# REVEALING THE WORLD'S URBAN FORESTS



Adding a place perspective to green infrastructure planning

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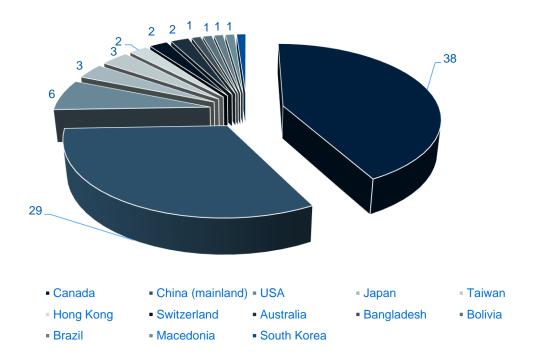


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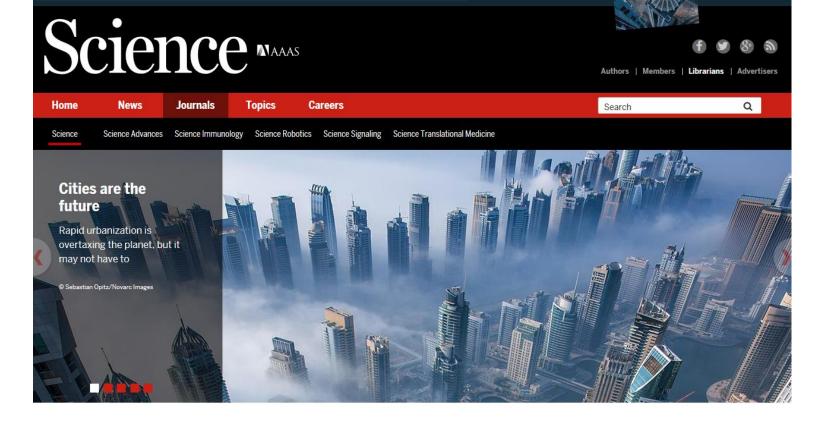
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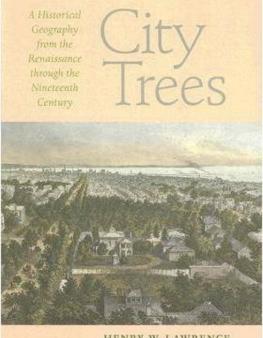




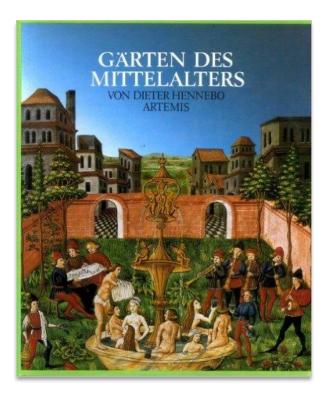
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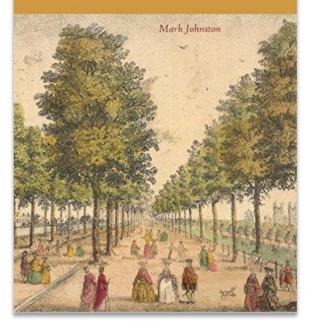


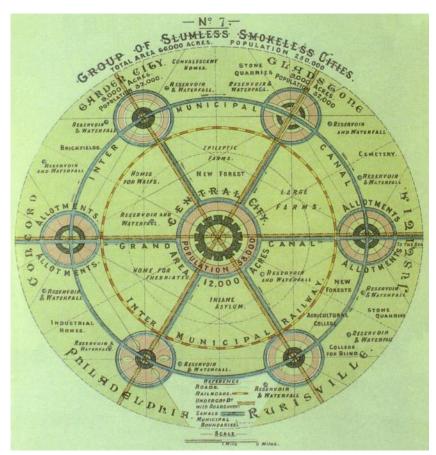


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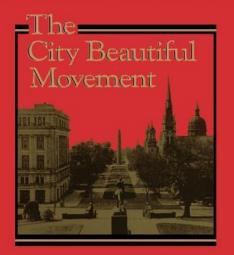
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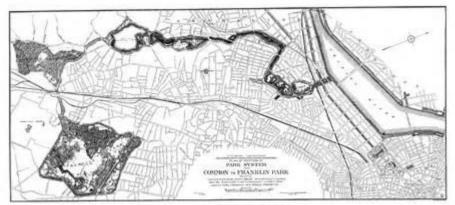




