

Global Green City Update

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Celebrating the International Day for Biodiversity

22 MAY
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY

From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity

To inspire you on this #BiodiversityDay, we invite you to take a look at the “Living Green for Biodiversity” category case studies in the [AIPH Green City Case Study Library](#). Discover how cities are taking action to #BuildBackBiodiversity.

[View the Biodiversity Case Studies](#)

We celebrate today by reflecting on the key role of cities and regions in the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). ICLEI's report showcases critical interventions and milestones of subnational governments and cities at COP15, and includes the announcement of the upcoming ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center webinar series.

[Read the Report](#)[Register for the Webinars](#)

Did you know that there is a category dedicated to biodiversity in the AIPH World Green City Awards? For the 2024 edition, which is currently open for entries, all cities, large and small, are invited to showcase the action they are taking #for nature by entering the “Living Green for Biodiversity and Urban Ecosystem Restoration” category.

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News & Events



AIPH Green City Briefings 2022/2023

In case you missed it, the May webinar in the AIPH Green City Briefings series explored how plants and nature result in improved health and wellbeing in cities. Proudly featuring the City of Fortaleza's [Urban Micro Parks](#) initiative, winner of the “Living Green for Health and Wellbeing” category of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022, the Briefing is available for on-demand viewing.

[Watch the Briefing](#)

Register for the next Briefing

The next webinar on 13th June 2023 features the City of Mashhad's transformative '[Beltway to Green Belt](#)' project in Iran - a finalist of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022.

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AIPH Joins the World Urban Campaign

World Urban Parks Joint International Congress 2023



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Improving 1000 Cities,
1 Billion Lives by 2030



AIPH is proud to announce their partnership with the World Urban Campaign, a catalytic engagement and action platform led by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, to improve 1,000 Cities and 1 Billion Lives by 2030. Together, we will showcase solutions and take action for cities and communities to accelerate the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

[Find out more](#)

Join Parks & Leisure Australia and World Urban Parks for the Joint International Congress on 22 - 26 October 2023 in Adelaide, the world's second National Park City. The Congress theme, Sustainable Places, Spaces, People and Habitats, will explore how we can make cities more active, cooler, greener, wilder and inclusive.

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Call for Proposals for Cities



As part of the new UNEP-led global project, Generation Restoration, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has issued a call for proposals for cities interested in starting or scaling up ecosystem restoration efforts, offering project funded catalytic grants to 8 selected cities.

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WWF One Planet Cities Challenge (OPCC)



The One Planet City Challenge is an invitation to cities to stand up and be counted in the global action against climate change. Show the world what your city can do to help solve the crisis. To join the 2023-24 OPCC, either log into the [CDP-ICLEI Track](#) and click to join the OPCC or contact WWF at opcc@wwf.se

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AIPH Member's Green City Reports

AIPH requests its [members](#) from around the world to provide an annual Green City Report. The reports describe industry-led initiatives, major green city projects, policy developments, community activities, and research publications.



Hellenic Plant Material Exporters and Importers Association (HEPEXIA), Greece



Held in the leafy suburb of Athens, the 68th Kifissia Flower Show (May 2022) featured 11 inspirational wellness gardens built by well-known landscape architects to promote plants and garden structures for people in Urban Places. Their purpose was to show how important greenery is for humans and how it provides physical, mental and spiritual benefits.

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VALHOR, France

AIPH member in France, VALHOR, is supporting a survey to better understand the decline of urban trees. In an environmental and climatic context that leaves no room for error, we must learn from past and current difficulties. Quantifying and qualifying the mortality of urban trees will provide valuable lessons for improving planting practices and strategies.

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Case Studies

Open Space Strategy *Glasgow, Scotland*



The declaration of a Climate/ Ecological Emergency in 2019 placed an emphasis on using open spaces effectively to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate in the City of Glasgow. The City's Open Space Strategy recognises the wider benefits that open space can bring to the City and its inhabitants and demonstrates that well managed, designed and located open space can help enhance community cohesion, health & wellbeing, and biodiversity.

[Read the Case Study](#)

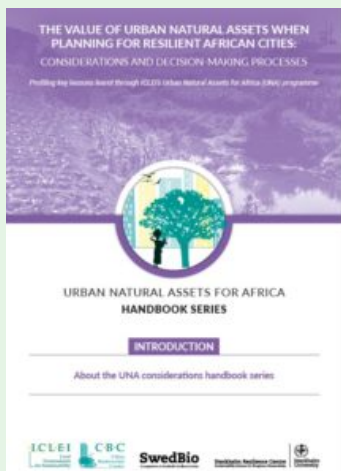
Nature in the City Strategy *Hamilton, New Zealand*



The City of Hamilton's adoption of the Nature in the City Strategy, implementation plan, and associated funding was the mechanism required for a transformational shift to embed nature in Hamilton's urban fabric. The Strategy showcases the importance of restoring native vegetation within an urban environment, while highlighting the multiple benefits of thriving nature for Hamiltonians.

