DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL SETTLEMENT IN ŁÓDŹ VOIVODESHIP

This paper presents the matter of the development of the rural settlement in the area of today’s administrative region of Łódź. The settlement theme of the rural areas of the region of Łódź is one of the most often discussed issues amongst the geographical society, and thus, there is a need to undertake multi-aspectual research of settlement in this region. The area of the today’s region of Łódź is characterised by a specific path of transformation undertaken by rural settlement and which stems from among others the character of the natural environment.

The characteristic development of historical settlement and the later transformations during the industrialisation era, as well as during the present times created a complex spatial picture of village types. This picture is further complicated because the rural settlement is also characterised by a large degree of dispersion. The detailed localisation, morphogenetic and functional studies of rural settlement may be too difficult to be realised. However, among all themes possible to undertake, the completion of localisation and morphogenetic research of the rural settlement in the outer areas of the region (parts of former large geo-historical regions) is seen as the most important and crucial to achieve.

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