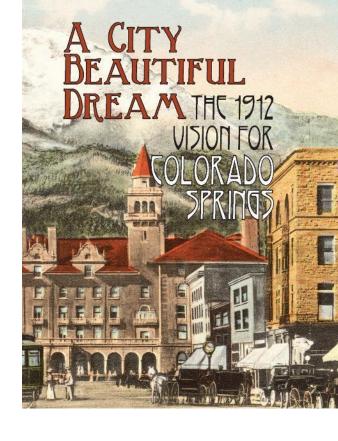
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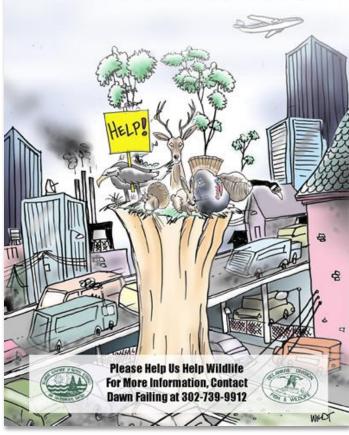




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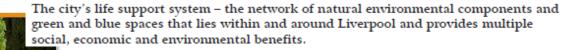
### Loss of Habitat is the Greatest Threat to Delaware's Wildlife



# **LIVERPOOL**

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY** 

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



The Liverpool Green Infrastructure Strategy has been developed to maximise the benefits that the city can gain from the sustainable management of its natural environment. Green infrastructure is a critical infrastructure for the economy and health of the city.

The purpose of the strategy is to support the aspirations for the future sustainable development of Liverpool to ensure that it is:

"..one of the best places to live, work, invest and enjoy life"





## What is Green Infrastructure?

Green Infrastructure can be broadly defined as a strategically planned network of high quality natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features, which is designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services and protect biodiversity in both rural and urban settings.

More specifically GI, being a spatial structure providing benefits from nature to people, aims to enhance nature's ability to deliver multiple valuable ecosystem goods and services, such as clean air or water.

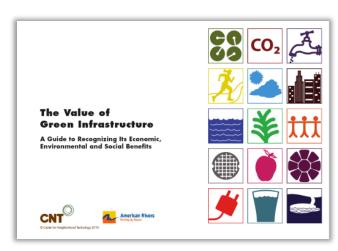
### PRINCIPLES OF GI PLANNING

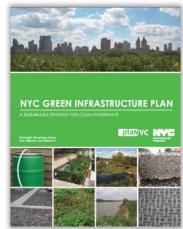
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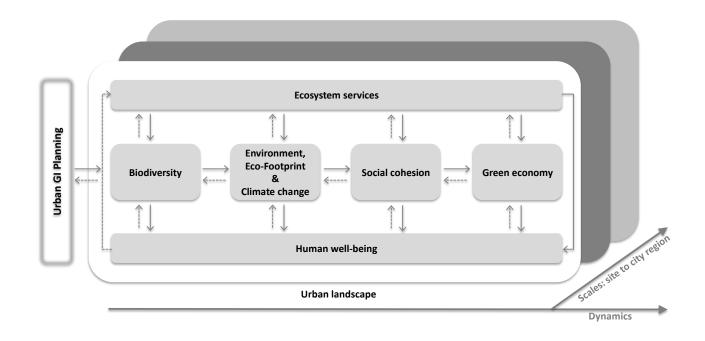
- Network / connectivity
- Multifunctionality
- Grey-green integration
- Multi-scale

