

## Special Issue

# Green Smart Cities: Synergies Between Technology and Nature-Based Solutions

### Message from the Guest Editor

In response to escalating urban, climate, and environmental challenges, cities of the future must adopt holistic and sustainability-driven approaches. This Special Issue, “Green Smart Cities: Synergies Between Technology and Nature-Based Solutions”, addresses a pressing gap in current scholarly discourse: the need for integrated thinking that connects nature-based approaches, participatory governance, and sustainability-oriented urban policies. It highlights the pivotal role of nature-based solutions (NBS), not only in restoring ecosystems but also in contributing to urban health, climate neutrality, and inclusive community development. We welcome theoretical, empirical, and practice-oriented contributions on topics such as the following:

- Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation, biodiversity, and health.
- Urban planning strategies for sustainability, resilience, and equity.
- Ecosystem restoration and the role of green-blue infrastructure.
- Circular economy and resource efficiency in urban systems.
- Governance models for sustainable and participatory city transformation, etc.

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