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There's 6 weeks to go before entries close for the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024. AIPH and its partners invite all cities, large and small, to get started on compiling their entry/ies ahead of the 15th September submission deadline. Creating an account on the new and improved online submission portal is the first step in compiling your city's entry/ies. Remember that a signed Mayoral Declaration needs to accompany each of your entries, so we encourage you to get started today!

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News & Events

AIPH Welcomes IUCN to the Network of Partners for the
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It was at the first [IUCN Leaders Forum](#) in 2022 that AIPH held the [2022 Awards ceremony](#). At this prestigious ceremony, AIPH announced not only the [winners of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022](#), but also the launch of the [2024 edition of the AIPH World Green City Awards](#). Following on from this memorable occasion, AIPH and IUCN are now proud to announce their commitment to sustained collaboration as they partner to align their urban-nature activities in pursuit of advancing a shared vision of transformational impact: for people, for cities, and for the planet.

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AIPH Green City Briefings 2022/23

In case you missed it, the July webinar featured the City of Utrecht, whose [“Green and Healthy City” initiative](#) was a finalist in the “Living Green for Health and Wellbeing” category of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022. You can now watch the webinar on-demand to learn more about how the improvement of public areas through plants and connection to other green spaces can have a positive city wide impact.

[Watch on-demand](#)

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. The next webinar in the series is set to take place on 12th September, and will proudly feature the City of London and their leading commitment to adaptation to climate change with nature at its core. Join us to receive an update on climate resilient planting in London, as well as the latest research trialling the resilience of hedge and shrub plants.

[Register now](#)

Parkitecture Open Design Contest

Parkitecture is an International Design Contest created by World Urban Parks, which aims to be a worldwide celebration of innovation and creativity. Parkitecture designs submitted may be landscape, architecture, products or art, hence WUP presents an Open Design Contest to inspire and welcome the widest pool of global talent and excellence. Register your participation for a chance to win big. Submission deadline is 10th October 2023.

[Find out more](#)

Call for Submissions: The Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation

Brought to life by the City of Guangzhou, UCLG, and Metropolis, the Guangzhou Award aims to recognize innovation in improving social, economic, and environmental sustainability and good urban governance. The 6th edition of the Guangzhou Award is now calling for participation from all cities and local governments around the world. Deadline for submissions is 31 August 2023.

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AIPH Members' 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.



American Hort, USA

AmericanHort



“We focus on policy, not politics. We seek policies that advance our industry, not necessarily the standing or fortunes of any political party.”

To advance key green industry issues and continue the success of this \$348 billion industry, American Hort has organised a 2 day event in Washington. Experts will be speaking about matters that impact the industry and that shape policy, and participants will have the opportunity to have personal conversations with congressional offices

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Cooperative Veiling Holambra, Brazil

Inspire is an initiative by Cooperativa Veiling Holambra to connect people to the enchanting universe of flowers and plants through creative and practical ideas, valuable tips, interesting curiosities and real stories. The initiative has many features that promote the benefits of using plants, flowers and trees beyond their beauty.

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AIPH Green City Forum

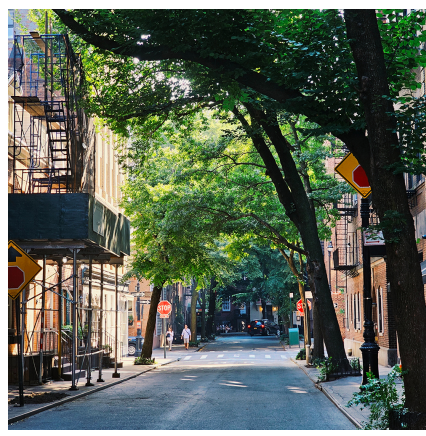
Join the AIPH Global Green City Forum today! A growing network of interdisciplinary green city professionals are ready to engage. Learn from others, and share your own insights for others to benefit from. United by a common vision, this unique online community awaits your participation.

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Research Findings

Urban Gardening in a Changing Climate

The authors systematically reviewed articles and book chapters published in the last two decades (2000–2022) to investigate the relationship between climate change and urban gardening. They conclude that urban gardens are useful to directly or indirectly aid adaptation, mitigation and urban resilience through social networks, education and environmental awareness. Urban gardens can be further studied in their environmental and climate aspects, considering them in the planning of cities and their climate action plans.

