Sustainable cities:

Green spaces for people and wildlife

More than half the people in the world live in urban areas and the global population continues to grow. How can we ensure a healthy future for our planet? One solution is to build resilient and sustainable cities.

BENEFITS OF GREEN SPACES

For people

- Improve mental health and cognition
- · Enhance physical health
- Reduce risk of chronic diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes
- Increase life expectancy

For wildlife

- Boost biodiversity
- Reduce habitat fragmentation, allowing animals to move around safely and avoid conflict with humans
- Offer migration rest stops for birds

DID YOU KNOW?

King Charles III has been passionate about the environment since a young age and is a vocal advocate for sustainability, from urban design to organic farming. He believes in living in harmony with the natural world and, as a royal patron of more than 400 organizations, is committed to supporting conservation work.

"After billions of years of evolution, nature is our best teacher."

—King Charles III

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URBAN VEGETABLE GARDENS

- Absorb heat and mitigate urban heat island effect
- Reduce energy demands (e.g., less air conditioning in the summer)



TREES

- Create a habitat for wildlife
- Improve air quality and absorb CO2
- Reduce noise pollution
- Prevent soil erosion

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

 Reduces cars on the road and offers transport options



BIKE LANES

 Encourage physical activity and offer transport options

CITY PARKS

- Improve water quality, drainage, and reduce stormwater runoff
- Provide a space for socializing and recreation



FLOWERBEDS

 Provide food for pollinators and other species



