Creating Green and Sustainable Developments:

At Present and in a Post-COVID-19 Economy

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Cities

Occupy 2% of the world's land Contain 60% of the world's population Generate 80% of the world's GDP

Consume 75% of global energy
Emit 50 to 60% of greenhouse gases
Generate over 2 Billion Tons of solid waste every year

350 Million hectares 5.2 Billion people US\$ 70 Trillion (2019)

116,628 TWh 4.8 Billion tons of CO2

Sources: McKinsey Global Institute, UN Habitat



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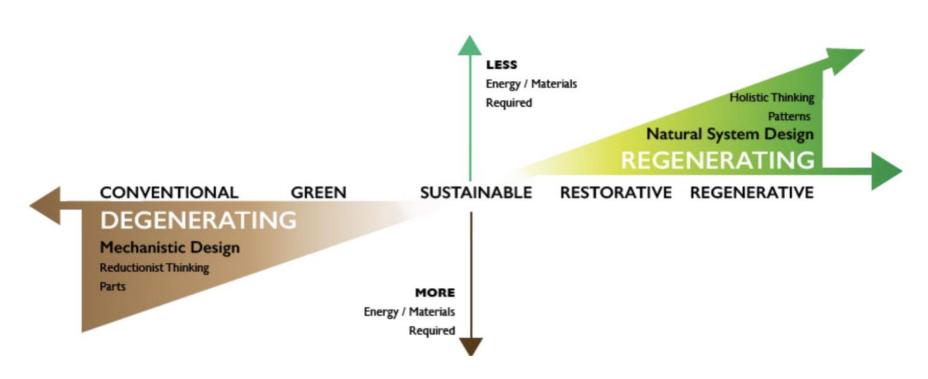
40% Shortfall in Water
50% Increase in Food Demand
40% Increase in Electricity Consumption



A Better Way: From Sustainable to Regenerative Development



Place - Culture - Enterprise - Government - Commons



Adapted from "Trajectory of Ecological Design" (courtesy of Bill Reed).

Water and Sustainability



Angat Dam: Lowest in 10 years (May 2019)

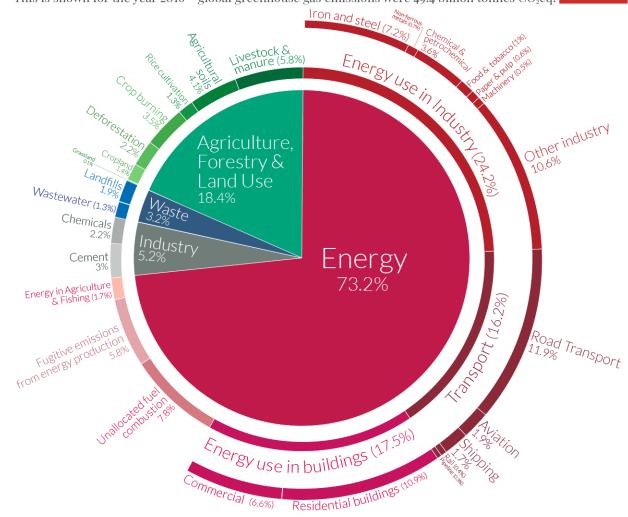
Typhoon Ulysses: Worst flooding since Ondoy, 11 years ago (November 2020)

Energy Consumption and Land Use

Global greenhouse gas emissions by sector

Our World in Data

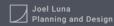
This is shown for the year 2016 – global greenhouse gas emissions were 49.4 billion tonnes CO₂eq.



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Food and Sustainability

What are the environmental impacts of food and agriculture?



Greenhouse Gases 26% of global

Land Use 50% of global habitable greenhouse gas emissions (ice and desert-free) land

Freshwater Use 70% of global freshwater withdrawals

Eutrophication 78% of global ocean & freshwater pollution

Biodiversity 94% mammal biomass (excluding humans)

Non-food

Forests, urban area shrubs, freshwater

Agriculture

50% global habitable land

Households (11%) Agriculture 70% global freshwater withdrawals Other sources Agriculture 78% global

Livestock 94% global mammal biomass

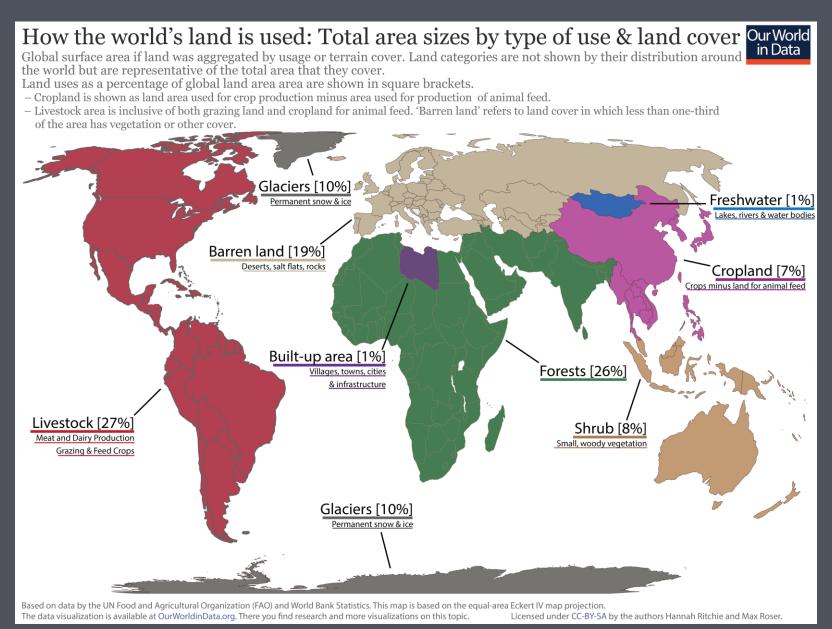
Food 26% global emissions

13.7 billion tonnes CO.eq

Data sources: Poore & Nemecek (2018); UN FAO: UN AQUASTAT: Bar-On et al. (2018). OurWorldinData.org - Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.

