

Ecosystem accounting for recreation services and amenities in urban areas

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Urban ecosystems:

«urban and associated developed areas» (SEEA EEA)

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Take home:

1. Urban areas are more easily mapped as gradients of «condition» than as a well-defined «extents»
2. Urban ecosystem «condition» used to predict unobserved local outdoor recreation - amenities for human habitation
3. Use of public green space has small exchange values, but multiplied over daily occasions and large populations can represent large absolute time use and value



Outline

- 1. Describing the urban ecosystem and urban recreation services**
2. Measuring recreation service flow
3. Measuring ecosystem condition for recreation
4. Valuation



Urban ecosystem boundary in Oslo-Akershus fylke
SSB tettsted

Urban ecosystem boundary in Oslo-Akershus fylke
EFTEC approach (218 m)

Urban ecosystem boundary in Oslo-Akershus fylke
Influence zone method (0.5)

Urban ecosystems as gradients



What is local?

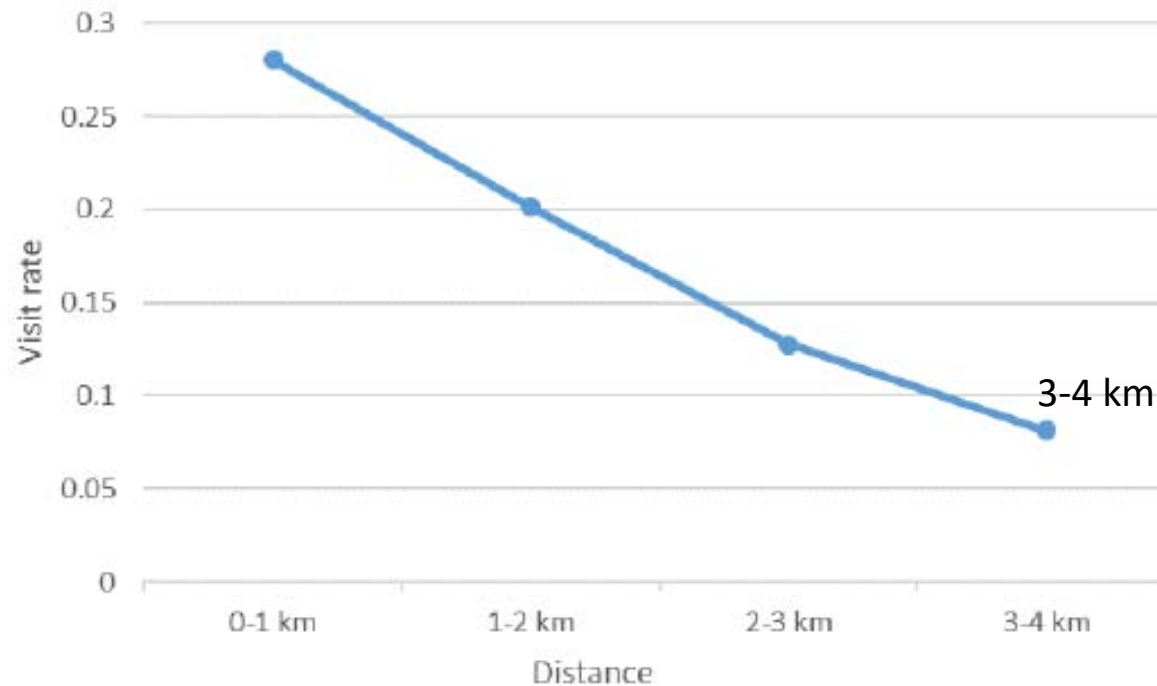


Figure 3.7. Rate of visits in relation to the population at different distances from the 'areas for daily recreation' (Average at the EU level)

Source: Vallecillo S, La Notte A, Polce C, Zulian G, Alexandris N, Ferrini S, Maes J. 2018. Ecosystem services accounting: Part I - Outdoor recreation and crop pollination, EUR 29024 EN; Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, doi:10.2760/619793, JRC110321.

What is daily?
recreation also
from
«active
transport»

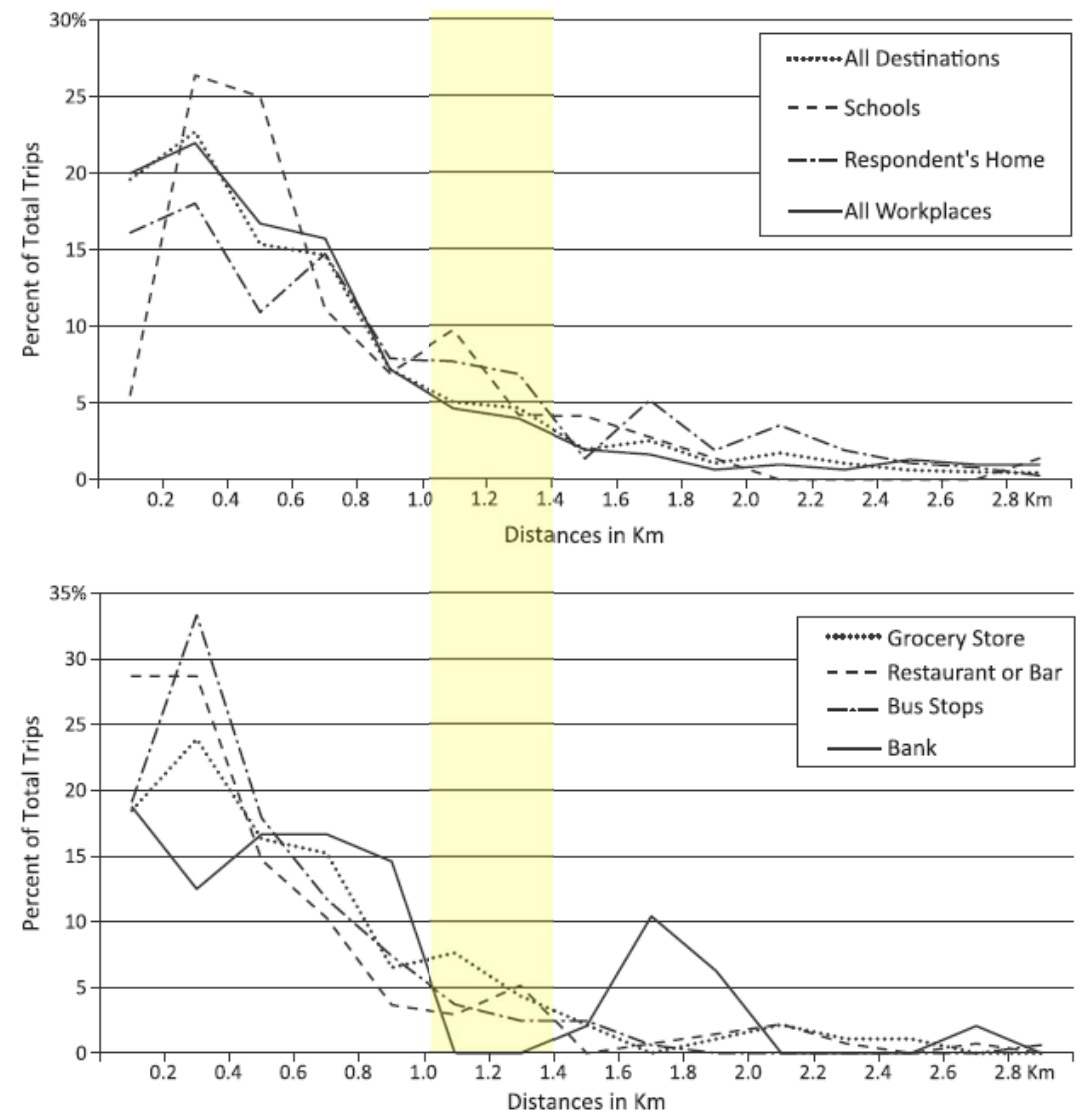


Fig. 2. Distance-decay gradients for major AT-walking destinations.

