



## Trees and Their Benefits: Social, Ecological & Economic Considerations

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Among researchers around the globe, interest in understanding the full spectrum of social, ecological, and economic services that trees provide continues its ascent. To derive benefits from trees, trees must establish and mature in size. Urban—as well as rural—tree populations are often faced with strenuous conditions that include pest pressures, challenges related to climate change, and even construction injury. Among each of these areas of challenge, as well as the aforementioned benefits, important knowledge gaps remain. We hope that the Special Issue provides a forum for novel insights that will advance our understanding of the scale and scope of trees and their affiliated benefits to people and the landscape around them. Our topics related to the following:

- Tree function and performance assessment in densely populated or remote settings
- Understanding of human health considerations and tree benefits
- Techniques related to protecting and utilizing trees, wood, and wood products in urban and rural settings
- Evaluation of the economic contributions of trees
- Assessment of factors that inhibit tree performance
- Applications of new or emerging technologies





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