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Our Pattern of Consumption is Reflected in our Land Use





The goal of every city should be to increase its Livability

Agrihoods: Master-planned Communities with food as their focus -- Urban Land Institute



Urban Agriculture in Sao Paulo

Job Generation, Health and Community Solidarity Through Urban Farming

- Cities without Hunger movement initiated the use of vacant urban land for community organic gardens
- Livelihood and food for marginalized communities
- Created green islands for the city, promoting biodiversity
- In 2004, Sao Paulo passed a Law on Urban Agriculture to officially make urban farming possible

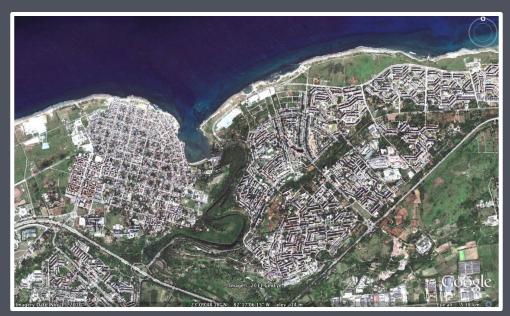




Organoponicos in Havana

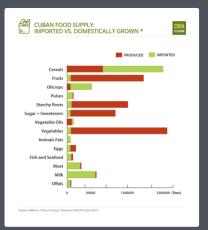
Job Generation, Food Security and Self-Sufficiency

- Initiated by necessity with the collapse of the Soviet Union
- Over 36,000 hectares in Havana are being used for urban agriculture
- Attained self-reliance in fruits and vegetables
- Average wage of the garden worker in Havana is 3 times the average Cuban wage



Alamar, Havana, where 90% of vegetables are grown locally in nearly every available space.







Urban Farming During Pandemic

Communities Empowering Themselves During the Crisis



Communal gardens in Payatas, Quezon City





Free seeds and aquaponics training in Negros



Urban Storm Water Management through Sponge Cities

- Acquifer recharge
- Flood mitigation
- Water pollution mitigation
- Soil preservation



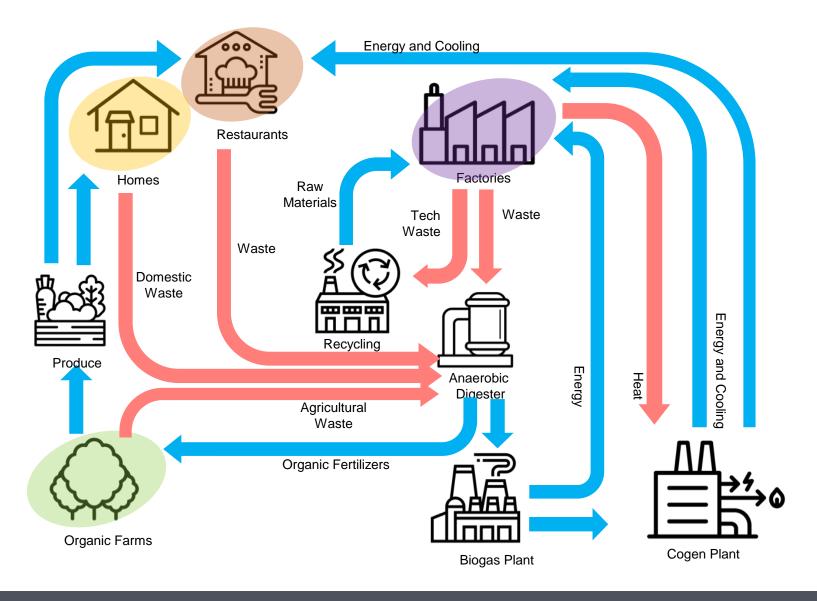


Regenerative Cities

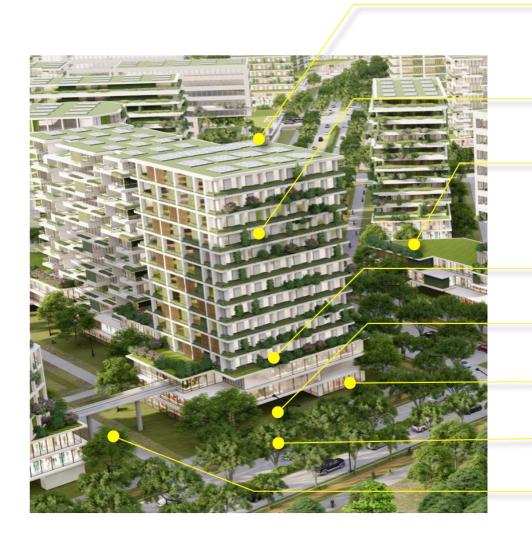
Smart Forest City Cancun by Stefano Boeri

A 557-hectare sustainable city that intends to generate more energy than it consumes, cleans the water and sequesters CO2 with its 7,500,000 plants





Cities like Forests: A concept diagram for a mixed use township using circular flow of resources and waste. Concept by JLPD



Solar Panels and wind turbines on Rooftops for Renewable Energy (fed to micro grid)

Vertical Greenery for Carbon Sequestration

Urban Farming and Food Production at Roof and Sky Gardens or within buildings (hydroponics/aeroponics)

Ledges for Shading and Rain water collection

On-site Waste Treatment

District Cooling

Rain gardens at streets for Storm water detention

Greenways for Micro Mobility and green infrastructure

Buildings Like Trees: Biomimetic buildings that emulate the productive cycles of nature. Concept by JLPD





