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*Editorial***Strategic gardens and gardening: Inviting a widened perspective on the values of private green space**

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Gardens offer possibilities to sustain and improve ecological and social qualities in people's everyday environment, and they have a potential to support a wide range of ecosystem services. As such, gardens and the act of gardening can be ways for citizens to take action and intervene with planning and environmental processes. This puts gardens and gardening in a strategic perspective when it comes to pressing issues like climate change, loss of biodiversity, continuing rapid urbanization, densification, and loss of knowledge related to the use and understanding of nature. A Special Section in this issue of *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening* aims to highlight current and potential strategic values of gardens and gardening.

The term 'garden' covers a wide variety of green spaces, ranging from strictly private domestic gardens to temporary reclaimed, semi-private waiting spaces and to public parks. This Special Section focuses particularly on gardens and gardening in everyday home environments. The different contributions add to the notion of the combined ecological, social and cultural qualities of gardens. In this combination of qualities, interesting examples of sustainable management and planning of people's daily-life environment can be identified. We find bits and pieces of evidence for the strategic potential of gardens and gardening in

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