

# Global Green City Update

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## Investment in Nature for a Resilient Future



“Climate adaptation is not just a crucial response to the climate crisis; it is also one of the smartest investments of our time.” This is the important message across recent reports from the World Resource Institute.

### Strengthening the Investment Case for Climate Adaptation:

The Triple Dividend of Resilience framework evaluates the full benefits of 320 climate adaptation investments to reveal that every \$1 invested in adaptation can yield over \$10.50 in benefits.

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### Financing Urban Resilience:

In support of making Nature-based Solutions central to Africa's development agenda this report finds that, while the number of nature-based solutions projects is growing, only 16% have been implemented in cities.

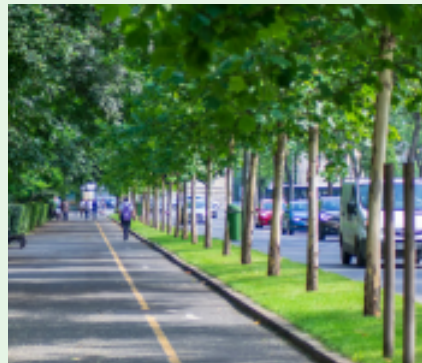
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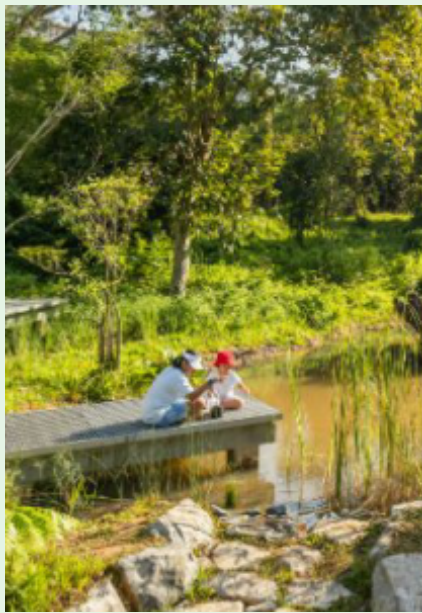
## Best Practice

### Recommendations for urban trees as noise buffers

“First Steps in Urban Noise” is a new publication that presents the principles and design recommendations to maximise the multiple benefits of urban trees and shrubs in reducing urban noise pollution.



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### Urban Land Institute announces 14 Developments as Winners of the 2025 ULI Asia Pacific Awards for Excellence

Bidari Park in Singapore received ULI recognition for the project's outstanding integration of community, heritage, and environmental resilience. Featuring the picturesque Alkaff Lake, a first-of-its-kind multifunctional drainage infrastructure, the park offers both the community and birdwatchers a place to relax and appreciate nature.

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## Events & Activities

### The World Green Infrastructure Awards



Celebrating excellence in green infrastructure from innovative buildings to inspiring policies and student research, WGIN Awards spotlight the ideas shaping greener, healthier, more resilient communities. Support the ongoing development of green infrastructure by sharing your project, browse through outstanding projects and join the community.

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### AIPH Green City Briefing: Growing communities and embracing nature

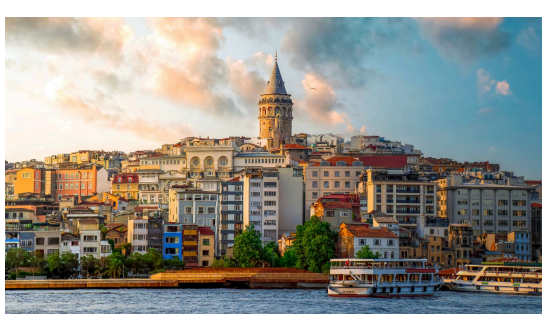


17th July 2025, Online

Greener environments encourage people to spend more time in outdoor spaces, improving social interaction and community cohesion which in turn contributes to reduced crime. Join this Briefing to hear from projects creating community cohesion and embracing nature.

