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Highlights

- Urban development affects ecosystem functions including decomposition processes.
- Litterbag approach was used to study leaf litter decomposition in 25 urban forests.
- Forest size influenced decomposition rates of beech litter.
- Degree of urbanisation did not directly affect decomposition rate of leaf litter.
- Urban planners should consider small urban forests in their management concepts.

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