

Bahrain unveils its green dream

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GREEN DREAM: Plans have been revealed for the 'greening' of Bahrain, including Manama. (AFP)

Ambitious plans have been unveiled to re-create a green Bahrain, once known as the land of a million palm trees.

Plans include creating 50,000 square metres of greenery a year, fed through new irrigation systems, using treated sewage water, the Gulf Daily News reported on Sunday.

Natural wells will be revived, new parks built and the country's beaches expanded by two per cent nationwide, Municipalities and Agriculture Minister Mansoor bin Rajab announced on Saturday.

Each of the five governorates will also have its own central park and junctions throughout the country will be "greened", he said.