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Less than 3 Months to Go Before Entries Close On 15th September 2023

Earn worldwide recognition and inspire a global movement for greener cities. Don't miss this unique opportunity to showcase your city's bold, ambitious, and innovative urban nature initiatives. By entering, you stand a chance for your city to be selected, celebrated, and profiled as a global leader in urban greening.

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AIPH Green City Forum

Are you already a member of the AIPH Global Green City Forum? If not, we invite you to join this unique online community where you can find news, resources, tools, events, and much more. Benefit from case studies, share your own work, join groups and discussions, and connect with other members on all things Green City.

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Green City Principles

NBS Comics to Inspire Urban Transformation



NBS Comics, funded by the European Commission under NetworkNature and coordinated by The Nature of Cities together with multiple partners, is an interdisciplinary project that works together with artists, scientists, and NBS experts to tell stories from new voices, create dialogue, and raise awareness about nature and the essential roles it plays in our daily lives.

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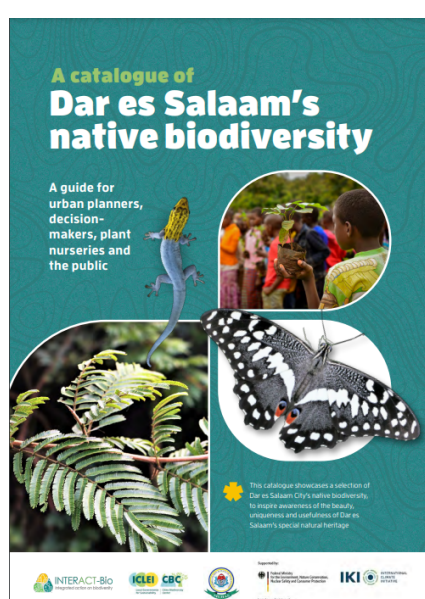
Nature-Based Solutions: Here's Why Your City Needs Them



From planting trees to restoring coastal mangroves, these are approaches that protect, restore and sustainably manage green and blue infrastructure and wider ecosystems. This article by C40 makes the case for why your city should use NbS to help protect against climate risks such as heatwaves, flooding, drought and sea level rise.

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Best Practice



A Catalogue of Dar es Salaam's Native Biodiversity

This catalogue inspires awareness of the beauty, uniqueness and usefulness of Dar es Salaam's special natural heritage. It provides a guide for urban planners, decisionmakers, plant nurseries and the public on the cultivation, sourcing, selection and use of native plant species to achieve cooling, promote food security, provide medicinal resources and promote beautification and improved health in the city.

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Trees in Cities Challenge

UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section's "Trees in Cities Challenge" is a global campaign of mayors who are implementing sustainable urban forestry pledges to make their cities greener, healthier, and more resilient. To date, over 70 cities from across the globe have joined the initiative and made pledges. Here are 9 reasons why cities should pledge.

[How can your city join?](#)

Parks That Protect

In communities around the globe, waterfront parks are ground zero in the fight against climate change. This report by the Urban Land Institute's Megan McConville highlights leading-edge waterfront park projects that are designed to protect their neighbourhoods from climate threats while improving residents' health and quality of life.

[View the report](#)

Case Studies

Therapeutic Garden
Zagreb, Croatia

Fire and Invasive Species
Control Programme
Durban, South Africa



Vulnerable groups and people with disabilities in Zagreb have repeatedly expressed interest to participate in urban gardening projects, which led to the creation of a therapeutic garden in the city. The garden was designed with the aim of strengthening the motor, sensory, cognitive and social functions of its users and providing a space that improves well-being by providing accessible and serene spaces for socialisation and contemplation.

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The eThekweni Municipality initiated the Fire and Invasive Species Control (FISC) Programme in 2009, with the intention of controlling invasive alien plants on important biodiversity sites around the Municipality. The programme aims to ensure optimal restoration of critical biodiversity sites, while at the same time delivering green job creation and skills development through employment and training of local people.

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Hot of the press: Announcement of the Host City for the EcoCity World Summit 2025

Did you know, the City of Durban (eThekweni Municipality) will host the next EcoCity World Summit in 2025? The announcement was made at the closing ceremony of the 2023 Summit in London on 9th June. Congratulations to the City of Durban. More news on this to come soon...

News & Events



AIPH Green City Briefings

In case you missed it, the June webinar featured the City of Mashhad, Iran and their innovative “Beltway to Green Belt” project, which was a finalist in the “Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth” category of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022. You can now watch the webinar on-demand to learn more about Mashhad’s award-winning initiative and hear from Julian Dobson, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research at Sheffield Hallam University.

[Watch the Briefing](#)

Register for the next Briefing

The AIPH Green City Briefings 2022/23 features experts and cities around the world who demonstrate the integration of plants and nature in urban form and function. Each one-hour webinar connects knowledge to practice, with an expert describing the principles that explain how urban greening benefits the city, its residents, and nature before a city representative demonstrates how the practice creates transformational change. To ensure you do not miss out, we invite you to register for future webinars in the series.

