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Strategic Planning for Urban Sustainability (Second Edition)

Message from the Guest Editors

Usually, land for urbanization is readily and affordably available in locations where one is not supposed to build and quite scarce and extremely expensive where it barely exists. Excessive urbanization in suburban locations can lead to the potential decline of more centrally located neighborhoods. Anticipatory and integrated strategic land use and transportation planning mechanisms are needed to obviate opportunistic and speculative land markets. In many cities of the Global North, the iatrogenic nature of uncoordinated policy–market imbalances has resulted in sprawl, leap-frog development, spoiled countrysides, vehicle-dependence, long commutes, unfeasible mass transit, unhealthy environments for vulnerable populations, environmental externalities, and overall poor urban quality of life for everybody. This Special Issue of *Land* seeks review papers and articles dealing with these challenges from economic, environmental, social, normative, technological, historic, and cultural perspectives. Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method studies will be considered.

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