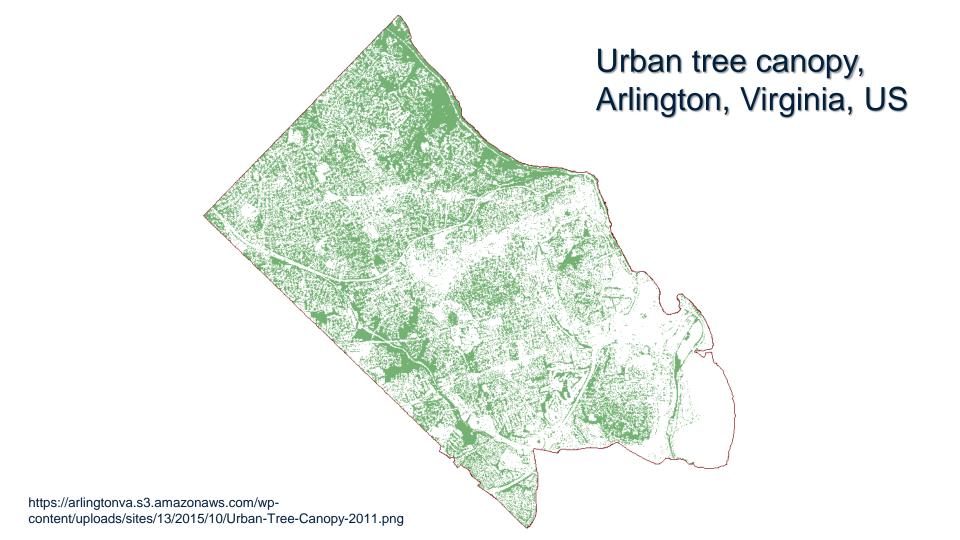
### Planning process

- Strategic
- Inter- and transdisciplinary
- Socially inclusive



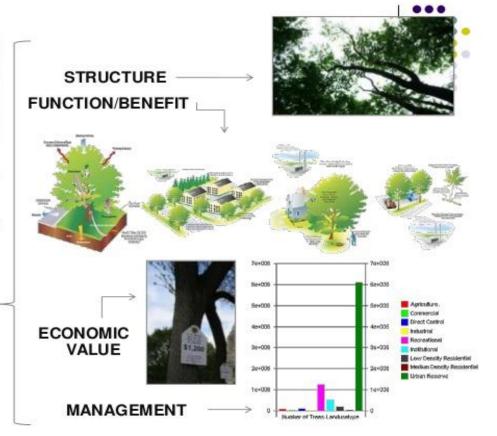








Eco Streets Hydro Vue

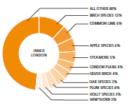


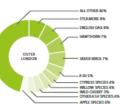


London's trees provide at least £133M of benefits every year in terms of air pollution removal, carbon sequestration and reducing the amount of water going into drains.



# There are trees in London























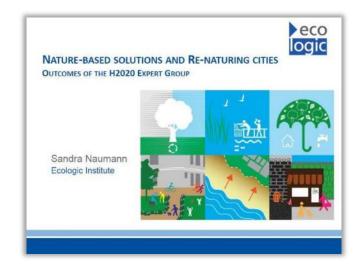




### NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



Nature-based solutions are understood as living solutions inspired by, continuously supported by and using nature, which are designed to address various societal challenges in a resource efficient and adaptable manner and to provide simultaneously economic, social and environmental benefits.



### **HURRAY FOR GI!**

- Bridging between social and ecological systems
- Raising the (political and planning) status of green space and tree issues
- Speaking the "right language"
- Economic and service / value focus
- Linking between town and country



### THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN...









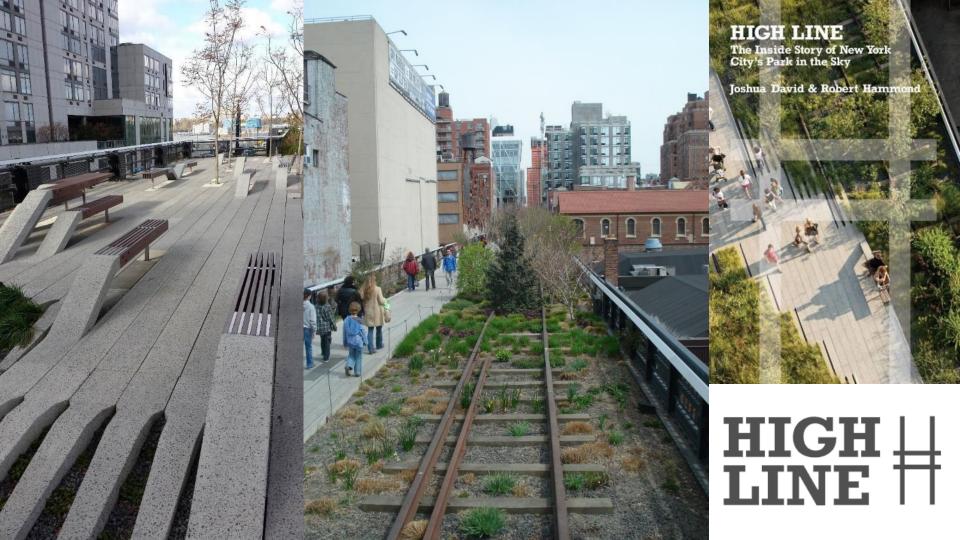




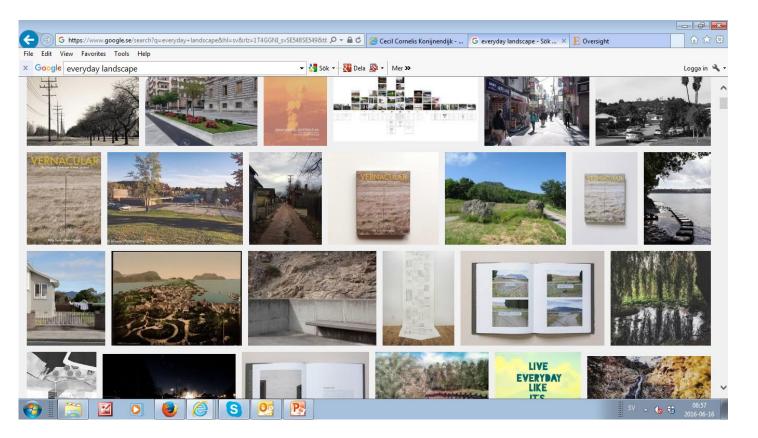


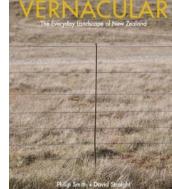








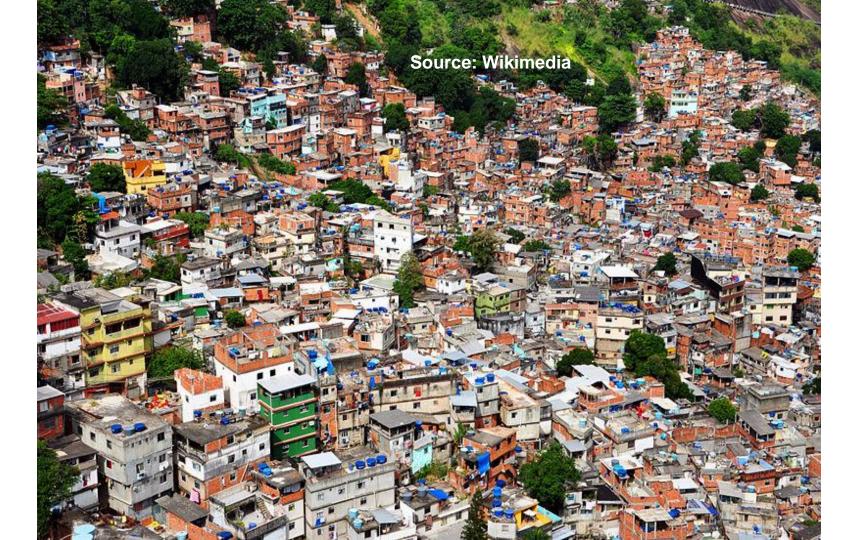






My everyday (place) is not your

everyday (place)







AP Photo/ Kerstin Joensson



















## KEEP A LOOKOUT

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Weeds at their worst (From left to right, purple loosestrife, Euro

# Plants Out Of Place

Today, nearly every corner of the globe is impacted both economically and environmentally by invasive, exotic plants. Plants that ocour outside of the area where they evolved are considered non-native or exotio. Occasionally, when plants are introduced into a new area, they become invasive and are able to flourish and replace the existing vegetation. This uncontrolled growth threatens native plant communities, degrades fish and wildlife habitat, restricts recreational activity, and reduces agricultural yields. Exotic weeds are becoming a considerable economic burden to everyone, and we all share the responsibility of preventing the spread of invasive, exotic plants.

