

# Palace – Park Ensembles of Western Pomerania – Legacy Lost or Recovered?

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Zespoły pałacowo-  
parkowe na  
Pomorzu Zachodnim  
– dziedzictwo  
utracone czy  
odzyskane?

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## Introduction

Manor and park complexes formed over the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries today represent distinctive and significant village elements of the of the West Pomerania landscape [Latour, Łukaszewicz 1998]. As studies conducted between 2000–2004 [Rzeszotarska-Pałka 2005] and 2006–2009 indicated, old farm layouts with the accompanying manors and parks were, in many cases, significantly transformed from their original forms, which resulted from misuse, neglect or abandonment. The reasons for this state of affairs should be sought not only in the effects of the activities of the State-owned Farms (Państwowe Gospodarstwo Rolne – PGR) that administered these objects after World War II, but also in the socio-economic situation of the West Pomerania villages after 1991. At that time, few landlords remained who could still take some care of the historic buildings [Szym-ski 2006]. Since then, the state of devastation of many manor and park complexes is constantly worsening, which has not improved even after handing these facilities over to private owners. Only a proportion of manor and park complexes from the area of West Pomerania have chances for full

restoration, and reasons for this are often very complex.

## Material and methods

The aim of this study is to analyze the state of preservation, threats and restoration opportunities of manor and park complexes from the area of West Pomerania presented with selected examples illustrating the current state of preservation of these types of historical layouts. Examples are chosen in such a way as to accurately depict the overall tendency concerning the possibility of their restoration in the current socio-economic situation of the Western Pomeranian Region (Fig. 1).

Analyses of the state of preservation of these objects were preceded by territorial studies combined with an inventory of the conservation status of cubature structures and park compositions, including an archive search based mainly on the resources of the Western Pomeranian Regional Historic Preservation Officer [Karty Ewidencyjne...]. Comparative methods were also used.

## Results

Leśno Górne –  
restored splendour

The village of Leśno Górne (*n. Ger. Hohenlese*) is located on the road connecting Szczecin with Police, just 8 km from the city bound-





















