21 Finalists Announced for the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024

With the recent conclusion of the first stage of judging by the 28 members of the Technical Panel, AIPH is pleased to reveal the list of 21 Finalists for the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024. The Finalists represent cities from around the world who are demonstrating bold and ambitious urban greening actions.

We invite you to explore the case studies of each initiative selected as a Finalist, which are all available in a dedicated AIPH Green City Case Study Collection.

Hot Off the Press: Meet the Jury

Following the announcement of the 21 Finalists, AIPH recently introduced the Jury for the 2024 edition of the AIPH World Green City Awards. Boasting high-level esteemed members with extensive professional knowledge, experience, and influence in the global green city space, AIPH proudly presents the 18 members of the world-renowned Jury who will vote to select 1 category winner and then a Grand Winner from the list of 7 category winners.

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AIPH Seed Session

On the 15th April, as part of the Virtual Segment of the TNOC Festival, AIPH is set to host a Seed Session titled “Shaping the Greenest Cities in the World: Harnessing the Power of Plants.” Join us and take part in a dynamic discussion with various roleplayers involved in the urban greening supply and value chains to discover what it really takes to deliver ambitious urban nature-based solutions.

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News & Events

Greening the Desert: AIPH Green City Conference

3 March 2024 | Doha, Qatar

Join us for the AIPH Green City Conference, held in Doha, Qatar, from 5th-6th March 2024, where experts will explore how plants can be used to address multiple issues commonly found in hot, dry environments. All the Conference presentations are now available for on-demand viewing.

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Register for participation in 2024 in open until 31st March.
CNLA Launches “Plants Love You” Campaign
The Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) is on a mission to embed plants as key pillars of a thriving, sustainable future. You are invited to join this green revolution. Share your stories and support for urban greening with #PlantsLoveYou, and let’s cultivate healthier, more vibrant communities together!

Horticulture and Green Cities
AIPH is the world’s champion for the power of plants. AIPH represents the global horticulture industry: a key roleplayer in the delivery of urban greening initiatives. This section highlights the contributions of the horticulture industry in building a greener, healthier, and more resilient urban future.

Annual “Tree Planting Day” Celebration
Stichting Nationale Boomfeestdag (Dutch National Tree Foundation) celebrated the closure of the planting season on Wednesday 20 March 2024. A festive event to mark the occasion was organised in the Municipality of Zundert, the Netherlands, at which a total of 154 children planted more than 4,000 trees and plants. The event promotes awareness about the importance of urban greening among both adults and the next generation.

This Garden at This Hour: An Aid to Species Diversification on Green Roofs
This Garden at This Hour is no common green roof. It is designed as a battlefield, where approximately 100 plant species are invited to deploy their preferred strategies to move and take over space. To recapitulate the action, all these plant adaptation strategies described in Grime’s ecological triangle are deliberately represented to deliver a roster of plant selection that pays homage to Darwinian selection theory. The resulting visual display delivers multiple benefits.

Pretoria East Urban Biosphere Reserve
City of Tshwane, South Africa
The Pretoria East Urban Biosphere Reserve not only has the potential to halt the decline of natural assets but to also actively rejuvenate them. The project’s aim towards measurable success in enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services is a testament to what cities can achieve when they prioritise the environment, communities, and sustainable development. It is an embodiment of a nature-positive future.

Community Reforestation Program
City of Durban, South Africa
The City of Durban in South Africa is restoring indigenous forest and woodland ecosystems to offset 42,214 tons of carbon over a 20-year period. Local communities are trained to propagate and grow indigenous trees. The project has created many excellent opportunities for community upliftment, including green jobs and local livelihood improvement, while also establishing natural carbon sinks and biodiversity.

Urban Green Heart
City of Chengdu, China
The City of Chengdu is creating a diverse and inclusive green space out of the concrete jungle. The city aims to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals by transforming its urban landscape. The initiative aims to transition the Linglong Island, the future heart of Chengdu City, into a world-class urban green heart. An area of 127 square kilometres has been identified to implement measures of ecological recuperation and biodiversity protection.

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AIPH Global Green City Forum
Are you a member of the AIPH Global Green City Forum? Have you shared your events, resources, and news? If not, what are you waiting for? Join the AIPH Global Green City Forum! Join the Forum
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 is the reason for plants.

International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)

The Nature Roadmap: Discussion paper evaluates environmental risks and opportunities, exploring new concepts for urban nature regeneration, and analyzing the collaborative efforts required for success. The Australian Green Building Council, helping to shape a sustainable future, developed this discussion paper in keeping with the forthcoming Nature Roadmap, which will pave the way for guiding environmental management and nature regeneration. Submissions are open until 30th June 2024.

Read more

Discussion Paper: A Nature Roadmap for the Built Environment

Explore the findings of the EU project: “Are cities properly preparing for climate change?” and learn more about the collaborative efforts that are needed to avoid the most disruptive impacts of climate change. This paper underscores the collaborative roles and opportunities for nature regeneration, and offers innovative concepts for nature regeneration. This paper offers a concise compilation of inspiring resources for urban areas.

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Evaluating Adaptation: An Analysis of Policy Progress in Coastal Cities and Regions

The Cormeline Green is turning grey into green in Sheffield, UK. The Cormeline Green scheme is to reduce and slow down surface-water flooding in an area of the city prone to flooding. Designed with climate change in mind, the Cormeline Green scheme is set to become an economic investment in mind, Grey to Green is helping to lay the foundations for a healthier and sustainable culture for Sheffield. The Cormeline Green is turning grey into green in Sheffield, UK.

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Best Practice

Turning Grey into Green Sheffield City Council

Throughout 2023, disruptive climate impacts, devastating wars, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have been on the horizon. As the world continues to adapt, the Cormeline Green scheme in Sheffield is set to become an example of how towns and cities can adapt to climate change. The Cormeline Green scheme is set to become an example of how towns and cities can adapt to climate change. This is an opportunity for biodiversity plans to include the novel opportunity of reconnecting urban areas with nature.

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