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Prüger-Wallner Garden

Current name of the site: Prüger-Wallner's Garden

Category: garden

Type: historic

Garden website: <http://prugerka.sk/>

Current Owner: City of Bratislava

Location of the site:

It is located near Horský Park in the area between Kalvária and the Apostolic Nunciature, within the space bounded by Havlíčkova and Nekrasovova Streets. One entrance is on Nekrasovova Street (near the residential building at Nekrasovova 5–7) and the other entrance is from above, near the Funus restaurant.

GPS: 48°09'25.6"N 17°05'46.3"E

The Garden in Numbers:

Elevation: 219 m to 236 m above sea level

Area: 2 ha 479 m² (approx. 5,000 m²)

The villa garden of hotelier **Heinrich Prüger's family**, which featured both ornamental and kitchen garden sections. In the first half of the 20th century, flowers, fruits, and vegetables were grown in the garden. The southern section contained four greenhouses and a small building housing the boiler room for heating them, which can still be seen there today. The Prügers ran a private nursery there called **Flóra**. After World War II, the owners left Slovakia (moving to England), and the garden lay neglected for nearly 70 years. In 2013, the **National Trust of Slovakia** began organizing volunteer work parties to save the garden. Today, the garden is owned by the City of Bratislava and includes the **Prügerka community garden**, which is managed by the National Trust of Slovakia.

The Prüger-Wallner Garden was established in the late 19th century near the Szapáry family villa, close to today's Horský Park in Bratislava. After 1919, hotelier Heinrich Prüger transformed the villa into a family residence and created an extensive garden with ornamental greenery, greenhouses, a swimming pool, and a nursery called Flóra.

After World War II, the Prüger family left for England, and the garden gradually fell into disrepair. Much of the original area was lost to housing development, leaving only old trees, remnants of staircases, greenhouses, and the boiler room. The garden is also connected to the tragic story of Heinrich Prüger, co-founder of the famous Carlton-Savoy Hotel, whose financial problems during the economic crisis led to his suicide.

Since 2013, the garden has been gradually restored through cooperation between the City of Bratislava and preservation groups. In 2021, a large part of the site was revitalized in a natural style, including the creation of a community garden and restoration of the garden house. Since 2025, historic greenhouses have also been undergoing renovation for cultivation, relaxation, and community activities.

Today, the garden once again **serves as an example of a natural and community garden** with space for relaxation, cultural events, and organic cultivation.