[Register now](#)



Podparks: A Podcast for the Park-minded



Podparks is a podcast for anybody with an interest in learning about the green spaces they occupy and enjoy. Brought to you by World Urban Parks, the series 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.

[Listen now](#)

Eurocities Award Winners Revealed



Bilbao, Hamburg and London scooped the top prizes at the Eurocities Awards 2023. This year’s awards showcase cities’ unique approach to working on global challenges in times where multiple crises threaten the future of our society. The awards ceremony took place on 14 June 2023 during the [Brussels Urban Summit](#) event, co-hosted by Eurocities.

[Find out more](#)

Hyderabad Scores High on Biodiversity



The City Biodiversity Index 2021 rating has shown that the City of Hyderabad, Grand Winner of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022, has scored higher on its biodiversity compared with its rating from 2012, with scores rising across all sections of the index. Congratulations, Hyderabad!

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PlanIT Geo and the Internet of Nature Podcast - Season 5



The #InternetofNature Podcast, created and hosted by [Dr. Nadina Galle](#), explores how "smart" cities have increasingly left urban ecology behind in the digital revolution. [Season 5 on the future of urban forestry](#), in partnership with [PlanIT Geo™](#), dropped on 5th April, with weekly episodes released every Wednesday. Expect powerful stories, questions usually shied away from, and the latest ideas from those working to tackle urban forestry’s biggest challenges.

[Find out more](#)

AIPH Member's Green City Reports

AIPH requests each of 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, which are proudly featured in this section.



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Horticultural Trades Association (HTA), UK



HTA is facilitating in depth discussions between the UK government and the horticulture industry about the [use of peat in growing media](#). Key findings of a recent HTA position paper reveal a significant decline in the proportion of peat used in environmental horticulture.

[Read HTA's Position Paper](#)

Greenlife Industry Australia (GIA), Australia

Greenlife Industry Australia proudly supports initiatives which promote the [benefits of urban greenlife](#), while actively working to protect plants from harmful pests and disease through biosecurity awareness.



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Research Findings

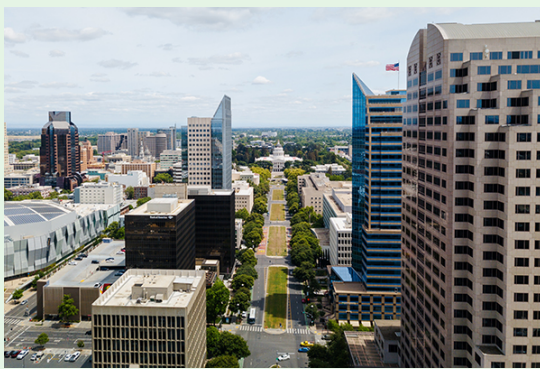
Air Pollution and Vegetation



As air pollution becomes an increasing concern in urban areas, this research examines the impact of vegetation on the number of days considered to have clean air. It provides evidence of the positive connection between plants in cities and lower air pollution levels.

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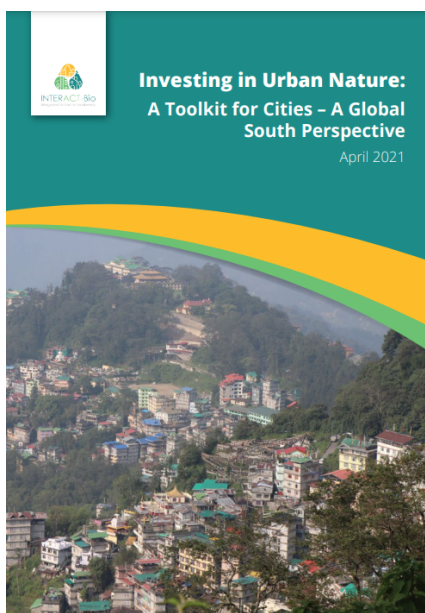
Defining Green Infrastructure Across the US



Green infrastructure is gaining popularity with policy makers across the US. However, how is it currently defined? And what does this mean for planning in urban areas? This research examines 122 plans from 20 US cities to explore these questions further.

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Policy



Investing in Urban Nature: A Toolkit for Cities in the Global South

This toolkit provides a guide and inspiration for city and regional governments in the global south to build an investment case that can be used to attract interest and unlock financial resources to protect, conserve and manage biodiversity. Accessing financial resources is critical in order to secure nature's benefits to society and to support nature's contribution to the growth and advancement of urban economies.

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Calling Cities to Shape the Berlin Urban Nature Pact

Do you represent a city ready to help shape the Berlin Pact to drive bold and ambitious biodiversity action at the local level? Then we invite you to take part in the online questionnaire. To get started, have a look at the [Berlin Urban Nature Pact draft](#) and then respond to the 6 questions in the [online questionnaire](#) by 30th June 2023.

[Find out more](#)

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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