Special Issue

Land Use Planning for Sustainable Ecosystem Management

Message from the Guest Editors

Unsustainable land management practices permanently reduce the land's biological productivity, leading to a loss of or reduction in yield, which in turn results in a long-term decrease in or loss of the land's ecological integrity and value to humans. This Special Issue aims to elucidate and address the issues, challenges, developments, opportunities, tools, techniques, cases, etc., of land use planning, which can contribute to sustainable ecosystem management through multi-objective synergies. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Land use planning;
- Agricultural land reallocation;
- The optimization of protected areas;
- Landscape and urban planning;
- Land use transition:
- Ecosystem evolution and regulation;
- Natural resource management;
- Land degradation and restoration;
- Trade-offs of ecosystem services.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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