



What Role Can Ecological Factors Play in Supporting Ecosystem Services in Urban and Peri-Urban Forests?

Guest Editor:

Prof. Dr. Giovanni Sanesi

Department of Agro-
Environmental Sciences,
University of Bari, Via Amendola,
165/A, 70126 Bari, Italy

Deadline for manuscript
submissions:

closed (31 March 2018)

Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Urban and peri-urban forests (UPFs) can play a pivotal role in supporting the quality of life in our cities. Several ecological factors, working synergistically with anthropocentric activities, influence the capacity of these forests in providing ecosystem services (ES). Different forestry patterns (e.g., stem diameter structure, leaf area index, basal area, soil quality) can affect the capacity of UPFs to provide ES from four categories (supporting services, provisioning services, regulating services and cultural services); at the same time, user perception of these factors is also important. This Special Issue aims to explore the state of the art in research on UPFs, focusing on the role of ecological factors.

Prof. Giovanni Sanesi
Guest Editor





forests



an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Editors-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Cate Macinnis-Ng

Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142, New Zealand

Prof. Dr. Giacomo Alessandro Gerosa

Department of Mathematics and Physics, Catholic University of Brescia, I-25121 Brescia, Italy

Message from the Editorial Board

Forests (ISSN 1999-4907) is an international and cross-disciplinary, scholarly forestry journal. The distinguished editorial board and refereeing process ensures the highest degree of scientific rigor and review of all published articles. Original research articles and timely reviews are released online, with unlimited free access.

Our goal is to have *Forests* be recognized as one of the foremost publication outlets for high quality, leading edge research in this broad and diverse field. We therefore invite you to be one of our authors, and in doing so share your important research findings with the global forestry community.

Author Benefits

Open Access: free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility: indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), Ei Compendex, GEOBASE, PubAg, AGRIS, PaperChem, and other databases.

Journal Rank: JCR - Q1 (*Forestry*) / CiteScore - Q1 (*Forestry*)

Contact Us

Forests Editorial Office
MDPI, St. Alban-Anlage 66
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
www.mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/forests
forests@mdpi.com
[X@Forests_MDPI](https://twitter.com/Forests_MDPI)