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Green infrastructure is important at all levels of urban planning and design, from creating city master plans through to choosing plant species for green roofs. Which aspects of urban greening are you interested in learning more about? Let us know by participating in our exciting investigative polls when you join the virtual community.

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Green Roofs, Stormwater Mitigation and ‘Weeds’

In the absence of routine maintenance, green roofs can be colonised by ‘weedy’ spontaneous vegetation. Research from Schrieke et al. recognised how low levels of management can affect the plant species mix and investigated the role of ‘weeds’ in the effectiveness of green roofs in reducing rainfall runoff.

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Green Urban Landscapes and Health Impacts

Decisions on where urban green spaces are created and how they are connected can influence the health outcomes of those living in the local neighbourhood. A study from 4 cities in the USA found that the location, shape, and connectivity of urban green spaces have a significant and independent effect on both physical and mental health.

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Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME), Qatar

Expo 2023 Doha, developed under Qatar’s National Vision 2030 and organised under the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME), Qatar, is set to make history as the first A1 International Horticultural Exhibition in Qatar, the Middle East, and North Africa. Under the theme “Green Desert, Better Environment” the Expo aims to promote sustainable innovations and combat desertification by showcasing urban greening solutions that have the potential to transform cities in the desert.

Did you know that AIPH has a pavilion at Expo 2023 Doha? Find out more and take a virtual tour of the AIPH Pavilion to learn more about the power of plants.

Find out more

Greenways is organizing the Fourth Edition of the Prestigious European Award for Green Cities. Denmark was recently announced as the winner of the 2023 edition (2023-2025) of the Green Cities Europe Award for its inspiring project ‘Basecamp Lyngby’. Green cities are making cities more sustainable, and green cities go for it to be sustainable, and so the award is the key factor for their success. The award is the benchmark of excellence in the field for green cities.

5 New Cities to Become National Park Cities

Five more cities have been excellently nominated to become National Park Cities, among them London and Adelaide. AIPH is proud to recognize the combined efforts of governments, corporations, and community organisations who have demonstrated their commitment to green growth.

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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 featured in this section.

Do you know that SANA is seen as a critical partner in delivering the National Department of Water Affairs and Forestry’s Urban Greening Strategy? SANA provides information on location and type of nurseries and supports efforts to encourage private nurseries to provide free or subsidised trees for urban greening in disadvantaged areas. Through their “Life is a Garden” marketing branch, SANA produces various resources for you to learn all about plants.

Learn more
This Whitepaper explores the concept of living, nature-inclusive buildings. Green buildings not only provide the right conditions and habitats for plants and other terrestrial life but can also be considered “living” themselves. What features make them desirable, what solutions do they offer, and how do we build and maintain them? Above all, what role does the living green (and blue) play in bringing these “living” buildings to life?

Business for Nature, the World Economic Forum, and The World Business Council for Sustainable Development have developed new guidelines for 12 sectors, including the built environment, which significantly depend on ecosystem services to function and grow. Take a look at the dedicated guide to transforming value chains to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030.

In the ever-evolving landscape of sustainable city-making, staying at the forefront demands continuous learning and adaptation. As an urban champion for the power of plants and nature, discover this new series of courses that can empower you to continue making a meaningful difference in the world while advancing your own expertise in the field.

The Nature Positive Initiative aims to promote the integrity and implementation of a Global Goal for Nature - in parallel to the global climate “net zero” emissions goal, to ensure that by 2030, nature is visibly and measurably on the path of recovery. To demonstrate your city’s contribution to achieving the global goal for nature, we invite you to join CitiesWithNature and showcase your plans and actions on the Action Platform.

The Burnley Green Roof Plant Guide by the University of Melbourne outlines plant combinations that can be used on a range of different green roof types to maximise the benefits of urban greening in the Australian context. It provides guidelines for selecting the right plants for optimal green roof benefits, thereby simplifying rooftop garden creation while addressing climate change challenges with drought-tolerant plants.

The Forest Footprint for Cities, developed by Cities4Forests, helps cities clearly understand and communicate the tropical deforestation they may be responsible for and take forest-positive actions to promote tropical forest conservation. A user-friendly dashboard helps officials visualise the data, and an action plan kit helps cities make progress along ten diverse pathways.

The Biophilic Cities Journal includes a rich array of city and project spotlights, academic research, perspective pieces, and book reviews from global biophilic design and planning practitioners. We invite you to be inspired by recent publications, such as the Indicators of a Biophilic City.

Nature is the most resource-efficient solution to help build resilient, robust, and prosperous cities. But implementing nature-based solutions needs funding — here are five ways we can fund the green transition.