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## Nature and Environment

The Nürnberger Reichswald, one of the biggest forest areas in the vicinity of a city in all of Germany, together with the wide river banks of the River Pegnitz, a green axis through the city, provide naturally good environmental conditions for Nuremberg. But the citizens also contribute a lot to the protection of their environment. Nuremberg's municipal measures for environmental protection can count on much support through voluntary work by the citizens.

For the local implementation of the Agenda 21, hundreds of volunteers work in over 50 project groups. Six Round Tables discuss the topics of ecological urban planning, environment and economics, energy and climate, environmental education and public relations, social sustainability, as well as children and young persons. A programme to reduce CO2 pollution not only tries to make use of the energy saved by refurbishing old buildings, but also aims at contributing to non-polluting power generation with photovoltaic panels on the roofs of city houses. Projects such as "Nürnberg – intelligent mobil", have the goal to win over even the most inveterate car-users to switching to public transport or bikes – because the private car is not always the most practical means of transport. In cooperation with the Bavarian State Water Board, the River Pegnitz was again given a near-natural course, so that it now provides a habitat for animals and a recreation area for people.

Valuable sand habitats are protected and preserved in the project "Sandachse" (sand axis). Nuremberg also puts great emphasis on protecting trees – the tree protection regulation was adopted as early as in 1977. A landscape maintenance association helps with the planning of fruit orchards and biotopes and with the maintenance and development of cultivated land.

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