[Read the Case Study](#)

Green City Principles



Urban Natural Assets (UNA) for Africa: Handbook series

The [ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center](#), a global centre hosted by [ICLEI Africa](#), developed a handbook series to showcase lessons gathered through the implementation of the [UNA programme](#), which was designed to support local governments in integrating urban natural assets into city planning.

[Explore the Handbooks](#)

The Symbiotic City

Living in a symbiotic city is nothing like living in cities as we know them in 2022. This article written by Marian Stuiver and posted by the International Federation of Municipal Engineering provides interesting facts and thoughts about the benefit of merging nature with our way of living and suggests that we can live in cities where birds, insects, mammals, and plants partner the people who live there. The full [brochure](#) provides strategic and practical guidelines for making the symbiotic city a success.

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Research Findings

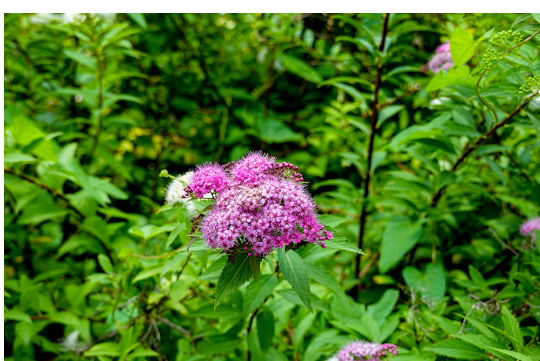
A decade of nature in the City of Melbourne



This research examines the evolution of urban nature management at the City of Melbourne over the last 10 years, including identifying the lessons learned that can be applied in other cities by urban land managers.

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Drought tolerance of shrubs suitable for future climates



Shrubs and hedges provide a unique provision in the implementation of green infrastructure in cities. This novel study identified species specific drought tolerance to assess their suitability for future climates in urban areas.

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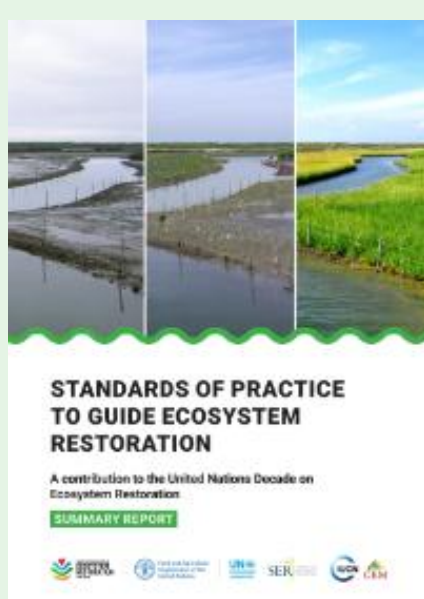
Greening the grey: A 'rewilding' Guide for Cities

During a recent roundtable in London, three leading mayors launched a report on "urban rewilding" authored by C40 and Arup. The report argues that transformational change in urban areas is needed to reverse biodiversity loss and tackle climate change. Restoring natural habitat in our cities can help to reduce impacts of climate change and improve the mental health and well-being of city dwellers

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A Guide to Ecosystem Restoration

UN Decade's partners offered ten principles for ecosystem restoration to increase the likelihood of achieving the highest level of recovery possible. The document provides key recommendations for the entire restoration process, which are applicable to all cities and across the broad array of ecosystem restoration activities under the UN Decade.

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Best Practice

PodParks Brings Urban Parks to Life



This educational podcast by World Urban Parks combines interviews and narrative-driven episodes to create compelling stories about parks, the people who create them and their role in the past, present and future of our communities. We invite you to listen and be inspired.

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Nature-based solutions: How cities can use nature to manage climate risks



With climate hazards threatening cities at unprecedented rates, efforts to create or revive urban nature are already reducing negative climate impacts and boosting people's quality of life around the world. This article explains how your city can design and implement nature-based solutions (NbS) to climate risk.

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AIPH Green City Forum

Find inspirational case studies and evidence led research that shows the incredible impact of bringing nature into urban areas. The forum contains a range of tools, talks and resources on how to create resilient green cities.

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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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