Special Issue

Structure, Function, and Value of Urban Forest

Message from the Guest Editors

As a result of urbanization, in modern times, we have become distant from nature. However, recently, many people have once again started pursuing a life with nature. While uncertainty in natural phenomena is increasing due to climate change impacts, diverse attempts to solve the negative effects of these changes with nature-based solutions are increasing. In this context, urban forests are expected to play various roles in densely populated urban spaces. However, as these are spaces which are generally close to development areas, with more intensive human activities compared to natural forests, various threat factors exist compared to the natural environment. In this Special Issue, we aim to cover a wide range of issues and research, from trying to understand urban forests by identifying their structure and properties to evaluating their functions and value. We hope that all research areas can be covered in this Special Issue, including experimental studies, monitoring approaches, and model development for the creation, management, and adaptation of urban forests and urban natural environments to future surroundings.

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