



## Canopy Cities: Protecting Urban Forests, Landscapes and Ecosystems

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Dear Colleagues,

Cities today face a host of challenges, many involving climate change, such as urban heat, wildfires, flooding, and other examples of extreme weather. Investing in trees and forests, and urban ecosystems generally, represents one of the most cost-effective and essential responses to these challenges, especially to rising urban heat.

The vision of canopy cities then understands trees and forests, and urban ecosystems generally, as essential elements of urban life. Canopy cities prioritize the protection and expansion of trees and forests and recognize the need to have trees and nature nearby and indeed all around us where we live. Trees and urban development are not antithetical to urban life but absolutely essential. This Special Issue hopes to discover and uncover new and exciting experiences and efforts around the world to protect existing trees and forests and to expand them and allow them to further. Canopy cities also recognize the need to engage and involve the public, to cultivate love and care for trees, and to reach a fair condition where all residents and all neighborhoods in the city experience trees and forests. We look forward to your contributions!



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