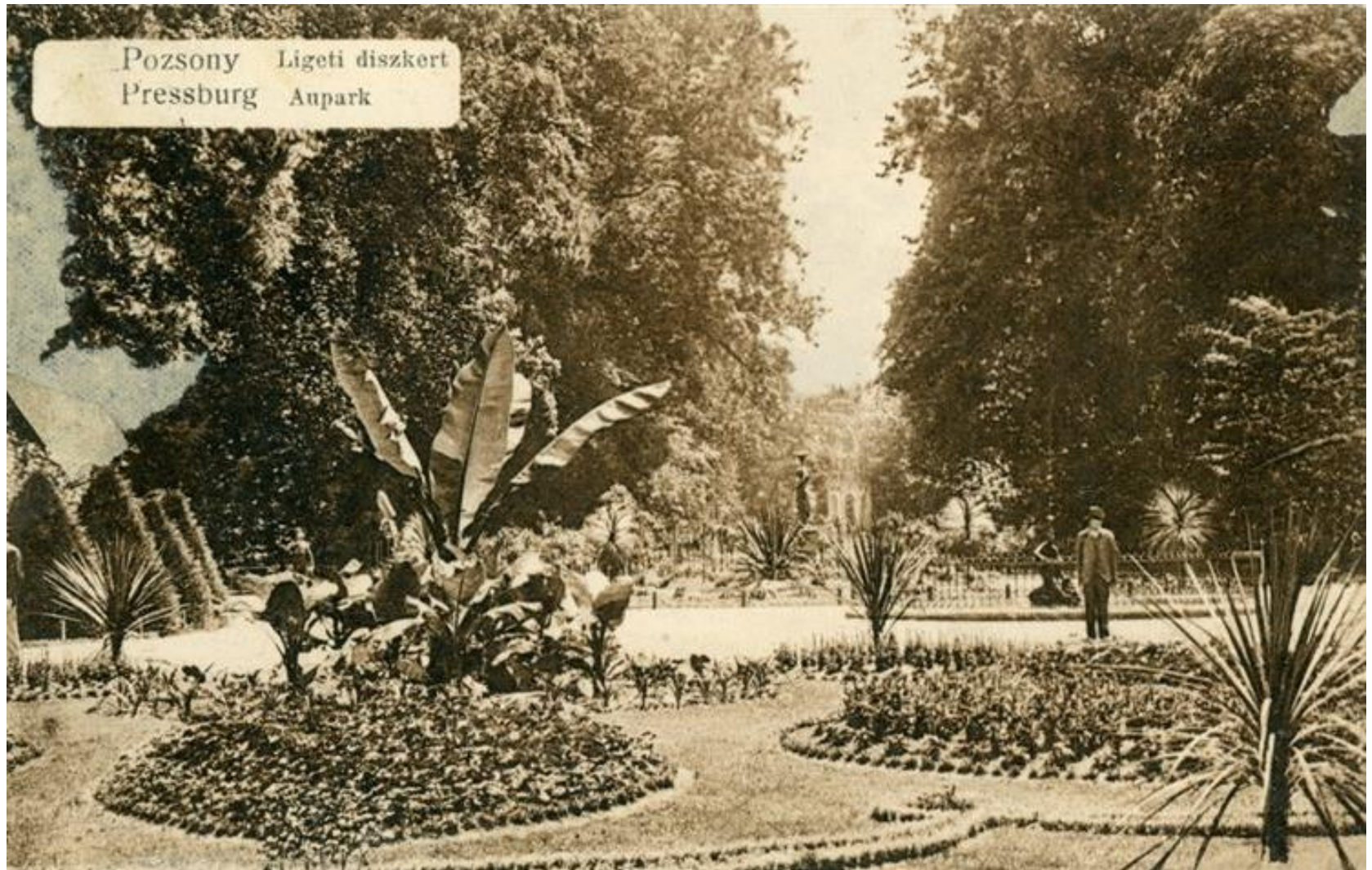
Romantic atmosphere in the park



Famous ornamental garden

