

A Study on the Strategy of Pocket Park in the Renewal of Old City in China

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Abstract : In recent years, the tendency that the decline of material and social vitality of old city in China becomes more and more serious. Nowadays, transformation and renewal of the old city have become a hot topic in urban research. The traditional mode of large-scale promotion has been criticized. Thus, exploration of new ways to update the city turns to be a necessity on the way of sustainable urban development. Pocket Park is a small city open space, its location choose is based on abandoned or idle lands on urban structure, is scattered or hidden in corner of the urban. It has a great significance on improving the old city environment. Based on the theory of 'pocket park', this paper summarizes the successful experience of domestic and foreign practice, and discusses the update strategies which are suitable for China's national conditions according to the characteristics and predicament of the old city in China. The main methods and results are as follows: 1)Based on the conception of 'pocket park', though describing the research status in domestic and foreign, summarizing the experience which is worth learning and existing problems. 2) From the analysis of 'pocket park' function, general design principles and types of the deep-seated difficulties in renewal the old city and the possibility of the application of 'pocket park',the varied implementation of 'pocket park' form are established, and application value in the old city renewal are summed up. 3) It can't be denied that pocket park plays an irreplaceable role in solving the recession and renewing the vitality of the old city. Anymore, It is recommended to develop corresponding supportive development policies.

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