

Global Green City Update

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The Wait is Nearly Over: Winners of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022 to be Announced in October 2022



AIPH World Green City AWARDS CEREMONY 2022

14 October 2022

Special Gala Dinner at the IUCN Leaders Forum (13-15 Oct), Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea



The long-awaited announcement of the winners of the inaugural edition of the AIPH World Green City Awards will take place at a dedicated Awards ceremony on the 14th October 2022. The prestigious ceremony will take the form of a gala dinner with over 400 high-level delegates in attendance, who will gather in the Self-Governing Province of Jeju, Republic of Korea for the first IUCN Leaders Forum.

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At this highly anticipated event, AIPH will proudly present the world's first global green city awards where plants and nature are the core focus to leading cities from around the world. Six cities will be publicly announced as the category winners from the shortlist of 18 finalists, and will all stand a chance to be named the ultimate AIPH World Green City winner. As we gear up to celebrate inspiring nature-based approaches to city design and function, we will showcase on an international stage how the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022 has ignited a global movement for greener, healthier, and more sustainable cities, leaving a formidable legacy that will shine through in future editions. Stay tuned for the launch of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024 and other exciting announcements which will also take place at the Awards Ceremony.

Which cities will take home the winning titles? Make sure you connect with us to ensure you do not miss these exciting announcements.

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AIPH Events & Activities



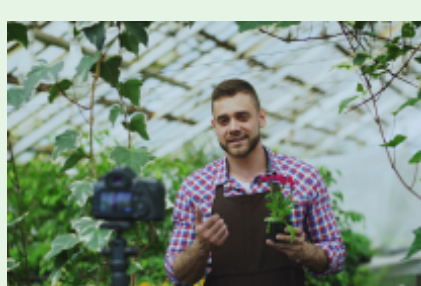
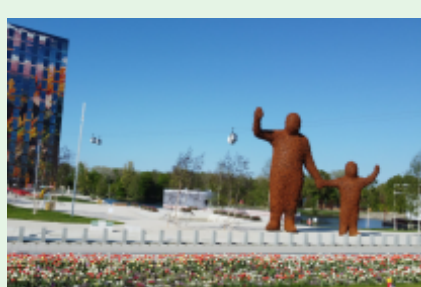
Buenos Aires Green City Briefing: On-Demand Viewing

The first webinar in the AIPH Green City Briefings 2022/23 series, featuring the City of Buenos Aires, a finalist in the Living Green for Social Cohesion category of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022, took place on 13th September 2022. The session focussed on how habitat conservation strategies are integrated into urban development with a particular focus on human and habitat vulnerabilities. The briefing focused on how Buenos Aires has accelerated its contribution to a better future for all through innovative action that focuses on the integration of nature conservation in inclusive city planning. It demonstrates how greening operates in synergy with other city initiatives, and how conservation strategies are integrated into urban development with a particular focus on participatory and associative co-management that addresses vulnerabilities. The next AIPH Green City briefing will take place on 18th October 2022. Follow the link below to find out more and register for the future webinars in the series.

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74th Annual Congress and World Horticultural Summit

The 74th AIPH Annual Congress will take place in Almere, The Netherlands, from 27th-30th September 2022. Additionally, the second World Ornamental Horticulture Summit will take place on 28th September 2022 in Almere, The Netherlands, as part of the 74th AIPH Annual Congress. Following the success of the inaugural World Ornamental Horticulture Summit in 2019 in Beijing, the second Summit invites professionals from around the world to the AIPH-approved Expo 2022 Floriade Amsterdam Almere to discover the future of horticulture in the digital age. With a theme of 'Influencing change in a digital world,' the 2022 Summit will bring together experts from the horticultural industry to discuss: how new media and digital marketing can be utilised to drive sales; how social media can influence the supply chain; and how the industry can prepare for a new world of consumer power. Included in the Congress schedule is the Expo Conference, where AIPH-approved Horticultural Expos will deliver updates on their progress.