Local outdoor recreation for daily use* biotic condition part of a complex

Institutions as
beneficiaries
(incl.
households)



NORMS (SOCIAL, PUBLIC/PRIVATE)

Individuals as
beneficiaries



CAPABILITY (OWN MOBILITY, KNOWLEDGE)

Users types,
recreation
opportunity
spectrum

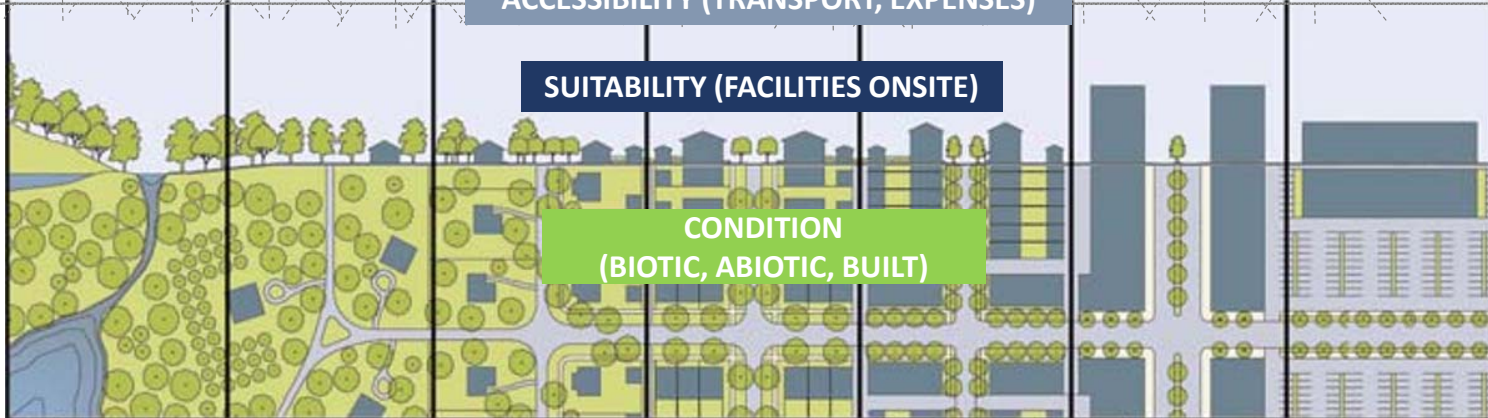


ACCESSIBILITY (TRANSPORT, EXPENSES)

Abiotic,
biotic &
built
structures
& surfaces

SUITABILITY (FACILITIES ONSITE)

**CONDITION
(BIOTIC, ABIOTIC, BUILT)**



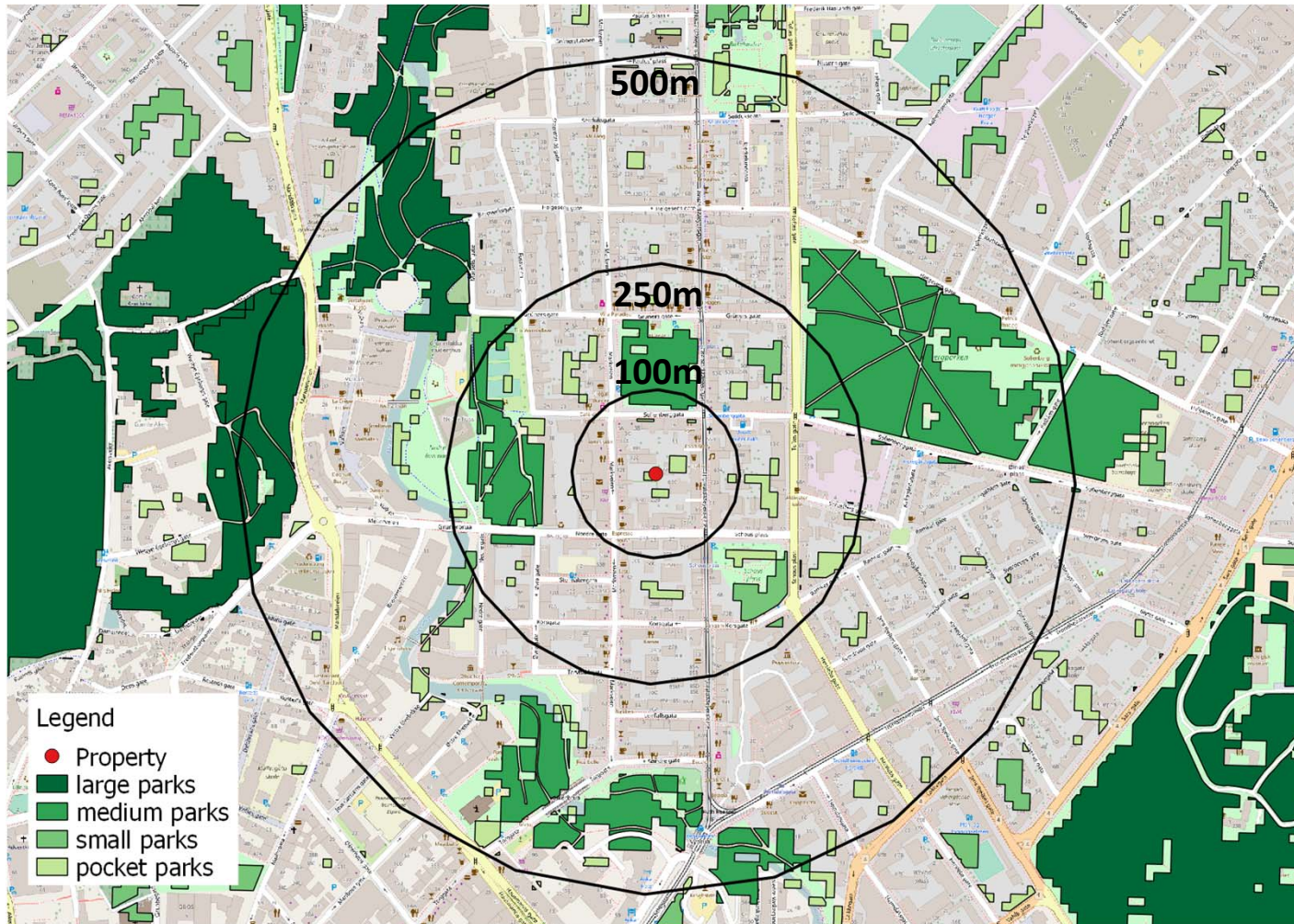
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Local outdoor recreation for daily use* in urban areas