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### WUP Symposium: Next Generation of Cities & Public Spaces



8th-10th October 2025, Istanbul, Türkiye

Landscape Istanbul Fair 2025 (LIF 2025) is again hosting the World Urban Parks (WUP) Symposium from 8th -10th October 2025. This is the 3rd edition of the Symposium and has the theme 'NEXT: Next Generation of Cities & Public Spaces.' Potential speakers are invited to submit their proposals before 20th July.

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### Trees + Tech Summit



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The Trees + Tech Summit is packed with presentations on technology, trees, data, and the future of urban forestry decision-making. Presenters across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors will introduce and analyze the software, hardware, and data changing the way they work with trees.

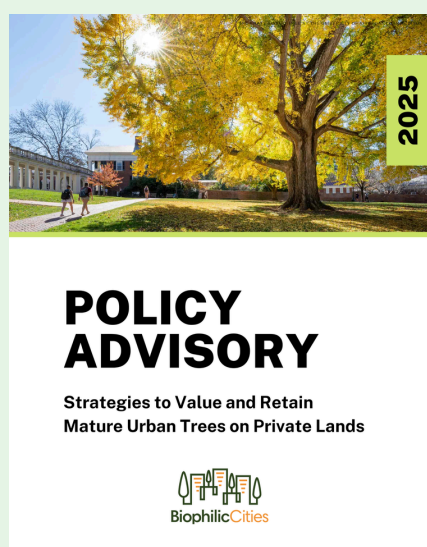
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## Policy

### San Diego takes Climate Action

The Coastal Resilience Master Plan identifies potential nature-based solutions for locations along San Diego's coast to improve the resilience of communities to sea level rise while also benefiting wildlife, habitat and natural coastal resources.

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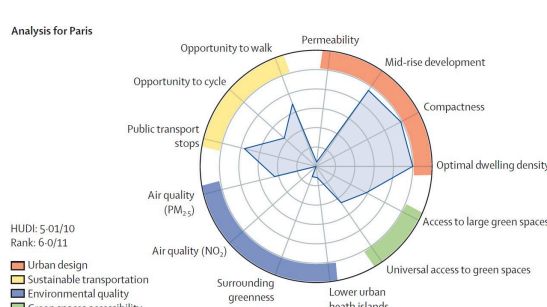
## Policy Toolkit: Protecting Mature Urban Trees on Private Lands

A four-step policy roadmap from Biophilic Cities provides the structure for the toolkit and its accompanying policy advisory. Strategies highlight the need to preserve “mature urban trees,” which are trees that have reached their maximum size and height according to their species and the urban environment they inhabit.

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## Research Findings

### Creating healthy cities of all sizes



This study introduces a high-resolution spatial index developed for European cities. It examines and combines policy-relevant indicators related to urban design, sustainable transportation, environmental quality, and greenspace accessibility—key factors influencing human health and wellbeing.

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### A meaningful place with nature initiatives



Bringing nature back into the city through community activities has been found to benefit both the environment and participants. This study examined the sense of place, creating community and experience of connecting with nature. It found green initiatives increased a sense of meaningful connection and belonging.

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## Green City Principles

### The First EU National Park City has an ambition to be nature-rich

Driven by a grassroots movement, people across the Dutch city of Breda have transformed the urban landscape with artists, gardens, entrepreneurs and vegetable growers bringing urban biodiversity to the city. The city is one step closer to its ambitions to be one of the most nature-rich cities in Europe after gaining National Park City status.

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### Water is at the core of a new territorial economy

This TNOC essay discusses the linkages of water in urban landscapes with rural and remote territories. Fostering a deep understanding of urban-rural hydrological linkages is essential for cities to truly achieve long-term sustainability, resilience, and beauty.

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## Case Studies

### Iconic Plant Coverage

*Bogotá, Colombia*



The Iconic Plant Coverage initiative is a strategy for the protection of the green spaces already consolidated in the city. The initiative maintains this plant structure of great value, providing environmental and social benefits that constitute patrimonial and significant natural places.

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### Adopt a Spot Programme

*Tshwane, South Africa*



Tshwane's 'Adopt-a-Spot Programme' is aimed at encouraging the public to take care of the environment by performing overall management and maintenance activities relating to parks and other public open spaces.

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