

## Special Issue

# Green Infrastructure for Resilient Cities: Rethinking Urban Parks and Open Spaces

### Message from the Guest Editors

Rapid urbanisation process leads to a loss of agricultural land and green spaces, increased imperviousness, the deterioration of local environments, and the subsequent public health-related impacts on communities. Ensuring communities have access to green spaces can improve people's physical and mental health, local air quality, the urban heat island effect, biodiversity conservation, ecology, and urban agriculture, and can also provide social networking opportunities and play spaces for children, helping to create happy and healthy communities. The goal of this Special Issue is to collect papers that provide insights into interactions between humans and nature in urban environments and the roles and contributions of parks and green spaces in creating ecologically sustainable communities. This Special Issue will welcome manuscripts that link the following themes:

- Climate change resilience;
- Biodiversity conservation;
- Nature-based solutions;
- Ecosystem services;
- Community safety and access;
- Urban agriculture;
- Public health
- Recreation;
- Social networking and community engagement;
- Spatial planning and analysis;
- Environmental inequalities;
- Equal access to green infrastructure.

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