

Special Issue

Urban Forestry and Ecology

Message from the Guest Editors

Worldwide research is providing strong evidence of the influence of forests on urban ecosystems, and their contribution to the sustainability of cities is now widely recognized. Urban forests include tree populations with very different origin, structure, and management, from natural or spontaneous woodlands to intensively managed park, street, and plaza trees. All these components have a role in modifying climate, air quality, rainwater runoff, and biodiversity, in addition to providing services and sometimes causing disservices to the urban population. An understanding of the ecology of urban forests; their composition, structure, and functions; and their ecological interaction with the urban environment is essential for the wise planning and management of this resource. In this Special Issue “Urban Forestry and Ecology”, the journal *Sustainability* is welcoming studies reinforcing this topic, proposing innovative theoretical and methodological approaches to study and propose evidence-based applications in the planning, design, management, and preservation of the urban forest.

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