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Influence of the Urban Fabric on the Risks of Floods

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Flooding is a global challenge. Urbanisation coupled with increased storminess and extreme weather mean that urban flooding continues to grow in most world regions and in both developing and developed nations. The urban fabric can have a profound effect on flood risk as a consequence of decreased permeability, urban microclimates, poor drainage and water transit and increased exposure and vulnerability to flooding. Recognising this, there has been a shift in focus from traditional flood control approaches towards integrated risk management that explores strategies to live with water. Such strategies include appropriate planning and management of urban developments, flood resilient design and construction of new buildings coupled with the appropriate adaptation of existing buildings and blue-green infrastructure. This special issue of *Water* calls for innovative research papers that will advance our knowledge/capability in i) means to mitigate the influence of the built environment on the risks of flooding; and ii) innovative solutions that will help support the development of a more resilient urban infrastructure and built environment.



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