

# Global Green City Update

AIPH presents the power of plants for city resilience | February 2024

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## “Living Green, Liveable Cities” Research Symposium Showcases Health Benefits of Urban Greening

### LIVING GREEN LIVEABLE CITIES



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Living Green, Liveable Cities Research Symposium

Prominent researchers from around the globe recently presented their findings on the health benefits of urban greening at the ‘Living Green, Liveable Cities’ Research Symposium at Expo 2023 Doha, Qatar. In collaboration with [Cities & Health](#) and [Expo 2023 Doha Qatar](#), the Symposium demonstrated the contribution of ‘living green’ to social and cultural health, human health and wellbeing, and environmental health in cities. You can now watch the full Symposium on-demand in this [playlist](#), or find links to individual presentations [here](#).

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## AIPH Global Green City Forum

Are you a member of the AIPH Global Green City Forum? When you join, you can share resources, contribute to discussions, promote your events, and much more. AIPH invites all those involved in greening cities to join and benefit from connecting with like minded city shapers, exchanging knowledge, and getting involved in discussions about urban greening initiatives from around the world.

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## Green City Principles

### Urban Greening to Achieve Global Agendas

A special issue of the Journal of Botanic Gardens Conservation International, titled “Plant Conservation and Achieving the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,” presents the ongoing plans to update the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, citing the development of biodiversity-rich, accessible green spaces in urban areas through urban greening initiatives as a priority action.

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### Discover the new weADAPT: A Platform for Adaptation

weADAPT is a dynamic, collaborative space for knowledge exchange on climate change adaptation issues. A newly launched version is designed to facilitate learning, knowledge exchange and collaboration to build a growing community of research, policy and practice on adaptation issues while developing policy-relevant tools and guidance for adaptation planning and decision-making.

[Join today](#)

### Learning Guide: Urban Forests for Healthier Cities

Successful urban forest management is increasingly critical to sustain resilient, healthy and livable cities. This interactive and dynamic learning guide by Cities4Forests explores the policy, planning, regulations, and institutional arrangements that cities can use to maintain, strengthen, and expand urban forests.

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## News & Events

### AIPH Green City Conference at AIPH Spring Meeting 2024

5 March 2024 | Doha, Qatar

## AIPH GREEN CITY CONFERENCE

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Join us from 5-6 March 2024 in Doha, Qatar, for the upcoming AIPH Green City Conference, which will explore “City Greening Solutions for Arid Environments.” The Conference will showcase the strategies that cities in arid zones adopt to create liveable and efficient cities, putting the attenuating capacity of plants at the centre of city form and function. The AIPH Green City Conference is part of the AIPH Spring Meeting 2024, which takes place from 3-7 March in Doha, Qatar.



WORLD GREEN CITY AWARDS 2024

**Coming Soon: Announcement of Finalists for the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024**



The wait is almost over! AIPH will be announcing the 21 Finalists for the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024 on 5th March 2024 at the AIPH Green City Conference. The Technical Panel has officially concluded their review and scoring process, and will soon deliver the list of 21 Finalists to the world-renowned Jury for selection of the winners. Watch this space to find out which cities are leading the way in shaping a greener urban future.

[AIPH Spring Meeting](#)

[AIPH Green City Conference](#)

## AIPH at the TNOC Festival: Get your Tickets

Registration is open for the TNOC Festival 2024! The Festival comprises 3 weeks of interconnected events where you can join virtually or in-person to get inspired, to learn, to present, collaborate, or to meet hundreds of urban nature co-conspirators. AIPH will host a Seed Session in the virtual segment of the Festival on 15th April 2024. Once you are registered for the Festival, you can add the session to your schedule [here](#).



[Register now](#)



## Webinar: Greenspaces; Cultivating the Mind, Body, and Soul

It is increasingly clear that spending time in greenspace improves human health and wellbeing. You are invited to a webinar on 26th March 2024, which will showcase some of the evidence that underpins this statement. Proudly presented by the [Worshipful Company of Gardeners](#), the critical role of horticulture and horticulturalists in developing, managing, and producing plants for high-quality urban greenspaces is on the agenda.

[Register here](#)

## IFLA Calls for Entries for "Landscape Knowledge Hub"

The IFLA Europe and IFLA World Professional Practice Working Groups seek to establish a global hub which aims to become the ultimate destination for anyone seeking landscape case studies, research projects, university programs, and top-notch technical guidance. You are invited to participate in the design of the hub by completing [this form](#).

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## Nature Futures 2024

Nature Futures 2024 is set to take place on Wednesday 6th of March, 2024. This year's event will feature a presentation on the results of the extensive survey of nature-based enterprises conducted as part of the [Invest4Nature](#) project. While demand for NbS continues to grow, little is understood about how this demand will be met. Join the discussion to hear more from industry leaders about the delivery of nature-based solutions.

[Register here](#)

## Code Red for Earth: IFLA World Congress 2024

The 60th World Congress of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA), hosted by the UCTEA Chamber of Turkish Landscape Architects, will be held in Istanbul between 4-6 September 2024 with the theme "Code Red for Earth." The IFLA World Congress is the most important annual event for the Landscape Architecture profession and the broader IFLA community.

