

## Special Issue

# Urban and Peri-Urban Forest Role in a Sustainable Ecosystem

### Message from the Guest Editor

Forests' importance in the urban environment is obvious in creating biodiversity, providing economic and environmental services, such as elevating property values, and in reducing green gases and aerosol. Today, research is focusing on the importance of monitoring urban and peri-urban forest stress for sustainable benefits. Monitoring efforts are focused on direct and indirect stressors, such as forest utilization or land use changes, climate change, air pollution, and globalization, which in turn may bring about an additional impact from invasive species. Moreover, decision makers rely heavily on advanced tools to improve their management of forests in a very complex texture, such as an urban or peri-urban environment. These tools vary from standalone tools such as remote sensing for monitoring land cover change to combinations of different technologies, such as decision support systems, including scenarios and modeling. This Special Issue calls for original outcomes from research activities and aims to publish innovative approaches that promote sustainable forest covers in urban and peri-urban forests.

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