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Dear Colleagues,

Worldwide, city dwellers are exposed to environmental conditions that often challenge human health and wellbeing, while also threatening natural resources. Rising costs for maintainance of urban infrastructure and for mitigation of climate change impacts call for sustainable and innovative solutions to holistically strengthen urban resilience. Although, urban agriculture projects have demonstrated multifunctional benefits, emancipative citizen commitment and successful inclusive urban regeneration to a considerably greater extent than other nature-based solutions, these Edible City Solutions remain almost unused in strategic urban planning towards the development of sustainable, livable and healthy cities.

In this special issue, we want to a) critically review resilience and benefits of urban agriculture and other Edible City Solutions for local communities worldwide; b) analyse barriers for mainstream the use of Edible City Solutions in urban planning practices and c) discuss strategies to systematically anchor Edible City Solutions into planning of resilient cities.

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