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What Role Can Ecological Factors Play in Supporting Ecosystem Services in Urban and Peri-Urban Forests?

Message from the Guest Editor

Urban and peri-urban forests (UPFs) can play a pivotal role in supporting the quality of life in our cities. Several ecological factors, working synergistically with anthropocentric activities, influence the capacity of these forests in providing ecosystem services (ES). Different forestry patterns (e.g., stem diameter structure, leaf area index, basal area, soil quality) can affect the capacity of UPFs to provide ES from four categories (supporting services, provisioning services, regulating services and cultural services); at the same time, user perception of these factors is also important. This Special Issue aims to explore the state of the art in research on UPFs, focusing on the role of ecological factors.

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