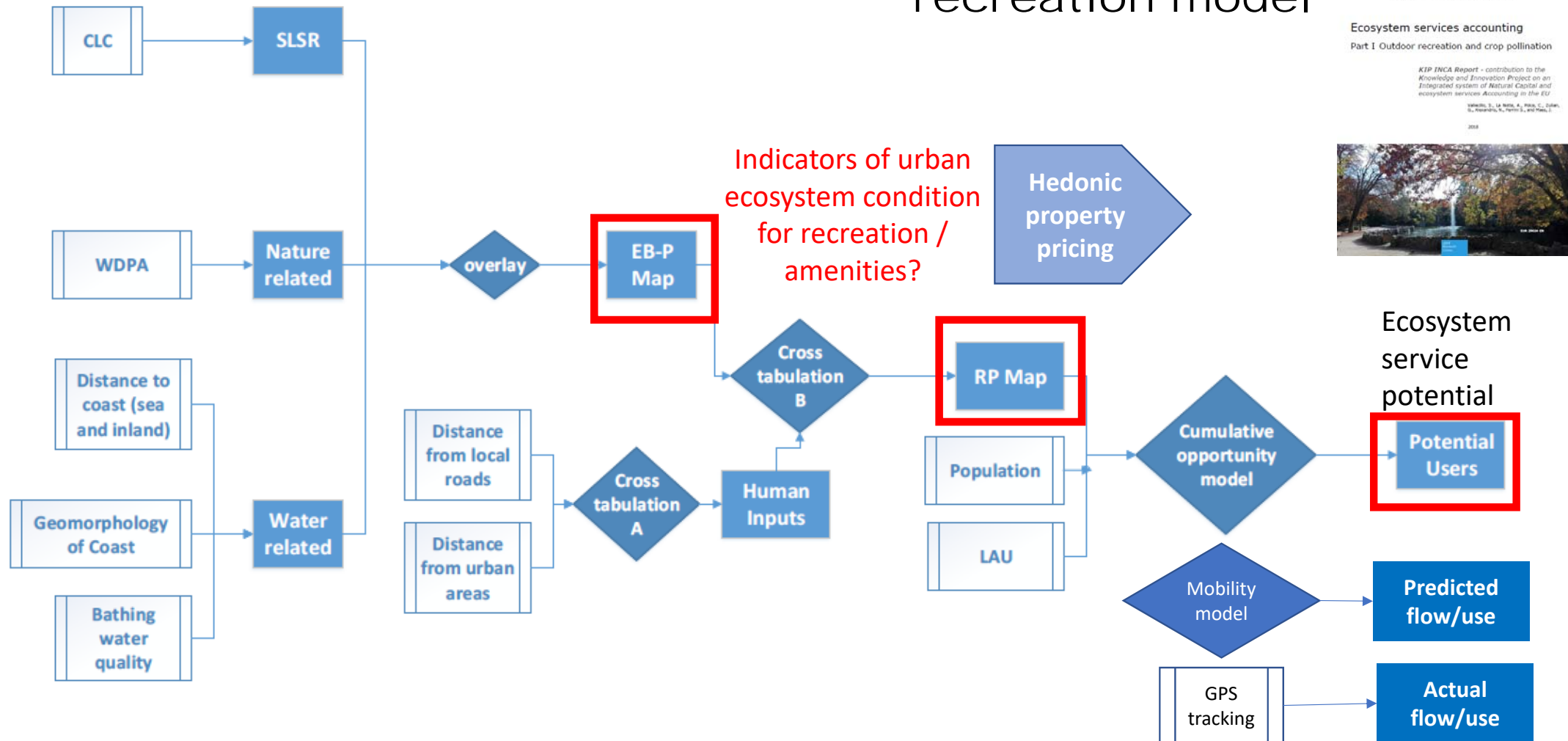


Map: Megan Nowell, NINA

Daily, local recreation:

- **Capability** – recreation using own locomotion
- **Accessibility** – public rights of way, free of charge, not entailing direct travel expenses
- **Suitability** – facilitated for own mobility (paths..)
- **Condition** – «bluegreen space» (water, vegetation), «public open space» (people)

ESTIMAP daily outdoor recreation model



JRC TECHNICAL REPORTS
Ecosystem services accounting
Part I Outdoor recreation and crop pollination

KIP INCA Report - contribution to the Knowledge and Innovation Project on an Integrated system of Natural Capital and ecosystem services Accounting in the EU

2018



CLC=Corine Land Cover, WDPW=protected areas, SLSR= Suitability of land to support recreation. EB-P= Ecosystem-Based potential. RP=recreation potential. Source: Vallecillo et al. 2018.

Home sweet home



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«amenity services bundle»



Pollinering og frøspredning



Vannhåndtering



Motvirke erosjon



Lokal klimaregulering



Rensing av vann



Rensing av jord



Rensing av luft



CO2-opptak og lagring



Støyreduksjon



Matproduksjon



Kunst/leketøy



Friskt vann



Rekreasjon, mental og fysisk helse



Estetikk



Turisme



Utdanning og kognitiv utvikling



Stedsidentitet og kulturarv



Habitat for truede arter



Biologisk mangfold

FRAMTIDENS
BYER



Oslo kommune



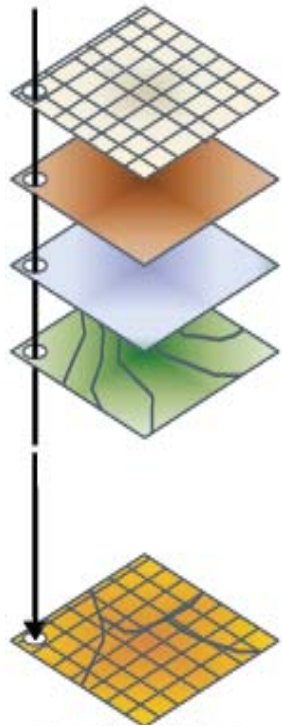


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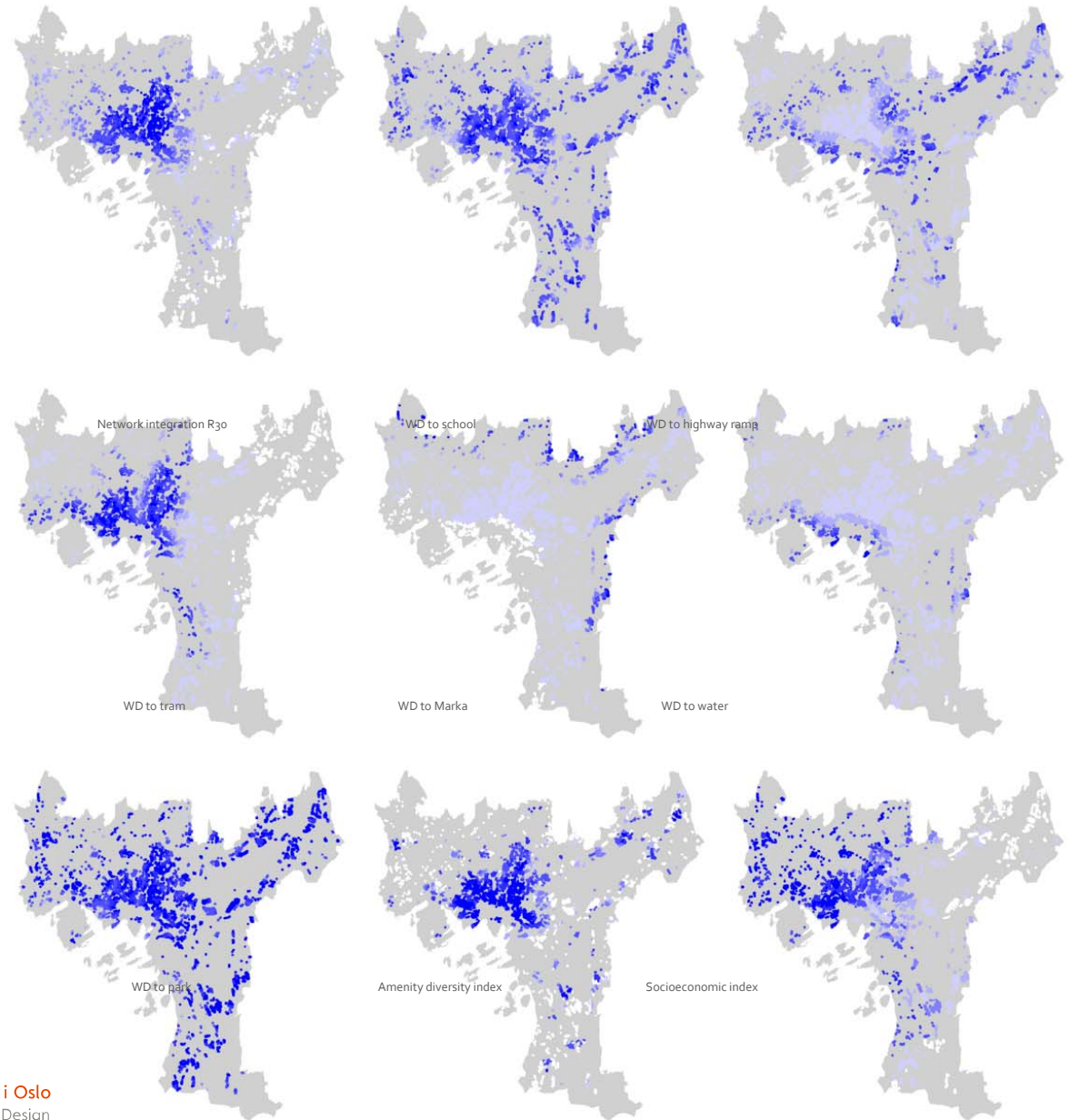