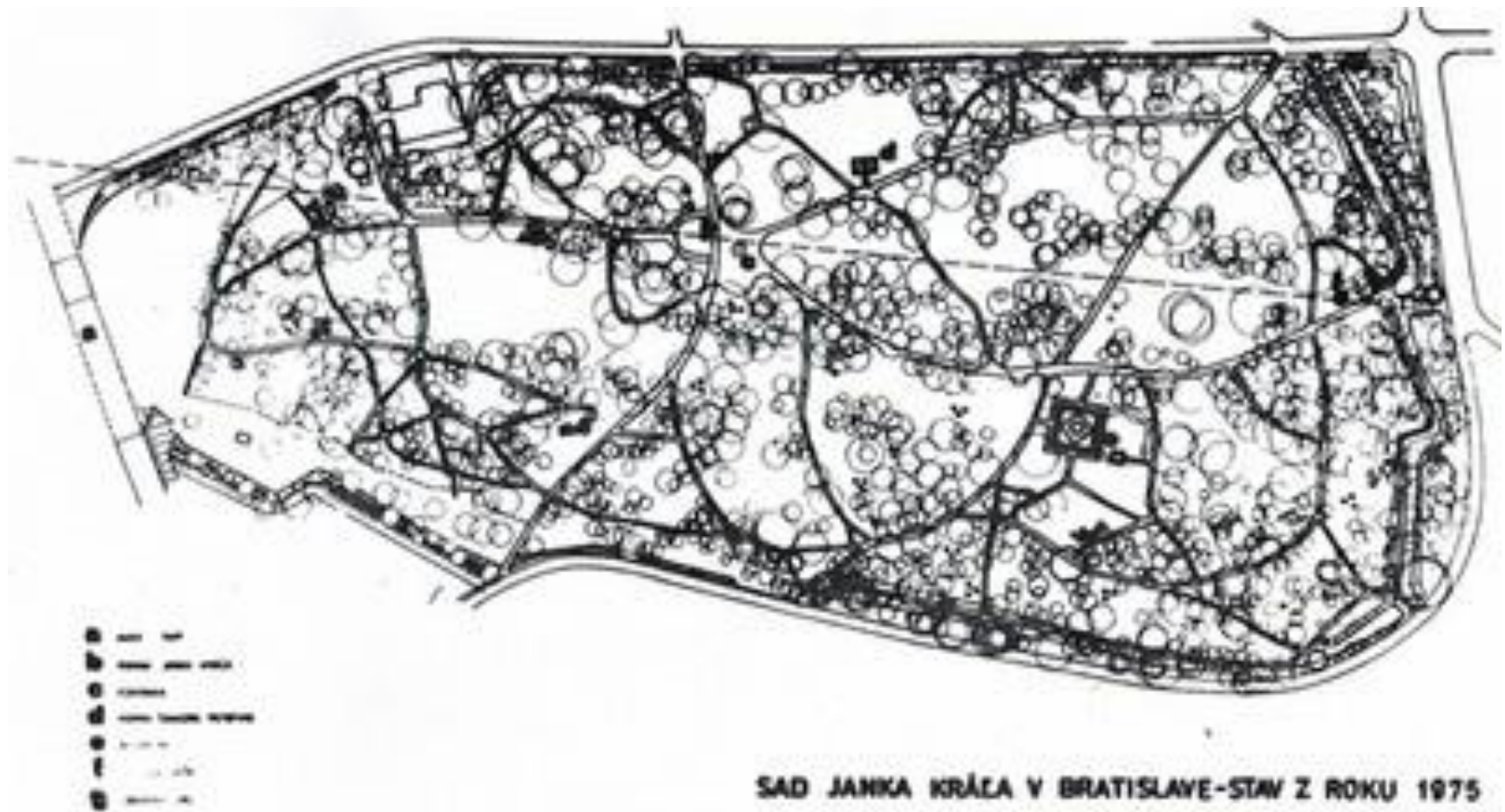


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