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Urban Forests and Diversified Landscape Planning: Latest Advances and Prospects

Message from the Guest Editors

Urban forests are a fundamental and indispensable component of urban ecosystems, providing a comprehensive set of interconnected ecosystem services that are crucial for reducing urban environmental pressure and maintaining ecological balance. Recent research has gradually revealed the complex relationships between the functional characteristics of trees and ecosystem multifunctionality, in which the composition, structural configuration, and spatial distribution of plant species are key determinants of the ability of urban forests to achieve multiple ecological functions.

Increasingly, evidence clearly indicates that there is a profound and multifaceted connection between urban forests and human health and well-being, including by improving physical and mental health outcomes, increasing physical activity levels, promoting children's cognition and social development, and strengthening community social cohesion. Therefore, by utilizing the ecosystem services of urban forests and their beneficial impacts on residents' health and well-being, sustainable urban development can be promoted through healthy landscape planning.

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