## What You Can Do:

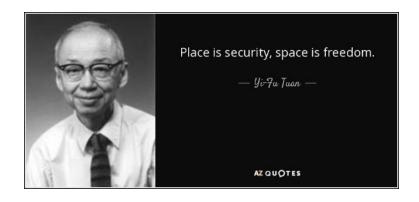
- ✓ Learn to identify these and other invasive, exotio weeds
- Remove known invasive plants from your property and continue to check if plantings are invasive before you pughase them
- F Educate friends, neighbors, and local nurseries about the problems caused by invasive, exotic plants
- If you find a weed infected area, inform the landowner or land manager so they can take steps to control the problem
- Avoid spreading exotio plants you may some in contact with while enjoying outdoor activities by removing seeds & plant fragments from clothing & equipment before leaving the area
- Meyer take plants from a wild area for transplanting or ornamental purposes if you aren't sure what they are!











# Everyday outdoor places – places for living, working, playing, ... and more

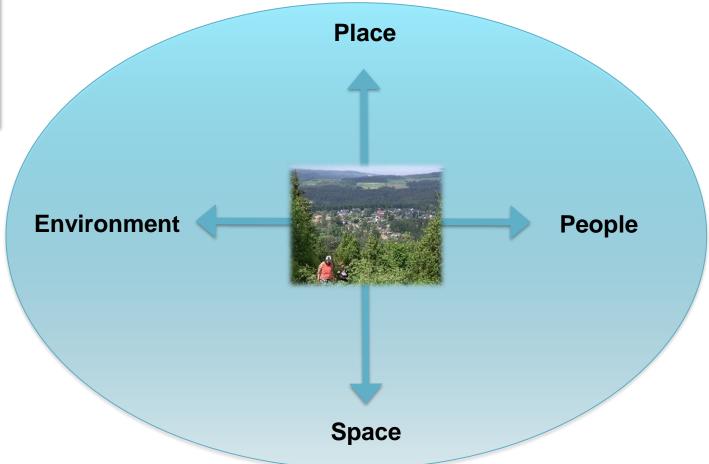
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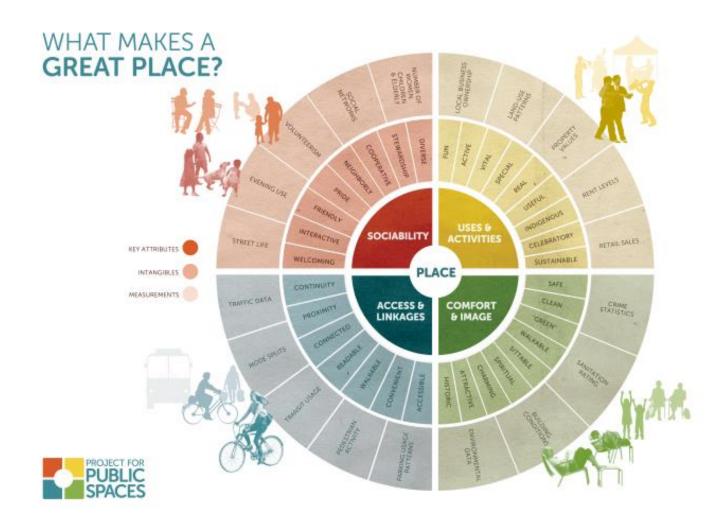
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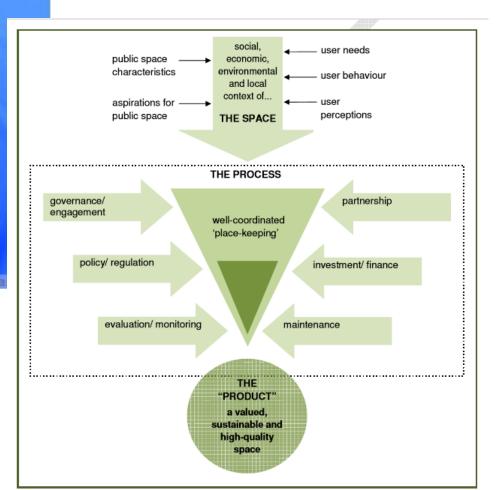
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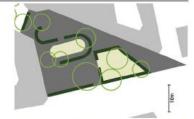
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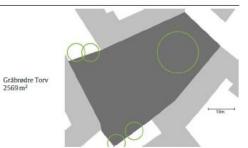
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Category: Multi characteristic. Area consisting of trees, hedges and pavement. Many benches. A small playground, cafe zone and boules zone





Category: Café/History. Paved area defined by houses. Cafe zones all along the edge. One big tree in the middle of the square as well as a water fountain

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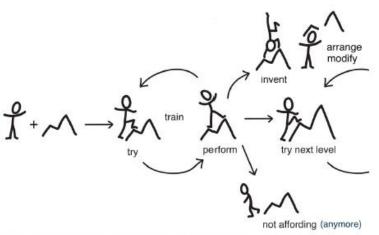


Figure 7. The cycle of trying, training, performing, creating, and continuing to new cycles as observed in this study.