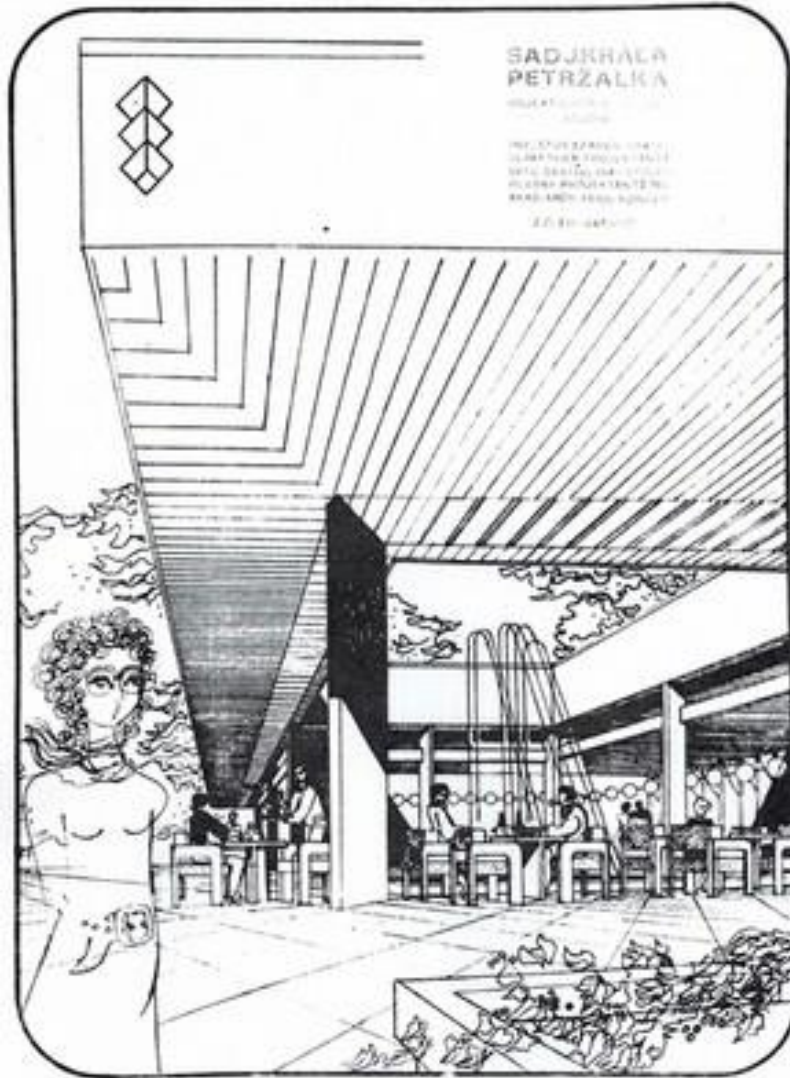


Situation in 1975

(just before the reconstruction)