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Hedonic property pricing (2017)

Significant variables

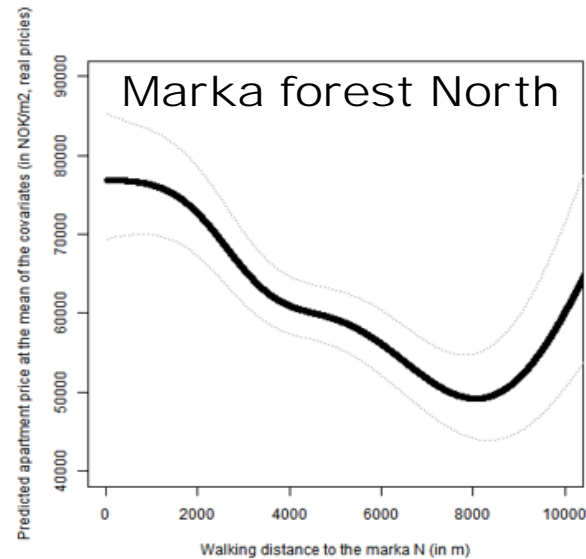
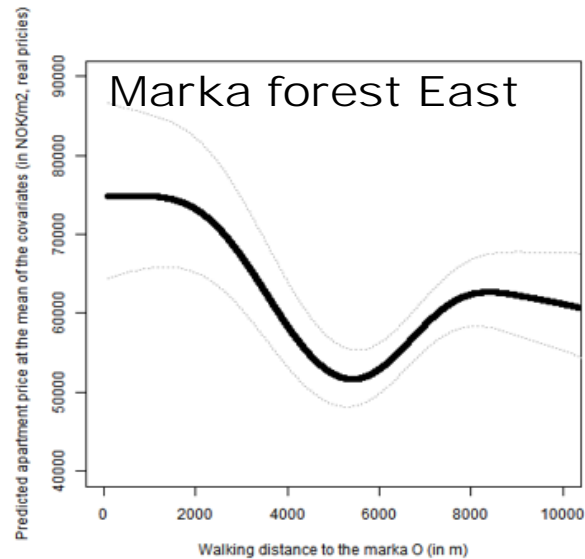
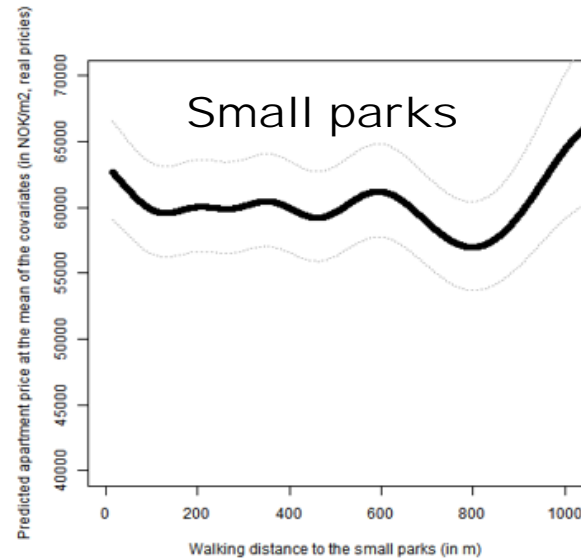
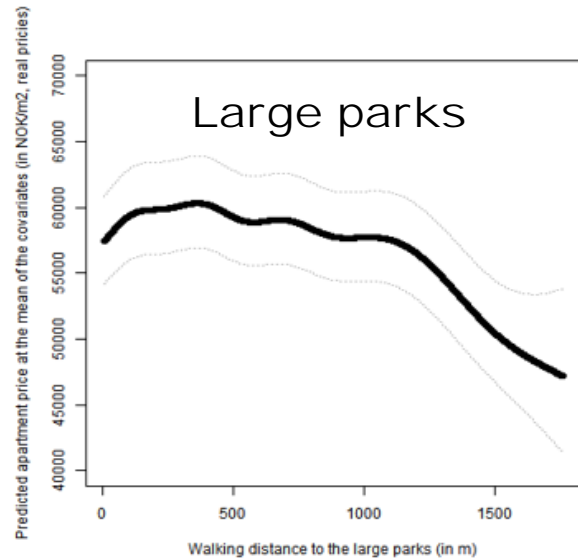
- spatial integration
- access to primary school
- access to highway ramps
- access to tram
- access to Marka peri-urban forest
- access to water
- access to park
- amenity diversity index
- socioeconomic index



Source: Heyman et al. 2017

Hedonic pricing (2018)

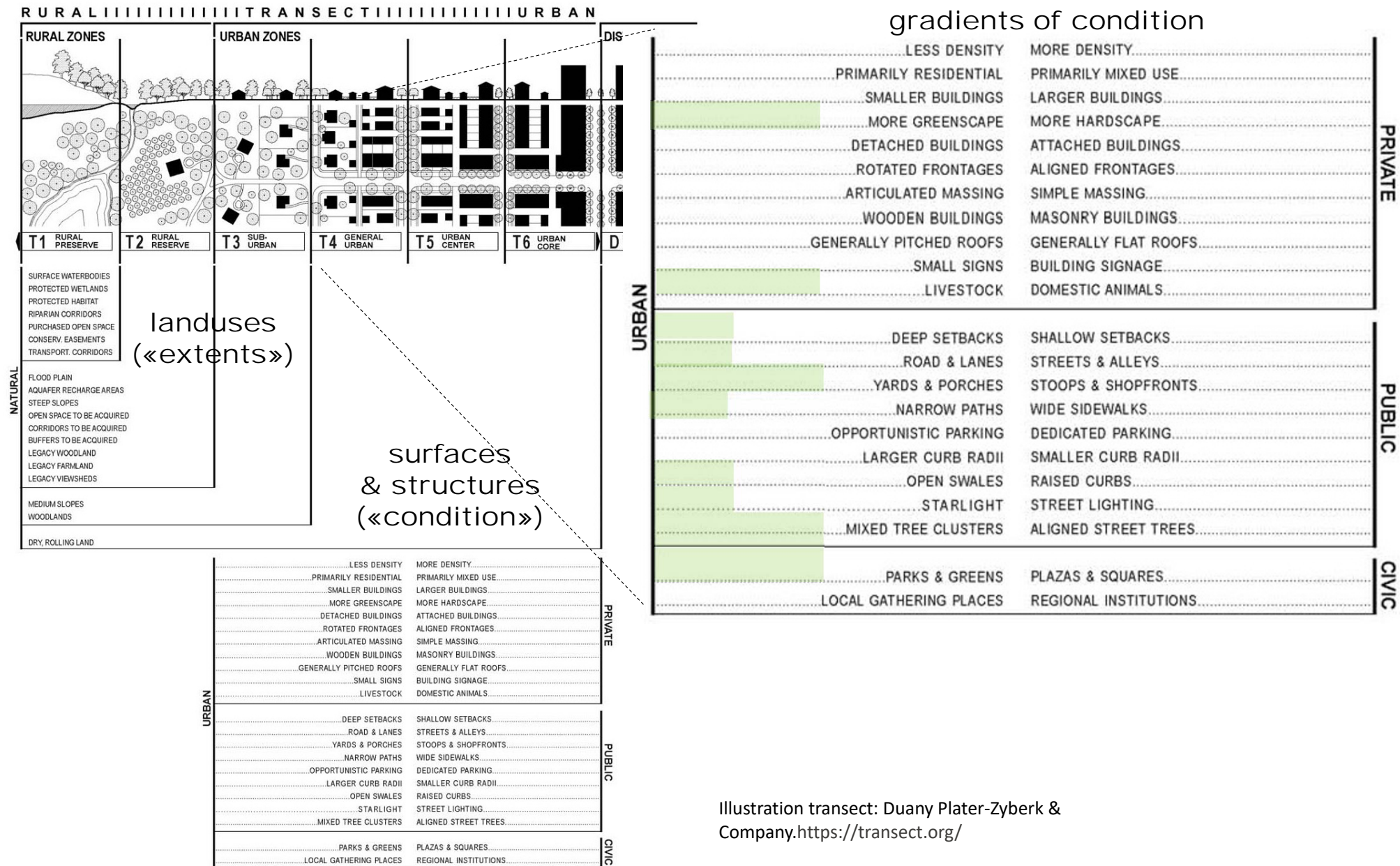
Non-linear, marginal value of proximity to «green spaces» varies by type and direction (and unobserved condition variables)



