

## Special Issue

# New Approaches to Enhancing Public Health Through Urban Forestry

### Message from the Guest Editors

Urban forests, encompassing all trees and vegetation in cities, play a crucial role in the health and well-being of urban populations. As urbanization accelerates worldwide, the need to integrate natural elements into city planning becomes increasingly urgent. This Special Issue aims to illuminate the benefits of urban forestry and explore strategies for leveraging green spaces to enhance public health.

It delves into many ways urban forestry contributes to healthier communities: reducing air pollution, mitigating heat islands, promoting physical activity and mental well-being. By highlighting successful models and innovative approaches, we seek to inspire and inform efforts to create healthier, more sustainable urban environments.

Potential topics include:

- Health benefits of urban green spaces
- Disparities in access to urban green spaces and health equities
- Innovative technologies and methodologies for studying and enhancing the relationship between urban forests and public health
- Design and management of urban forests to maximize health benefits
- Policy and community engagement Policies in support the integration of urban forestry in public health initiatives

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