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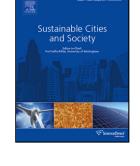
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## Highlights

- Urban growth scenarios were developed and simulated for 2030, 2040 and 2050.
- Weighted linear combination was used to map agricultural land resources.
- The effect of urban growth scenarios on agricultural land resources was statistically analyzed.

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