

Green private gardens



Private gardens greatly influence the urban micro-climate and how warm it feels. More than half of urban areas is privately owned; these are businesses and homes. Unfortunately more and more private gardens are being paved over. More education about the role city gardens play can help offset this trend. Requiring residents to disconnect the runoff from gardens from the sewer system (Belgium) and taxing paving in gardens (Germany) can also help. Information about making gardens more green can be found at: www.huisjeboompjebeter.nl.