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Achieving Urban Flood Resilience in an uncertain urbanising world

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Interplay with Climate and Land Use

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Urban Flood Resilience



Urbanising World

UN Projections of World Population Under Three Fertility Assumptions





Fig. 3.21 – Relationship between impervious cover and surface runoff. Impervious cover in a watershed results in increased surface runoff. As little as 10 percent impervious cover in a watershed can result in stream degradation.

In Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes, and Practices (10/98).

By the Federal Interagency Stream Restoration Working Group (FISRWG) (15 Federal agencies of the U.S.)

Example of urban development affecting permeability and albedo

CHANGE IN LAND USE, LOKOJA



Source adapted from Adeoye, 2012

Blue-Green City

- A Blue–Green City seeks to use its urban green and blue spaces to recreate a more naturally oriented water cycle that improves water quality.
- Also providing or enhancing a range of further multiple co-benefits, such as:
 - o as amenity
 - o biodiversity,
 - carbon storage,
 - o reduced urban heat island effects,
 - improvements in air quality,
 - educational opportunities.
- Connecting with and enhancing conventional water management and integrating with other urban systems



BLUE- GREEN

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Blue-Green Cities



Retention and Detention ponds







River restoration and linear parks





The Research

- The tangible benefits of BGI can be measured
- Felt benefits and dis-benefits of BGI are subjective less easily quantified.
- They depend on the values, perspectives, practices and preferences of the beneficiary community.
- Felt benefits and costs are central to the perceptions of BGI assets and their sustainability.
- The research sought to broaden and deepen our understanding of community perceptions and how engagement with communities can help make BGI sustainable





The Study Sites and Data

| Newcastle: Peri-urban site with retention pond, planted with reeds to aid with the uptake and filtration of stormwater, foster biodiversity and amenity. Postal questionnaire survey of residents and observation | Newcastle urban residential potential site for permeable paving, rainwater butts, green roofs and raingardens. Face to face, door-to-door, questionnaire surveys of local residents | Newcastle: CBD site of potential blue-green adaptions such as raingardens, green roofs, swales. Telephone interviews with businesses in the CBD in Newcastle upon Tyne (mostly) without any BGI |
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| Belfast: A renaturalised river flowing smoothly after heavy rain; the work is also designed to reconnect communities and restore the river as a community asset, as well as encouraging biodiversity. Postal questionnaire survey of residents | Bristol Permeable Paving site, flood risk management, part of an urban regeneration scheme. Interviews with local residents | Portland Oregon, Bioswales within, or as extensions to, pavements. Pre-arranged and point of opportunity interviews with local residents |
| Existing green roofs in the UK on non- domestic buildings. Interviews with owners and managers | Newcastle Peri-urban site with and without BGI Implicit association tests and feeling thermometers face to face | Bristol sites of raingardens, swales, rainwater harvesting, ponds. Interviews with interest groups and local agencies, ethnographic observations |

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Summary

- We succeeded in both deepening and broadening understanding of perceptions and preferences of specific types of BGI.
- We understood that there is no easy answer to the question *what do communities value?* and that community engagement is the best way to ensure multiple benefits are delivered by BGI.
- We found that effective engagement
 - recognises the complexity of community priorities
 - includes input to design
 - ensures local amenity is enhanced through understanding practices
 - o continues long term to ensure BGI is well maintained and sustainable
 - o is inclusive of multiple communities

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