Source: Heyman et al. (2018) A revealed preference study of Oslo apartment transactions (forthcoming)

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Indicators of urban ecosystem extent-condition are nested, spatially autocorrelated and potentially double-counted in valuation

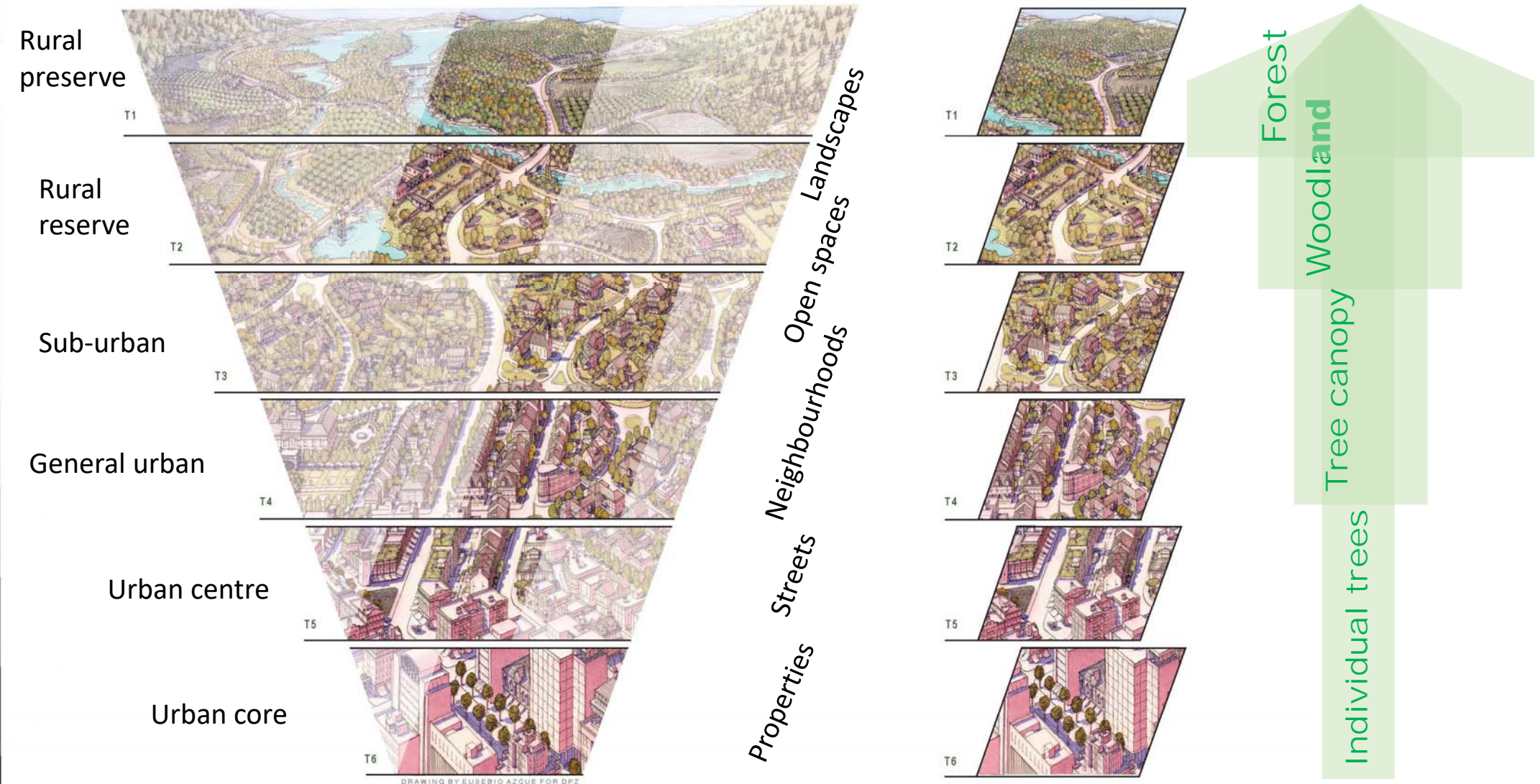


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Ecosystem condition at landscape scale

