

Special Issue

Nature-Positive Design and Development

Message from the Guest Editor

Many public and private organizations are pledging to become 'nature positive' or even 'net positive'. However, the definitions and standards are rubbery. Net-positive design was originally defined as requiring both nature- and community-positive outcomes. A net-positive development would increase (a) the 'ecological base', or natural life-support systems, and (b) the 'public estate', or social life-support systems. A nature-positive project would therefore increase nature beyond pre-urban conditions. (See baselines and benchmarks on the net-positive design app at www.netpositivedesign.org). In common usage, however, these terms have been weakened to mean 'regenerating remnant landscapes', 'increasing nature's resilience', or 'protecting existing habitats'. It is time for a critical examination of what constitutes 'nature positive' strategies and standards. Suggested topics are in the 'special issue information' section, but related proposals are welcome.

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