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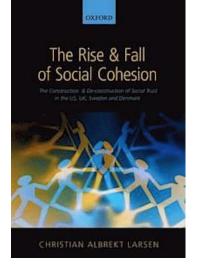
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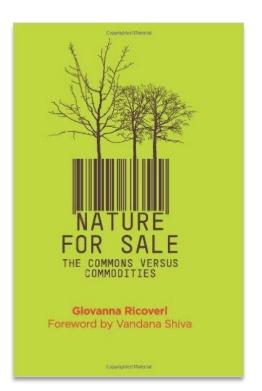
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# SOCIAL COHESION

- Beckley (2004): "the extent to which a geographical space achieves 'community' in the sense of shared values, cooperation and interaction"
- Interactions in daily life, e.g., across cultural / ethnic groups are crucial
- Green spaces provide 'democratic' and non-demanding settings for these interactions







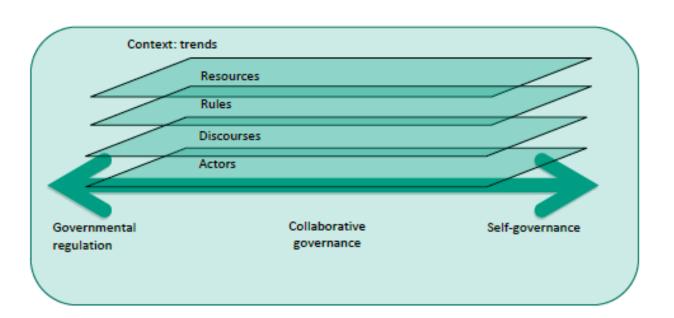
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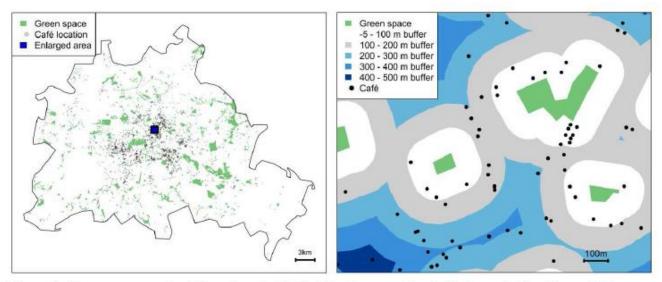
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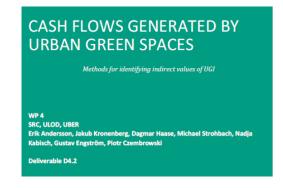






**Figure 1:** Green spaces and café locations in Berlin. The figure on the right shows buffer rings of 100 m around green spaces for an enlarged section.





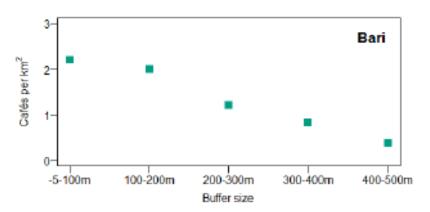
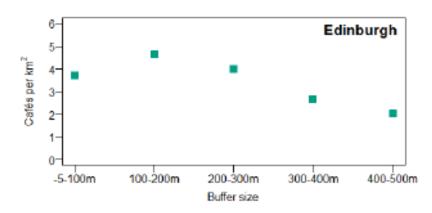
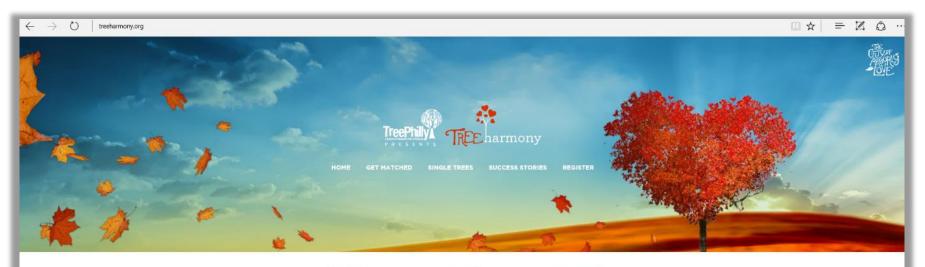


Figure 2: Café density in Bari in different distances around green spaces.