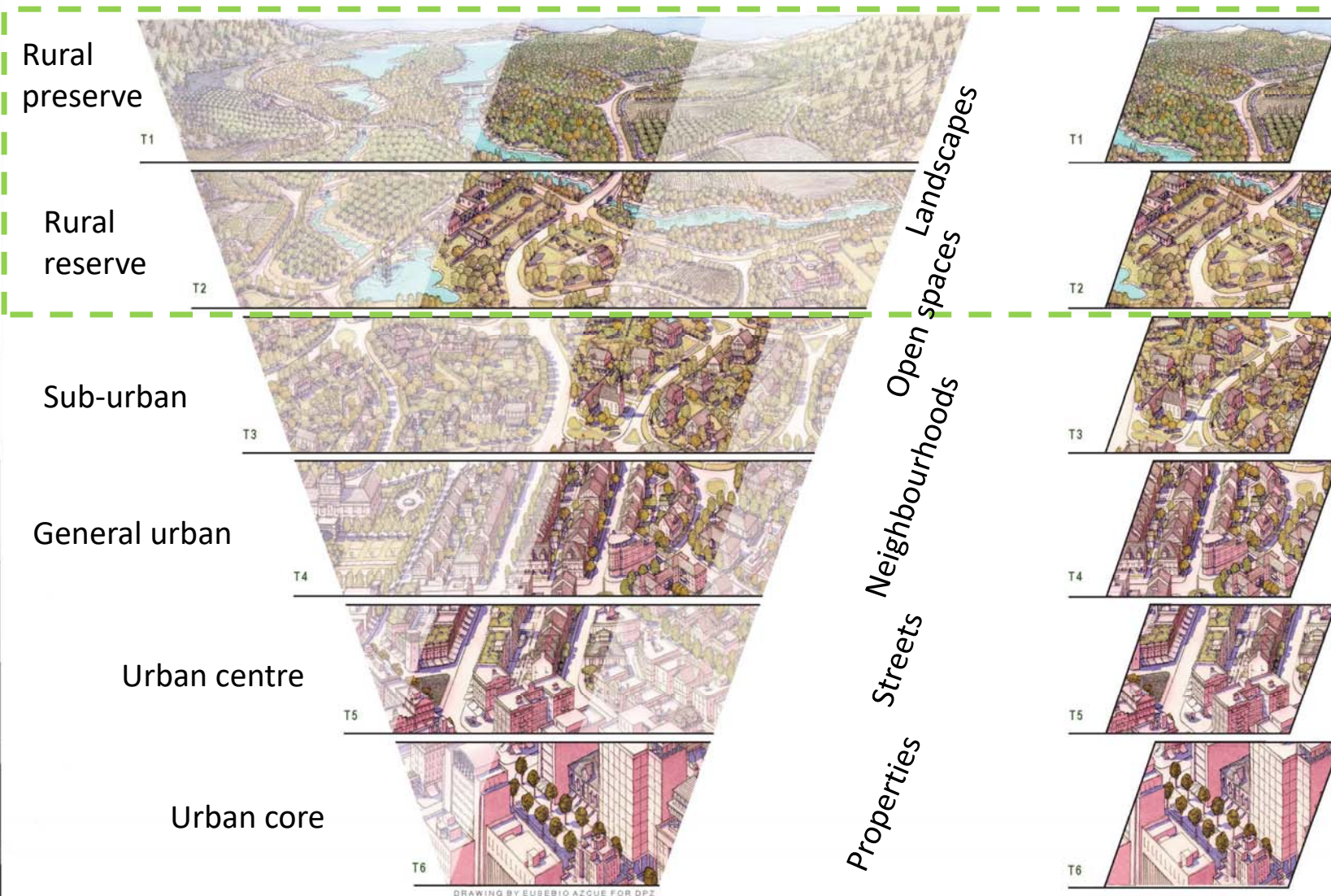
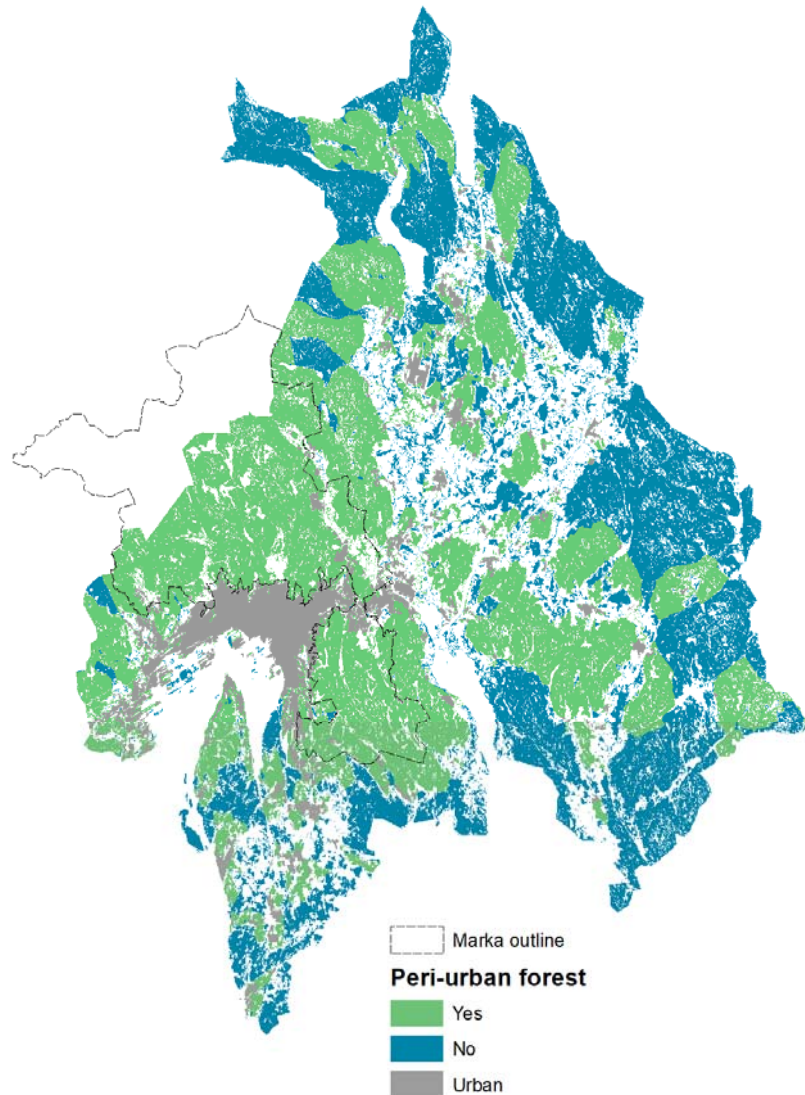


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"MARKA" PERI-URBAN FOREST AS EXTENTS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION



Oslo-Akershus counties

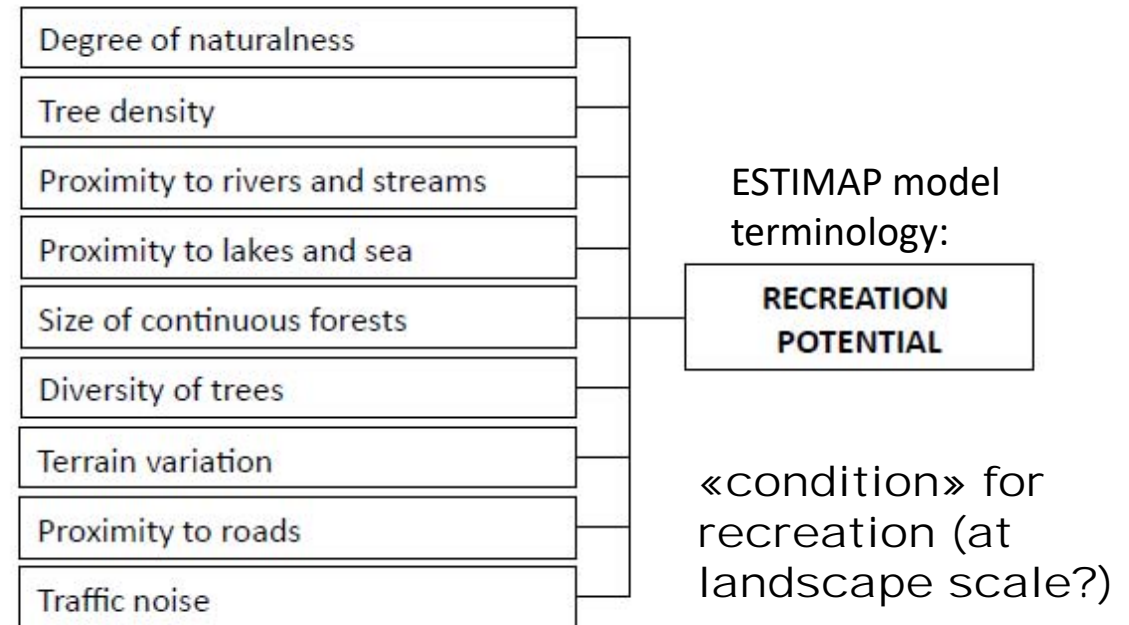
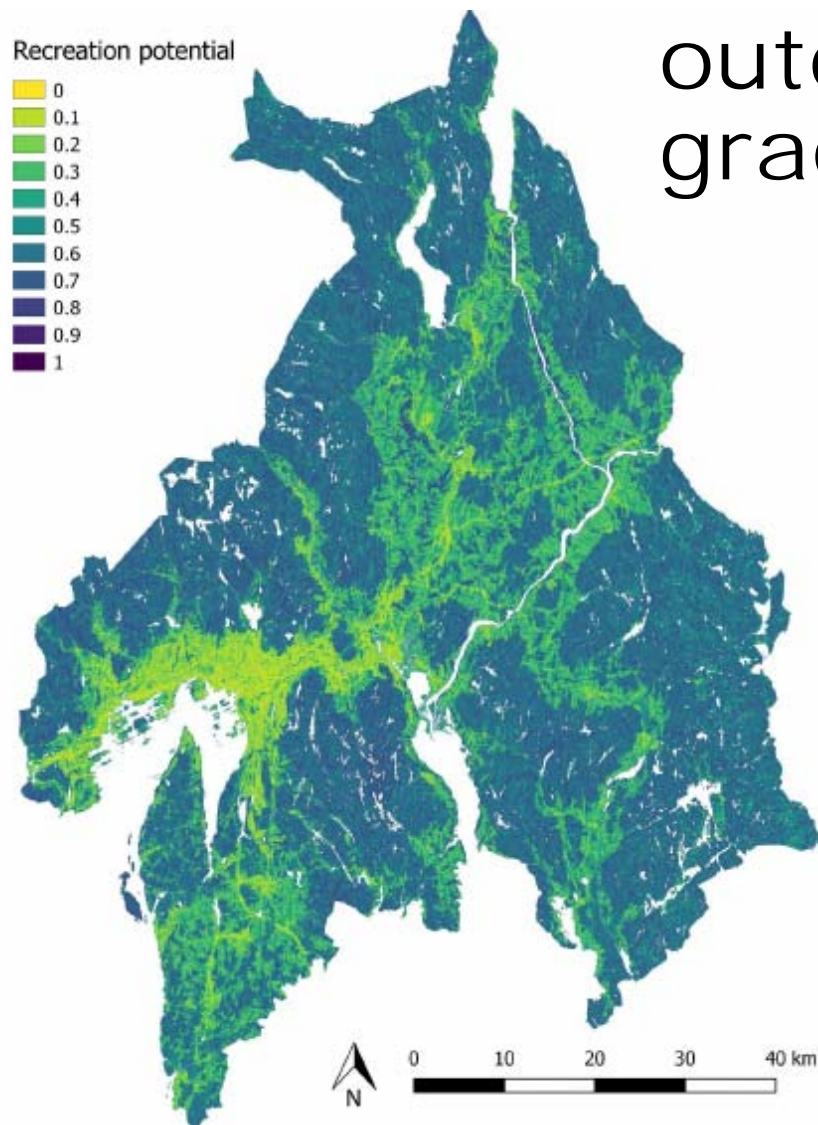
Peri-urban forest > 5000m²

