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Sustainable Local Development: AI and Digital Innovations in Urban Smart Cities

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This Special Issue aims to explore the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and digital innovations in urban environments, focusing on enhancing sustainability in smart cities. By bridging the gap between current urban development practices and cutting-edge technology, this issue seeks to advance research in sustainable urban planning and smart city solutions. This Special Issue will highlight innovative approaches that leverage technology for sustainable urban development, offering solutions that reduce environmental impact, promote economic growth, and enhance social well-being. By showcasing successful models and forward-thinking research, it contributes to shaping sustainable urban landscapes in the future.

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