

HODNOTY KRAJINY, EXPERTNÍ A PARTICIPATIVNÍ METODY IDENTIFIKACE

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ABSTRACT

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The aim of the contribution was to point out problems of identification of landscape merits that are a presumption of its protection. Many authors see the merits defined in general by: the uniqueness, authenticity, usefulness, durability in time, beauty, idea, safety. Within assessing merits another criteria appears: the diversity, integrity, handicraft, associativeness, symbology. The value of landscape can be identified by three methods: 1) formal acceptance – the element has bigger importance when admitted by legal act; 2) expert assessment – supported by measurable indicators; 3) public agreement – to be determined for example by sociological research or other participative methods. The use of participative methods is expected by the European Landscape Convention. Some of these methods have been examined in the PhD. thesis of Flekalová, with emphasis on: verbal one – questionnaire and non-verbal one – the assessment of picture of landscape. Findings could be another argument for landscape preservation, concerning mainly landscape character, or planning. Participative methods should be an integral part of landscape architect's work. Not only because legislation, but mainly because landscape architect is creating a landscape for people living in it and so at least an examining of their opinions or participation of public in the whole process is desirable.

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