Andersson et al. (2015). GREEN SURGE Deliverable 4.2







# What's TreeHarmony?

TreeHarmony is the world's premier tree matching service (okay, it's the world's only tree matching service) and it's here to help you find the perfect tree companion. You see, TreePhilly wants to turn Philadelphia into the City of Arborly Love, so we give away a variety of trees every year to people who want them. But we aren't about to set you up with just any tree; we want to help you find your SoulTree. That's where TreeHarmony comes in. It's another dating site, only... with trees. Lovingly made by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and supported by Wells Fargo and the Fairmount Park Conservancy.









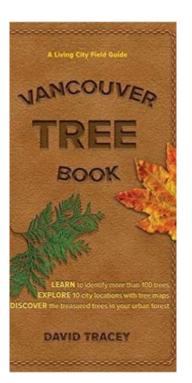


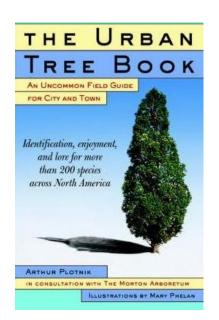


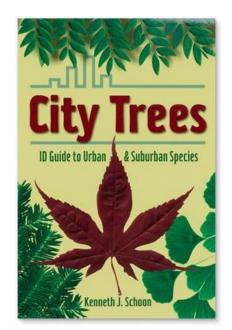


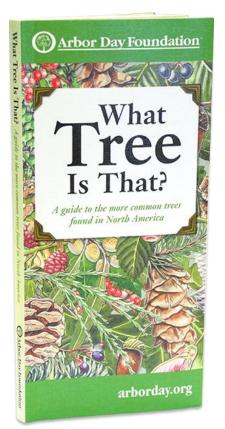
















# Assessing and communicating animal disease risks for countryside users

Many people take great pleasure in spending time in the great outdoors and still more are being encouraged to visit green spaces to improve their health and well-being. Although considerable evidence supports the benefits of spending time in the countryside, little is known about how best to warn visitors of potential risks and encourage appropriate behaviour without causing alarm.

## Research summary

An interdisciplinary research team is exploring the possible impact of zoonotic diseases on the development of recreation in rural areas, within an overarching framework of risk communication. The initial focus will be on lyme disease (also known as lyme borreliosis), an infectious disease caused by the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi s.l. lyme disease is found in a number of wild animal hosts and can be transferred to humans by infected ticks.





The study will:

- analyse scenarios for future risk of disease transmission;
- estimate the risk of encountering ticks in a range of habitats:
- develop an understanding of the risk perceived by public users and land managers;
- identify the possible responses of organisations and potential behavioural responses of individuals following precautionary advice;
- recommend methods for communicating precautionary information.

Study sites will represent remote upland woodland and wild land, accessible lowland woodland and farmland/heath, and peri-urban park and woodland.



## Research outputs

The project will increase understanding of how individuals, groups and organisations perceive and respond to the risk of zoonotic diseases. The development of

mathamatical module will improve predictions of the





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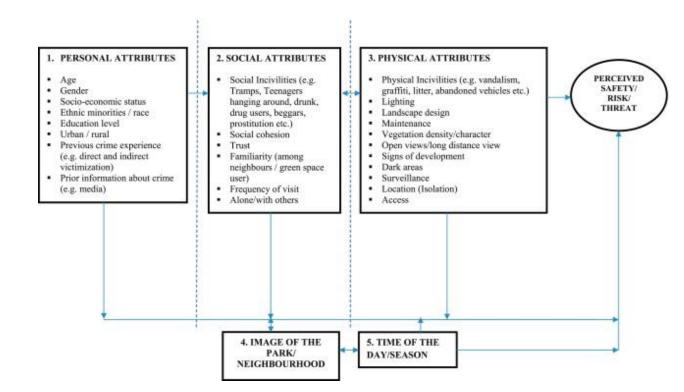
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# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

Place perspective needs to be added to green infrastructure approach



Place making, but especially also place keeping

Urban forestry is an excellent delivery mechanism for GI

And... in urban forestry, local contexts and local places vary widely

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