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## Stormwater Management in Urban and Rural Areas

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### Message from the Guest Editors

In past decades, traditional stormwater management in urban and rural areas was associated with a rapid transfer of water to sewage systems or ditches, which resulted in carrying pollutants and large volumes of water to rivers and streams. Such an approach caused negative changes in the hydrological cycle, as well as groundwater resources depletion, deterioration of water quality and damages to ecosystems.

However, increasing urbanization, along with the intensification of agricultural production and progressive climate change have forced a paradigm shift.

Thus, a new approach to stormwater concerns increasing retention, infiltration, and groundwater recharge, reducing surface runoff and using stormwater treatment methods that mimic nature. Stormwater becomes a valuable resource, especially with the risk of drought growing year after year and extreme temperatures becoming more frequent. The holistic approach considers creating resistant functional ecological systems, [...]

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