



Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity of Peri-Urban Landscapes

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Message from the Guest Editors

The peri-urbanization processes are affecting the sustainability of transitional peri-urban landscapes (PULs). The biodiversity of PULs is becoming endangered due to the investments taking part in PULs. At the same time, PULs are being characterized by a rising demand for various types of ecosystem services (ES), while ES-providing areas in PULs are diminishing. This situation is causing ES and biodiversity trade-offs, thereby intensifying a gap between ES demand and provision. Different ES deficit areas emerge constantly in PULs. Thus, ES and biodiversity are two constituents of peri-urbanization process that need to be carefully investigated.

For this Special Issue of *Land*, we invite authors to submit theoretical considerations and descriptions of practical case studies concerning ES and the biodiversity of PULs. We welcome papers discussing the following topics:

- Assessment and valuation methods of ES in PULs;
- ES and biodiversity trade-offs in PULs;
- Methods to delimitate ES beneficiary and provide areas in PULs;
- Gaps between the demand and provision of ES in PULs;
- ES deficit areas in PULs.





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