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Ostrów Wielkopolski now and before - urban sprawl

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The definition of urban sprawl

Urban sprawl, also called sprawl or suburban sprawl, is the rapid expansion of the geographic extent of cities and towns, often characterized by low-density residential housing, single-use zoning, and increased reliance on the private automobile for transportation.

Ostrów Wielkopolski - overview

- It is one of the largest cities in the heart of southern Greater Poland - it has over 72,000 inhabitants and covers an area of 42 km². The advantage of the city is its convenient location - approximately 100 km from Poznań, Wrocław and Łódź. This is where important communication routes intersect.
- Ostrów Wielkopolski is an important cultural, sports and tourist center of the region, as well as an attractive place for business development and entrepreneurship.

Ostrów Wielkopolski - past and present



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Photos of Ostrów Wielkopolski in the past



The area of Ostrów Wielkopolski in numbers

- The first territory of Ostrów Wielkopolski: 625 hectares. The compact development of the city covered approximately 217 hectares, the remaining areas with a few loose buildings were intended for meadows, arable fields and pastures.
- In 1926, approximately 66 hectares of land from the Krępa farm was added, part of which was parceled out in 1924. The area became a new district of Ostrów.
- In 1934, the city limits included the rural communes and manorial areas of Krępa and Zębców, as well as the manorial areas of Zacharzew and Kamienice Stare. The city's area increased to 2,908 hectares.
- In 1979, the village of Pruślin, part of the village of Zacharzew (so-called Mały Zacharzew), and parts of the land from the villages of Wtórek and Karski were added. The added area covered 1,291 hectares, thus the territory of Ostrów reached its current size of 4,190 hectares.