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Urban Ecosystem Services

Message from the Guest Editors

Urbanization, growth population and climate change have negative impacts on ecosystem services (ES) in cities. Assessing as well as estimating the losses of ES due to rapid urban expansion plays a significant role in sustainable urban development. However, studies on the effects of urbanization on ES have shown inconsistent and, in some cases, contradictory results. Modern compact cities have been identified as having a high-density and mixed-use pattern. Their features are believed to contribute to a form of functional urban design that supports sustainability and restresses the importance of ES. The urban green space plays a vital role in the design and impact on how compact cities have developed, and thus, a scientific discord on the amount of greenery individuals require and to what extent contemporary approaches address this has been triggered. Therefore, future cities should integrate social-ecological systems into urban planning, management, and governance. Topics related to compact city design and land use planning are welcome. This SI aims to explore innovative approaches for enhancing urban sustainability and ES in the face of increasing urbanization concerns.

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