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Optimizing Land Use Patterns in a Context of Watershed Management

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Dear Colleagues,

Most parts of the world will experience the consequences of climate change in the coming decades. A higher frequency of extreme weather events is expected. In order to reduce the financial and societal costs related to the arriving climate change, mitigation plans need to be developed at the level of watersheds. Since spatial patterns of urbanization, deforestation and afforestation and agricultural land use control to a large extent the hydrological cycle in a catchment, it is clear that land use planning and optimization is a key element in the development of resilient watersheds.

Although most hydrological processes are well described and sophisticated hydrological simulations models have been developed, in relatively few studies this process knowledge is applied to optimize land use patterns.

This Special Issue aims to provide a state-of-the-art of the coupling of hydrological process models and land use optimization models. Both conceptual papers and case-studies illustrating various aspects of the integration of land use change models in watershed management are welcomed.



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