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What is a sustainable city?

Sustainable cities and communities

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Structure

- Urbanization
- Advantages and disadvantages
- Characteristics of a green city
- SDG 11
- How to make cities greener
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Urbanization

General

Process of people moving to urban areas
Started with Industrial Revolution
Reasons for urbanization
More opportunities for work and education
Healthcare

Urban

> 2000 residents

City

Urban

> 2000 residents

> 50 000 residents





| Advantages of big cities | Disadvantages of big cities |
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| New employment opportunities | Housing problems |
| Development of technology, infrastructure, communication | Overcrowding |
| Improvement of educational and medical services | Unemployment |
| Better standard of living | Poverty (Slums) |
| GDP growth | Traffic |
| Inclusion of different cultures and ethnicities | Crime |

Characteristics of a green city

- dedicated to achieving green, social and economic sustainability
- consideration for social, economic, environmental impact
- resilient habitat for existing populations
- design focused on inclusivity
- maintaining a sustainable economic growth
- minimizing required inputs of energy, water, and food
- reducing waste, output of heat, air pollution

SDG 11

- The SDG 11 has 10 targets to be achieved
 - safe and affordable housing
 - affordable and sustainable transport systems
 - inclusive and sustainable urbanization
 - protect the worlds cultural and natural heritage
 - strong national and regional development planning
 - implementing policies for inclusion, resource efficiency and disaster risk reduction
 - support least developed countries in sustainable and resilient building



Creating miniforests

- mini-forests can thrive in lots as small as a parking lot or tennis courts
- adds natural beauty to cities
- improves health and well-being
- reduces smog and air pollution
- retains rainwater and traps CO₂
- small forests can grow in 1/10th of the time of a diverse forest
- they provide habitat for other organisms
- people connect with nature without leaving the city





Urban food forests

- strips and pockets of land are underutilized everywhere
- in 2010 Ron Finley came up with an idea
- He planted fruits and vegetables between his house and the street
- in early 2013 he gave a TED talk on "guerrilla gardening"
- Initially he wanted to fight foot apartheid and encourage healthy eating habits

Different solutions

- Energy consumption
- Education
- Mobility
 - Cycling routes
 - Electric vehicle charging spots
 - Affordable and reliable public transport
- Layout of cities
- Waste management

What first comes to your mind when you think of Singapore?

The greenest city on the planet

- Singapore positions top on the world for urban tree density
- Asia's greenest city in 2016
- They call themselves the "Garden City"
- New developments must include plant life
- Was already envisioned this way in 1968
- Goal of integrating the environment with urban development

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The greenest city on the planet

- "Gardens by the Bay" with 18 tree-like structures in the "Supertree Grove"
- everything is self-sustainable

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- entire packs of vehicles are hopping on the eco-friendly fleeting trend
- all this is caused by the high population density



the PARKROYAL on Pickering Inn



the Tree House apartment suite



the CapitaGreen office tower

Measures for our school

Plant the roof

- Use own renewable energies
- Start a mini-forest
 - Checking for soil nutrients
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Individual solutions

Care about your energy consumption
Throw away your trash correctly
Consider buying electric vehicles

Futurium Berlin

- Exhibition of futuristic concepts
 - Living
 - Transportation
 - Energy production
- Futurium Lab



Conclusion

Urbanization has driven climate change immensely

- Cities need to become greener
- Everyone can help
- Systemic change needed

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