Urban design: Using CES to protect the natural capital of cities

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Abstract

Design of urban landscapes can engender cultural ecosystem services (CES) that activate and sustain the natural capital of cities. This demonstrates that CES interactions with other ecosystem services are fundamental to protecting natural capital in human-dominated landscapes, and that design innovation is integral to realizing the full scope of CES. This brief presentation includes examples from American cities showing how design enhances the CES of urban landscapes and how particular aspects of urban design can protect natural capital.

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