

Special Issue

Net-Zero Built Environments: Decarbonization via Digital Tools, Design & Landscape Sustainability

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This Special Issue aims to explore how green building strategies are evolving through the integration of digital tools, sustainable technologies, and innovative planning techniques to meet global net-zero and decarbonization goals. As climate-responsive design becomes essential, this Special Issue emphasizes interdisciplinary solutions that combine architectural design, smart energy systems, and low-carbon material innovations. This Special Issue seeks to complement existing literature by bridging the gap between theoretical frameworks, engineering solutions, and practical applications across scales—from building components to district-level planning. Case studies, technical frameworks, policy analysis, and interdisciplinary experiments are all encouraged. Through this Special Issue, we hope to foster global collaboration and accelerate the transition to climate-smart architecture and circular building practices.

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