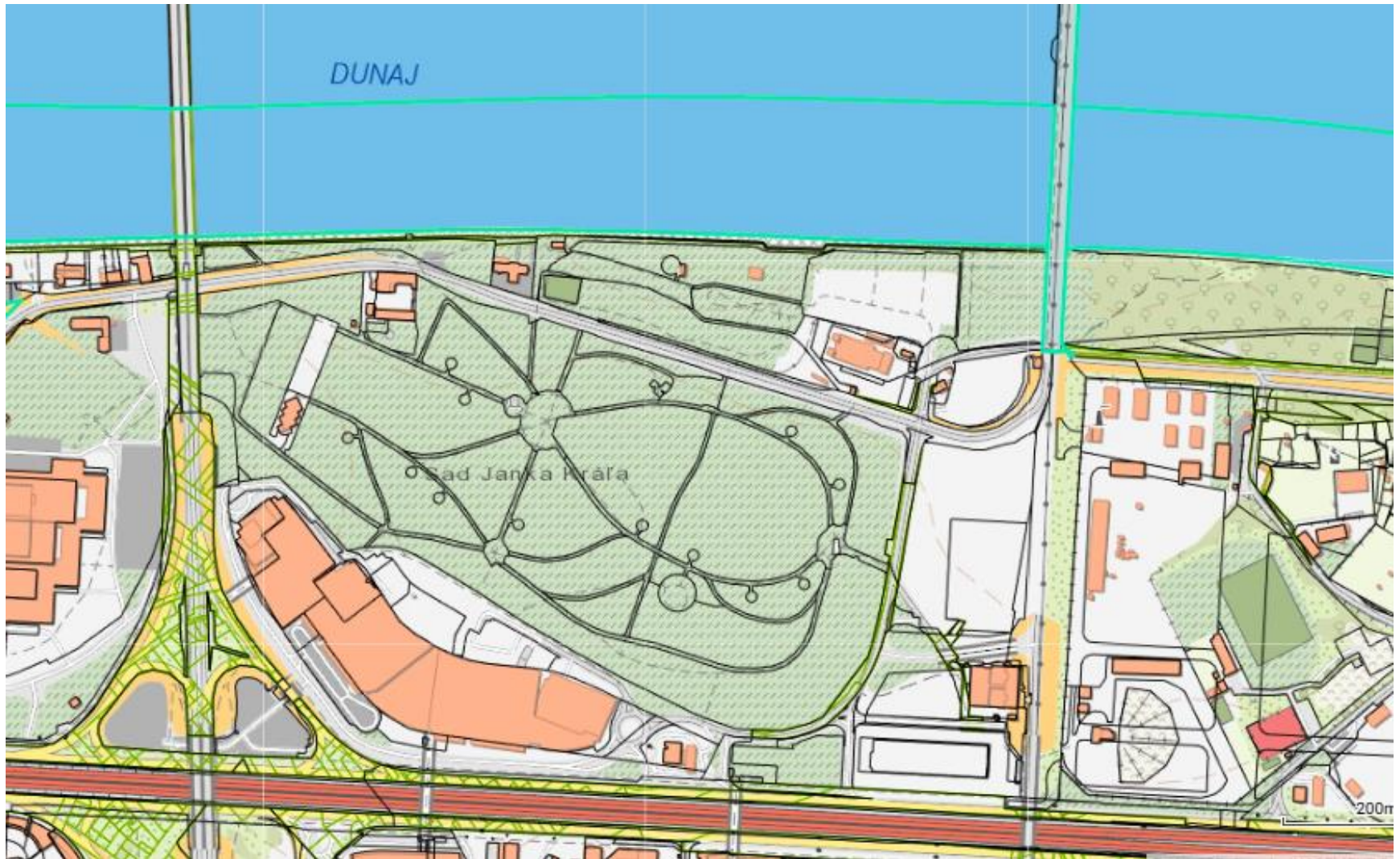


Reconstruction in 1977-1983

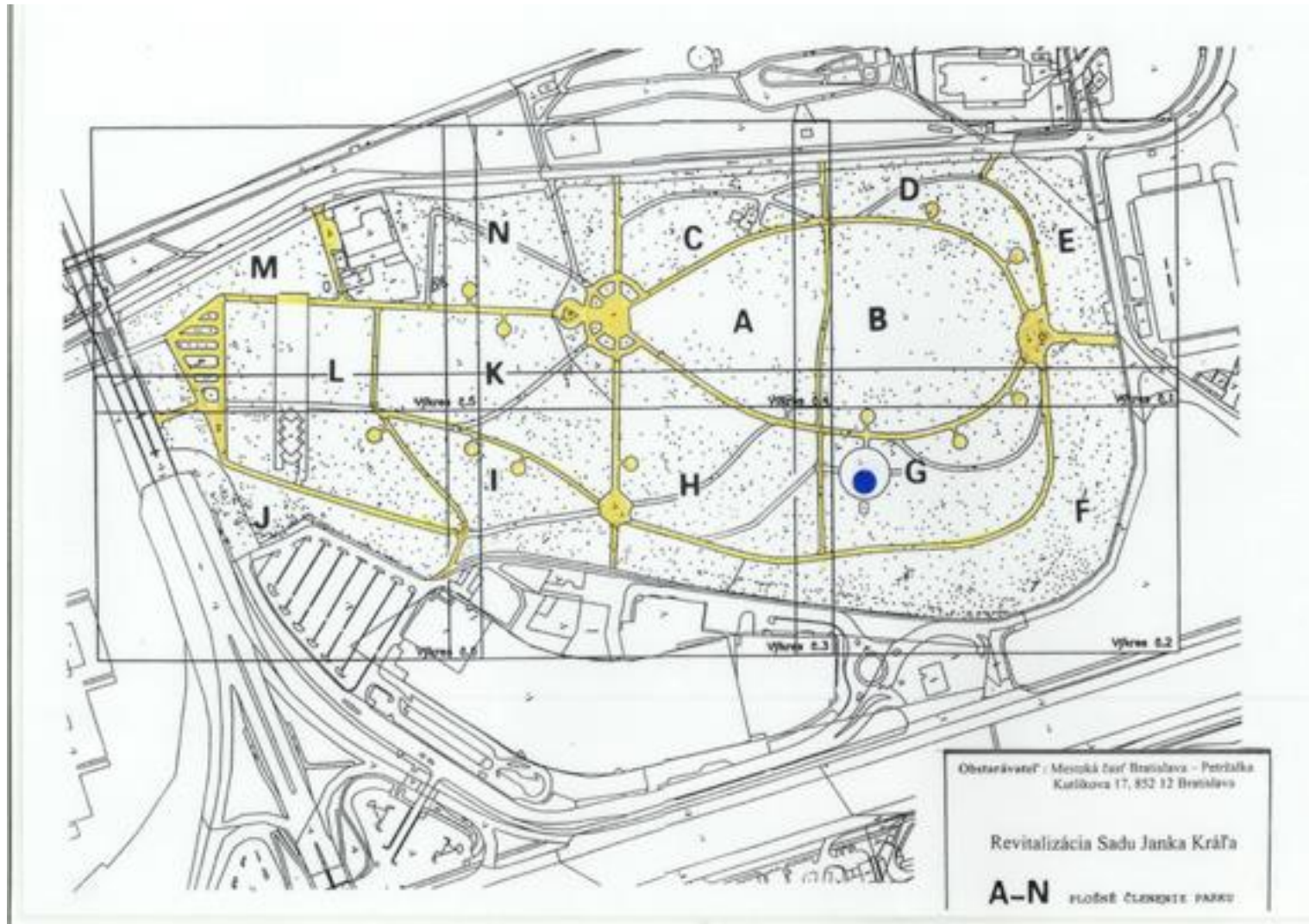


- Highlighted especially the English style, while making a design reference to the French style as well
- Influenced by Social Realism

Current composition of the park



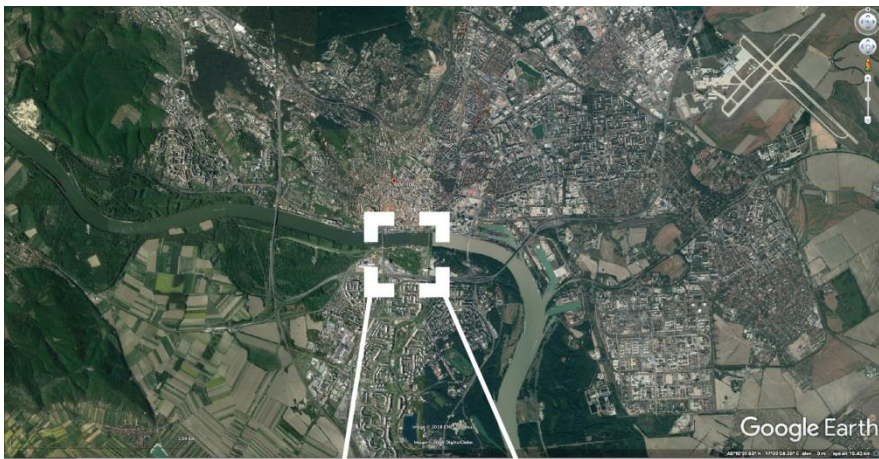
Current composition of the park



Sad Janka Kráľa

in today's Bratislava

- 42 ha open space
- Valuable old trees
- Reconstructed in 1970s
- Restoration in 2006
- Protected historical green space
- National cultural heritage since 1963



(Tóth – van den Toorn, 2018, p. 746)

Sad Janka Kráľa today...



Sad Janka Kráľa today...



Ctibor Bachratý

Sad Janka Kráľa today...



Sad Janka Kráľa today...



Peter Tóth

Sad Janka Kráľa today...



A show in the park: Napoleonic wars



Main challenges

- Intensive use / extensive maintenance
- Development pressure
- Aging trees
- Preservation of a living monument in the heart of the capital city
- Legislative conflicts – Nature vs. Monument protection
- Climate change, stormwater management, urban ecology and biodiversity

Planning and Design Visions

- Enhancing the promotion and recognition of the park
- Enhancing the equipment and information infrastructure
- An overall systematic reconstruction and development plan
- innovative restoration design
- Sustainable management plan

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Further reading



Sad Janka Kráľ'a Park,
Bratislava - *An Approach to
Planning, Design and
Management of 19th
Century Public Parks*

Attila Tóth
Martin van den Toorn

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Further reading

Re-Creation of the Baroque
Castle Garden in Bratislava
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