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Message from the Guest Editor

Globally, there has been increasing interest in bringing nature back into urban centers and the multiple benefits and services provided by urban forests. The Covid 19 pandemic has crystallized thinking about the importance of accessible nature in times of lockdown and stress. But there are challenges in maintaining existing forest remnants in urban environments, and in restoring or reconstructing forest habitats, which are resilient and sustainable in the face of increasing population, development, and climate change. This Special Issue will draw on experience from around the world in the theory and practice of urban forest restoration, to achieve all or some of the multiple benefits of retaining or expanding urban forests. We are particularly interested in examples of intergenerational projects, at a local or regional scale, which highlight adaptive management approaches to the success and failure experienced along the way. As urban forestry is transdisciplinary, and successful urban ecological restoration involves understanding and navigating coupled socio-ecological systems, we welcome contributions from a wide range of disciplines, as well as those which bridge disciplines.



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