## The Importance of Archive Aerial Photos for Legal and Administrative Proceedings in Warsaw

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## **SUMMARY**

Archive aerial photographs could be a very important document that allows to obtain information about particular areas for the day of photo collection.

For the city of Warsaw, a very rich collection of photogrammetric aerial photographs is preserved in the state archives. The oldest of which date back to 1925. This year, a Photoplan was prepared for Warsaw. It was the first Photoplan in the world developed for the area of the entire city.

Aerial photographs can be a source of many unique information about the area, because they show a lot of details that cannot be found on maps or other documents. Aerial photos in Poland are stored in state archives and they are a type of official document. Photographs have a specified date of taking and confirmation of authenticity. Thanks to this, it is possible to use them in many different proceedings in which it is necessary, for example, to determine the legal status of the area or the area coverage. In the article, the author presents what kind of proceedings the photos are used in and how much important information they can provide. This allows to appreciate the importance of the archives in which the aerial photographs are stored.

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