



The Role of Environmental Aspects in the Maintenance of Human Health

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Human population growth puts increasing pressure on societies to convert natural lands to other uses, altering landscape structure and the provision of different ecosystem services to communities, including the maintenance of human health. Natural areas also affect the risk of transmission of zoonotic diseases, those transmitted from animals to humans, with land conversion accounting for 40% of all zoonotic outbreaks. Several studies have shown the relationship between the presence of natural areas and different aspects of human health, but few have attempted to include aspects other than the presence of natural areas. The maintenance of human health and the risk of zoonotic disease transmission are complex, multifactorial, and interconnected issues. Thus, it is essential to gain a thorough understanding of how the entire landscape structure and other environmental factors affect human health. Articles that address these topics are invited, especially those that combine a high academic standard with a greater understanding of how the environment modulates human health, and that provide insights into how we can make landscapes healthier for people.





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