



Can Cities Drive Ecosystem Restoration: An Exploration of Innovative Land-Use Strategies

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Cities are often plagued by a history of unsustainable land-use practices that have left large swathes of land polluted, while ecosystems and the services they provide have been pushed out and into peri-urban and rural areas outside of metropolitan areas. This also makes cities and peri-urban areas some of the most important areas of focus to improve unsustainable land-use practices and to recover lost ecosystem services. There is, in fact, wide agreement that cities and metropolitan areas must themselves become more sustainable and resilient in order to improve overall sustainability and alleviate development pressures on suburban and rural communities.

This Special Issue seeks contributions from all of the different perspectives on urban eco-systems restoration with the goal of further exploring what land-use strategies are currently under way or proposed and to assess their success potential. We invite contributions from any academic field, as well as contributions that seek to explore the compensatory role of peri-urban and rural land-use strategies intended to support the restoration of urban ecosystem services.



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