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Innovative Approaches and Strategies for Sustainable Urban and Regional Planning

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Unprecedented population growth, the impact of climate change, and exposure to extreme natural events make urban sustainability a global priority. Urban centers foster high-impact dynamics, and assessing their sustainability is fundamental to counteracting progressive land consumption and decreasing environmental resources. This is even more crucial in transition zones between urban and natural areas, where peri-urbanization exacerbates problems related to extensive space use, reliance on private mobility, and natural area fragmentation. Cutting-edge technologies (such as AI-related methodologies) and evolving concepts (nature-based solutions, green and blue infrastructures) that stress integration between urban and natural areas can support strategic frameworks for sustainable urban and land use planning. The scope is to collect research unveiling the relationship between urban shapes and sustainability, including NBS, ecosystem services, quality of life impacts, innovative tools (e.g., machine learning), and monitoring, with a focus on sustainable transformations at urban-natural interfaces.

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