Relevant classification for properties within peri-urban areas who do not have these surrounding forests as recreational destinations?

Does the size and quality of the forest patch matter?

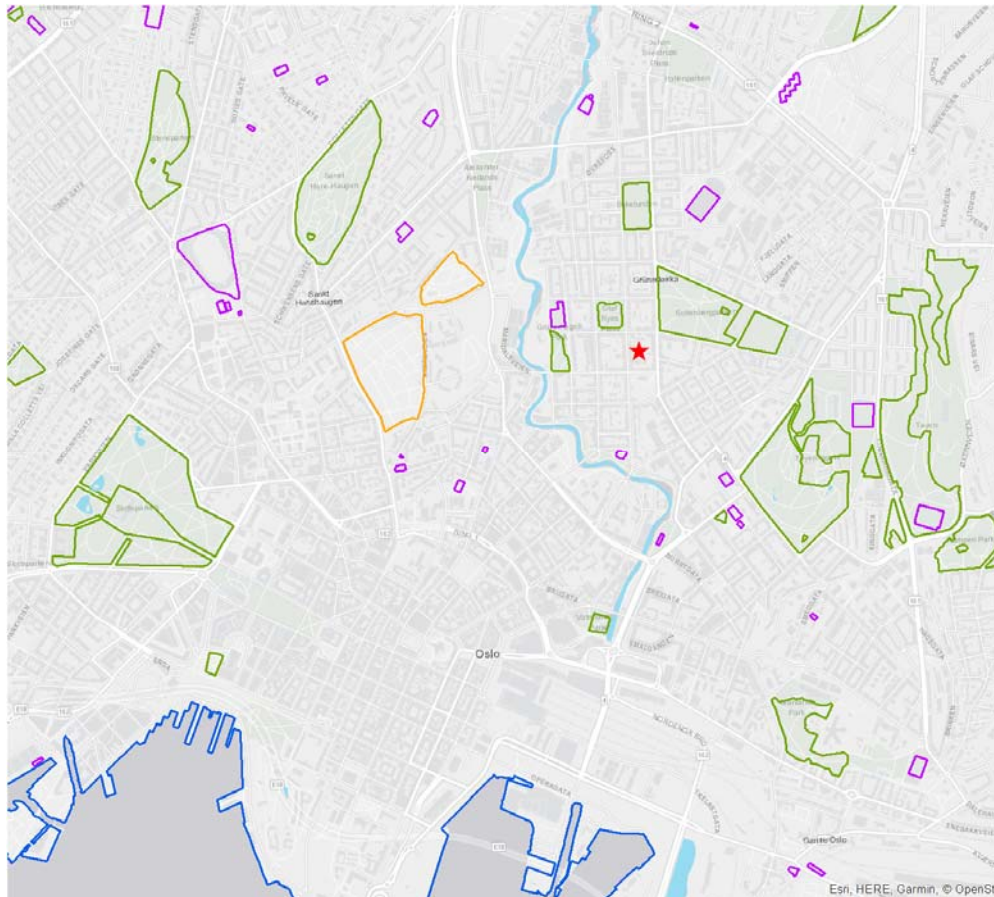
Slide: Megan Nowell, NINA

Landscape condition for outdoor recreation as gradients



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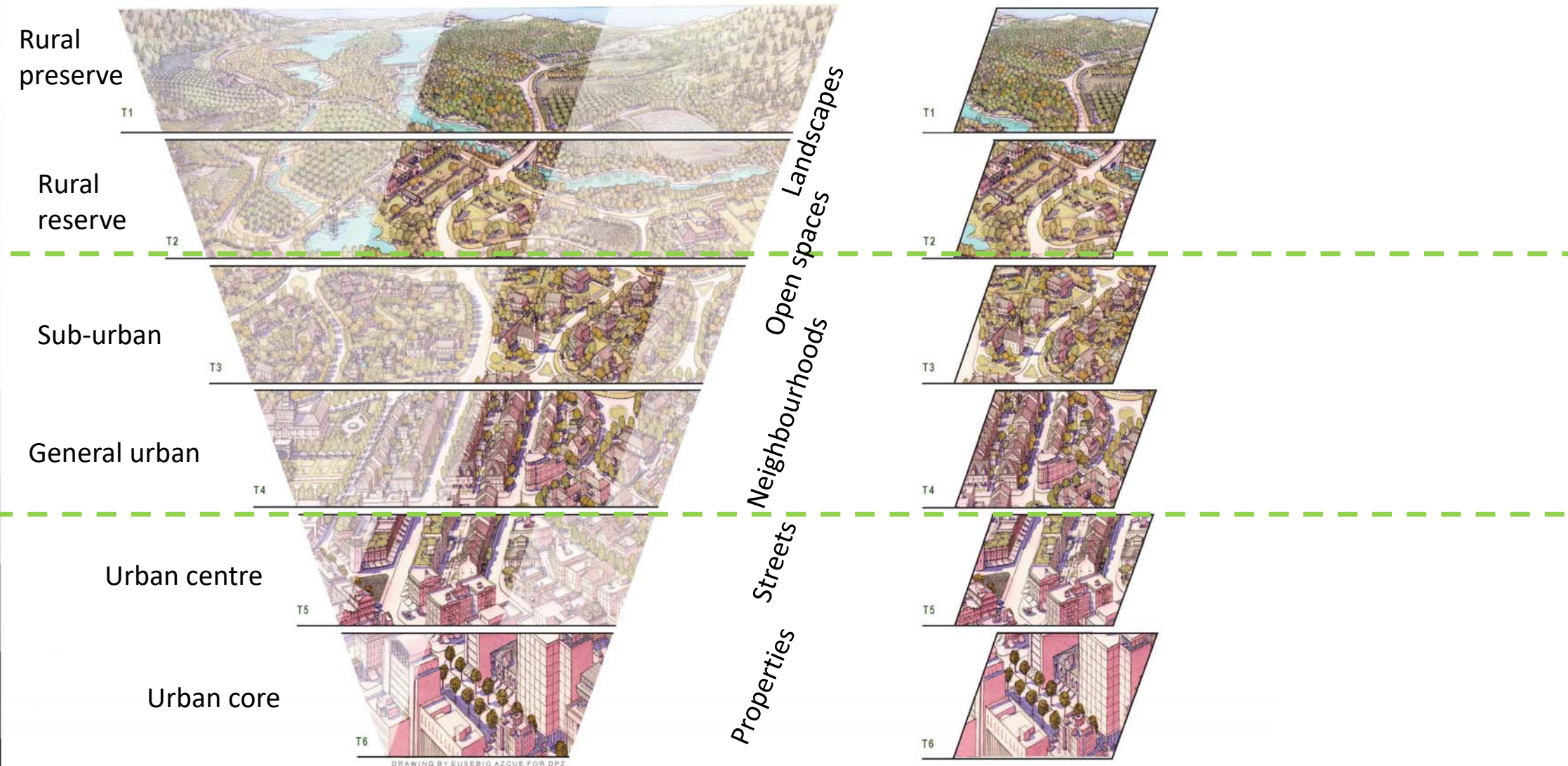
RECREATION AREA DESTINATIONS WITHIN THE BUILT ZONE