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Best Practice: Living Green for Health and Wellbeing

Living Green for
HEALTH & WELLBEING



Following the announcement of the Finalists for the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022, we are proud to demonstrate best practice by profiling the shortlisted entries in each category. This month we proudly present case studies from the three finalists in the "Living Green for Health and Wellbeing" category.

These cities demonstrate how they are addressing the medical, behavioural, and social determinants of health for residents.

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Utrecht Green and Healthy City *City of Utrecht, Netherlands*



The city of Utrecht faces a strong growth in population over the next 10 years. However, the city cannot and does not want to expand its built-up area. At the same time, climate change is already affecting the city of Utrecht, the effects of which are only set to be exacerbated by the projected population growth. Considering the challenge of safeguarding its harmonious balance between living, working, and recreation in an already densely populated area, the City of Utrecht has committed itself to a 'Healthy Urban Living for all'-approach, prioritizing living environments that invite and stimulate healthy behaviour amongst its inhabitants. This is also reflected in the city's 'Green Grows Along' perspective on urban planning, in which urban development must be accompanied by similar development of nearby green-blue spaces to prevent asymmetrical outcomes. The city plans to achieve a healthy balance between densification and greening: an expansion of the greenery in the city by 440 hectares (approximately 900 football fields) and with 60,000 trees.

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Sunvale Community Park *City of Brimbank, Australia*



Sunvale Community Park is the result of Brimbank City Council and Greener Spaces Better Places (GSBP), engaging with the community to transform a dormant 1.1-hectare area of land into a resilient, inclusive and community-led park. Brimbank Council's Creating Better Parks Policy and Plan (CBP) highlighted a lack of open space in this part of Sunshine. Previously a school which closed in 2009, Council was determined that the site would once again be place for public use and to bring the community together. The park is the result of four years of community advocacy, engagement and design. The result of this 360 degree design process is a park guided by community attachment for the old school site, and the ambitions of residents for a new space for their community to gather. It is enthusiastically embraced by locals and offers a lively, busy green space. Users of the park span all cultures, ages and abilities and it has provided residents with strong social, recreational and ecological outcomes

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Transforming degraded land into Urban Micro Parks *City of Fortaleza, Brazil*



The Urban Micro Parks program combines two concepts for the recovery of degraded areas and the construction of new public spaces for the population to be in contact with nature. The construction of natural parks has saved 60% of what would be spent on paved parks, and better provides a favourable environment for increased cognitive development in early childhood. Since the implementation of the first two urban micro parks between 2020 and 2021, three other locations were selected in diverse neighbourhoods to receive the pilot projects and the municipal administration has proposed a goal of expanding to forty micro parks by 2024, with thirty of these sites already guaranteed.

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Research Findings

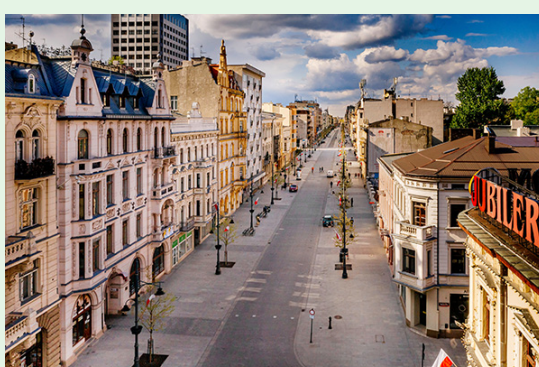
The significance of small habitats



Policy makers can use evidence from research in India that demonstrates the relevance of small biodiverse spaces to urban environments. The research identified the biodiversity importance of small well-preserved green spaces in providing beneficial areas for native species. Read more on how this research demonstrates the value of small, protected areas.

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Urban Morphology



Bringing together the physical and social structures of a city, Łaszkiwicz et al.'s research examined five geographically different European cities to understand the disparities in urban green infrastructure provision. These five cities that represent different geographical locations in Europe are: Barcelona (Spain), Halle (Germany), Lodz (Poland), Oslo (Norway), and Stockholm (Sweden).