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## 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 featured in this section.



### China Flower Association



In January 2024, Beijing became the most recent recipient of the "National Forest City" title. A review of [the policy](#) in 2021 concluded that the designation made cities greener and improved the living environment. According to the latest release from the National Forest and Grassland Administration, 178 new national forest cities were designated in China in the decade leading up to 2023, bringing the total number to 218.

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### AmericanHort



Every year, AmericanHort, the leading national association for the green industry, hosts Cultivate - the premier event for the entire green industry. Cultivate '24 will take place in Columbus, Ohio from 13th-16th July 2024. Amongst a full programme of education, exhibits, and inspirational presentations, Cultivate'24 includes "Blooms and Beyond: An Exclusive Tour of Cincinnati's Botanical Gardens," lead by esteemed host Steve Foltz, Director of Horticulture at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

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## Case Studies

### Transforming a Dump Site into a Community Green Space *Alajuelita Municipality, Costa Rica*

At the heart of La Guapil, a community in Costa Rica's capital region, is a bustling park that until recently was an open-air garbage dump. Today, the green space that is larger than four soccer fields includes walking trails, gardens, and places for children to play. Its transformation came from community organising, local leadership, and international funding through the Global Environment Facility's Sustainable Cities Program. Photos by Nina Cordero.



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### Urban Jungle *Prato, Italy*





Funded by [Urban Innovation Actions](#), the Prato Urban Jungle project is based on the idea of using plants to greenify the neighbourhoods of the city by integrating nature and architecture. By harnessing the power of plants, the initiative aims at improving air, water and soil quality, regulating rainwater, mitigating temperatures, as well as improving the city's biodiversity and the wellbeing of its urban population. Photo by Eutropian.

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## Research Findings

### Reasons for Visiting and Feelings in City Park Users



This study explored why people visited and how they felt in urban parks across several different cities. It identifies the ways different groups of visitors felt whilst in the space. This research helps understand the multifaceted nature of urban green space utilisation.

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### Assessing and Mapping Urban Ecological Resilience



Ecological resilience is crucial in achieving sustainable development. This research provides a case study from Tehran, Iran, which demonstrates how to adapt urban development to enhance the ecosystem services provided by nature through an assessment framework.

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## Policy

### Green-Gray Assessment: A New Way to Evaluate Infrastructure



restoration of natural systems within watersheds can achieve optimal service delivery and save water suppliers and water customers money. Read more about how to assess the costs and benefits of green infrastructure for water supply systems.

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### Urban Forest Policy Library

How have other cities around the world crafted policies to protect, manage and grow their urban forests? How can your own city learn from their policies to catalyse more ambitious action? The Cities4Forests Policy Library is a collection of policy documents from cities around the world that focus on or incorporate elements of urban forests. The library can be used as an inspiring reference for cities who want to develop bold urban greening policies.

[Browse the library](#)

## Best Practice



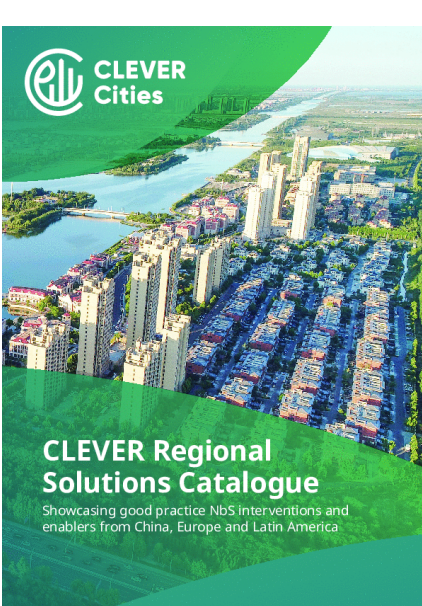
### Pathways Towards Resilient Urban Food Systems

The 40th Issue of Urban Agriculture Magazine showcases innovative approaches, actions, and initiatives for strengthening all aspects of urban and city region food systems. The articles harness the experiences of cities and city regions that are prioritising food systems resilience, to support knowledge transfer and co-learning over what actions can help build resilience, and how they can be put in different contexts.

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### The Lasting Legacy of Women4Climate

To celebrate the success of the C40 Cities' Women4Climate Initiative, C40 has published two groundbreaking new resources that enable cities and their partners to continue to champion and engage with marginalised groups that have previously been excluded from climate action decision-making. These two resources capture institutional knowledge, best practices and lessons learned over the 7 years of Women4Climate.

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### CLEVER Cities: Regional Solutions Catalogue

The CLEVER Regional Solutions Catalogue showcases good practice NbS interventions and enablers from cities in China, Europe and Latin America. The catalogue illustrates the various benefits that urban NbS can generate and outlines relevant models that cities and regions can use to support NbS planning, implementation, and maintenance. Visit the [CLEVER Cities Guidance platform](#) to learn more about nature-based solutions (NbS) for sustainable urban regeneration.

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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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