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Breathing Fresh Air in the City

This detailed exploration of air pollution in cities provides evidence and examples of the ecological and human impact of poor air quality. It covers the biological filter role of tree leaves, and presents the wide reaching way air pollution can be mitigated through green urban architecture.

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Case Studies

Sakarya Botanical Valley *Sakarya, Türkiye*



The Sakarya Botanic Valley project site saw a previously idle land area transformed into a diverse medicinal aromatic plant production area: a habitat which provides protection for biodiversity and has resulted in significant growth of the local bee population. The project has also delivered environmental awareness, eco-tourism, and job opportunities, as well as a greener and healthier environment for urban residents to enjoy.

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The Nature and Sports Plan *Montréal, Canada*



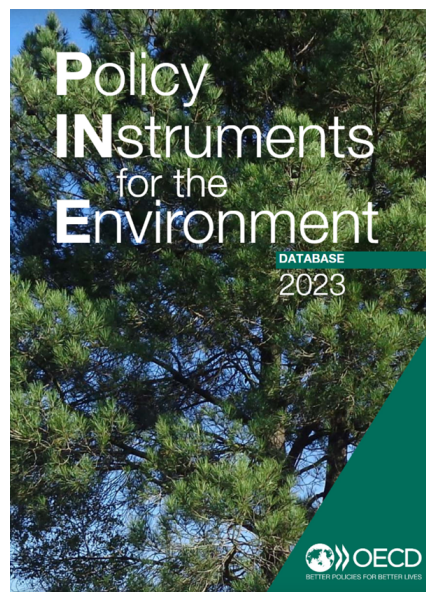
The Nature and Sports Plan implements a vision for the city's large parks and sports facilities by defining tangible actions to protect Montréal's natural heritage while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle for the urban population. The plan sets a clear path of actions to put nature at the heart of the city, to improve quality of life for all and resilience in the context of climate change, and to ultimately accelerate the city's ecological transition.

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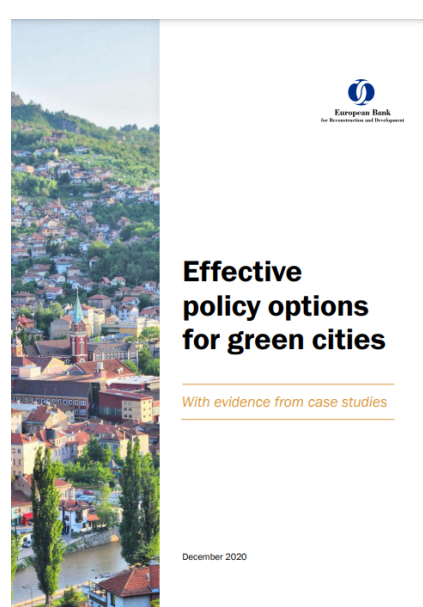
Global Database of Policy Instruments

The OECD started building the Policy Instruments for the Environment (PINE) database in the 1990s, initially with a limited scope. Today the database includes information on over 3 900 policy instruments relevant to environmental protection and natural resource management across 130 countries. Your city can contribute and benefit today!

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Effective Policy Options for Green Cities

EBRD Green Cities strives to build a better and more sustainable future for cities and their residents. To support cities in choosing and designing policy interventions most suitable to address the identified environmental challenges, the EBRD developed a report which presents a comprehensive menu of possible urban green policies and relevant examples.

[View the report](#)

Best Practice

10 Tips for Plastic Free Planting



Whether you're greening your backyard, balcony or an urban area, check out Greening Australia's 10 tips for plastic free planting. Greening without plastic not only reduces waste and saves money, but also has the potential to save the planet too.

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Green Infrastructure Resource Library



The Green Infrastructure Resource Library, created for the Green Infrastructure Partnership by Dr Ingo Schüder of Brillianto, is a unique database of documents, case-studies, videos, tools and other information about green infrastructure and its benefits. Free to use, the database is available both as a pdf, which can be downloaded [here](#), and an online database, searchable by key terms, dates of publication etc.

[View the database](#)

Green City Principles

Reshaping the City



Reshaping the City shares promising insights and examples of zoning updates from across the United States that have been crafted to promote healthy mobility, support increased housing affordability, build more resilient places, and accelerate climate action - among a host of other goals.

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A New Model for Prioritising Urban Greening



Major urban greening initiatives cost money, but are essential to address the growing challenges of excessive heat and habitat loss. Living Melbourne has made it easy to understand how best to identify priority urban greening opportunities, by developing a model that helps estimate the costs and benefits of those priorities.

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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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