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Policy

IPCC Report: What's in for cities?



While cities are often the arenas in which the effects of the climate crisis play out, they are increasingly becoming stages for ambitious action. So why are urban areas important to global climate change mitigation and adaptation?

ClimateView's Raphaëlle Cohen reviews the latest science on cities and urban systems and presents key take-aways from the [IPCC climate change 2022 report](#) in an article which highlights the key findings for cities. While cities are facing unprecedented pressures to develop mitigation and adaptation strategies, the article rightfully stressed how pivotal the current decade is for cities to advance sustainable and resilient urban development. A key takeaway for cities is around including both mitigation and adaptation in their climate strategies to decarbonize urban areas while directing investments towards ecological, social, and technological infrastructure resilience.

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EU Week of Regions and Cities Puts Green Cities Firmly on the Agenda

The [European Week of Regions and Cities](#) (#EURRegionsWeek) brings together regions and cities from all over Europe. The 20th edition, taking place from 10-13 October 2022, offers both an exciting on-site and virtual programme which promises exchange of ideas and sharing of best practice under four core themes, one of which is the Green Transition. The online programme features a diverse range of inspiring sessions, including a workshop by [CLEVERCities](#) and

[EUROCITIES](#) titled “[launch the Urban Greening Plans: what it means for my city or region](#)” where the EC Urban Green Platform will be launched in response to the European Union’s call for European cities to develop ambitious Urban Greening Plans (UGPs) aligned with its Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. Another workshop not to be missed is titled “[The EU Nature Restoration Law and its urban greening targets: implications for local policy makers](#)” which will shed light on the recently launched proposal for an EU Nature Restoration Law from a European, regional and city perspective.

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Green City Principles

Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Cities: the Power of Nature-based Solutions



Nature-based Solutions (NbS) provide multiple benefits in the urban context and can help cities address complex environmental, social, and economic challenges. A report produced by UNEP in close collaboration with the Italian Presidency of the G20, investigates the potential of NbS to help build smart, sustainable and resilient cities, drawing from more than a decade of research and experience from G20 countries and beyond. It offers an overview of the best practices of NbS implementation in cities around the world, and a set of guiding principles to improve territorial governance and establish multi-level governance frameworks to increase the impact and coherence of policies and private investments. Three Annexes were developed to offer guidance on how cities might overcome some of the key barriers in order to harness the power of NbS and accelerate their implementation: Annex 1: on Principles for Multi-level Governance (included in the full report); [Annex 2: Financing Nature-based Solutions for Smart, Sustainable, and Resilient Cities](#) and [Annex 3: Accounting for Nature in Urban Planning](#).

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Case Studies

City of Logan Climate Change Resilience Strategy and Net Zero Commitment, *City of Logan, Australia*



The City of Logan has been revitalised through a positive community pride campaign, a commitment to living green, and a commitment to leading the charge on climate change resilience not just in the city, but across the region and country. Bubbling beneath the City’s vision to balance unprecedented growth with living green and sustainability, you will find that the Logan City Council (LCC) has led the way on committing to building climate change resilience across our organisation and community. This is articulated through the development and implementation of the City of Logan Climate Change Resilience framework which includes specific priorities and focus areas to achieve carbon neutrality by the end of 2022, respond to climate change and environmental sustainability challenges, build climate resilience across the city and deliver on our city’s vision to be “a green city full of pride, opportunity and culture.”

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International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)

Since 1948, AIPH has united horticultural producers in an international community that thrives to this day. Much has changed in that time. Technologies advanced, cities rose from the ground, and we have become more connected than ever. As a result, our essential bond with nature has been weakened. AIPH strives to reignite and uphold an appreciation of plants that we believe is a basic human instinct. We support the work of grower associations globally and together we champion a prosperous industry, growing plants that enhance lives, advance societies, and sustain our planet, for this generation and the next.

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