DISTANCE TO:

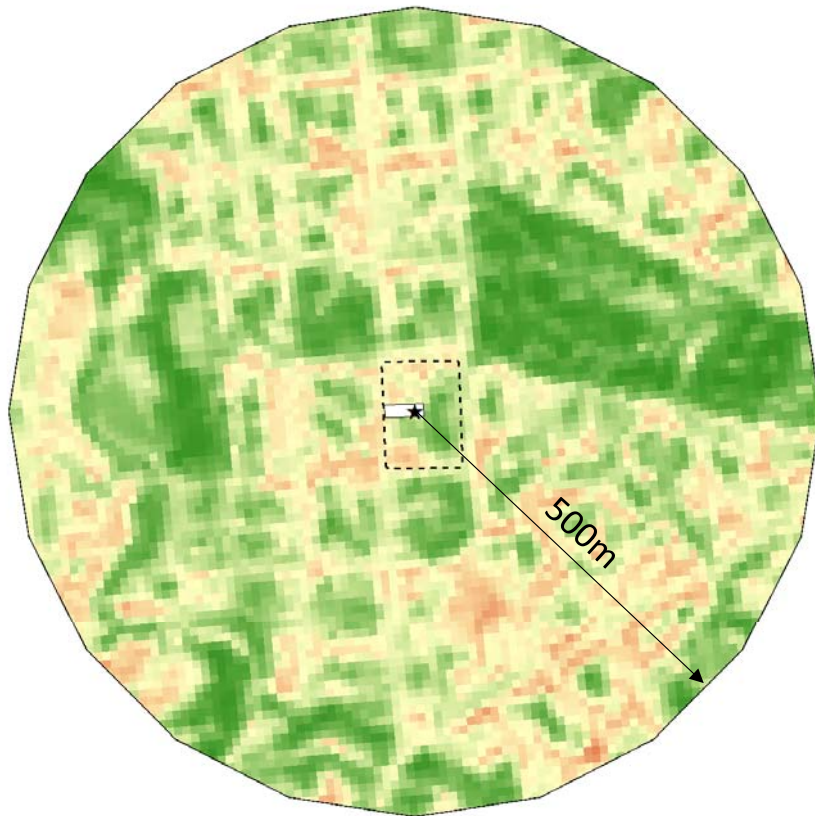
- Green spaces
- Sport facility
- Park
- Cemetery
- Friområde
- Marka forest
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Fjord

Ecosystem condition at neighbourhood scale

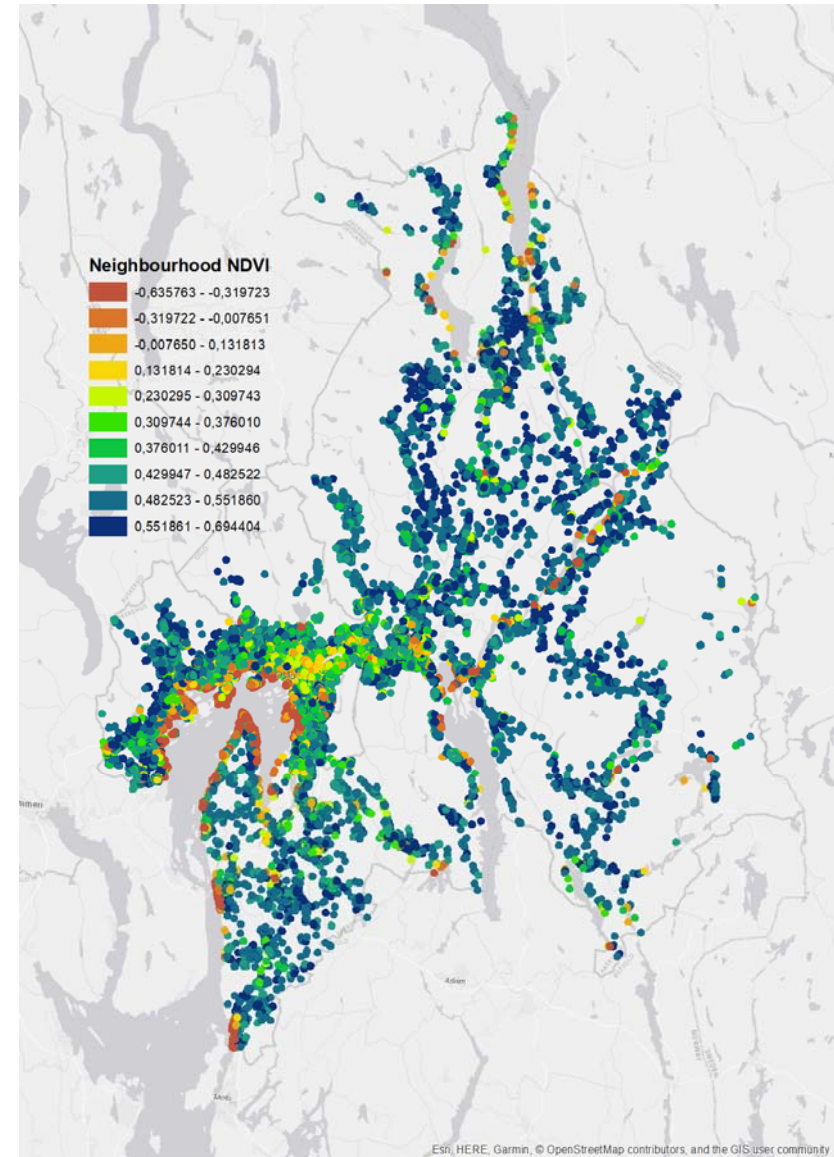


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NEIGHBOURHOOD GREENNESS



Sentinel-2 Normalized difference
vegetation index (NDVI)



Slide: Megan Nowell, NINA

Tree canopy density
(extent or condition?)



Structural diversity index (SDI) of public green spaces

E.S. Massoni et al./ Ecosystem Services 31 (2018) 502–516

Table 2

Structural elements included in the mapping exercise of the green spaces in Oslo.

Biotic elements	Abiotic elements	Man-made elements	
Forest dominance	Fountain	Public transport access	Swimming area
Grass dominance	River/water course/stream	Sitting facility	Silence/tranquility area
Balanced forest/grass	Lake/pond	Grill/Picnic	Cultural/art element
Old/big tree	Varied terrain	Fishing area by the fjord	Urban agriculture area
Tree species diversity		Dog facility	High presence of people
Shrub		Playground	Low presence of people
Fruit tree		Walking/Cycle path	High intensity lighting
Flowerbed		Sport equipment	Low intensity lighting
Wild plants and animals		Bars/restaurant	

Table 3

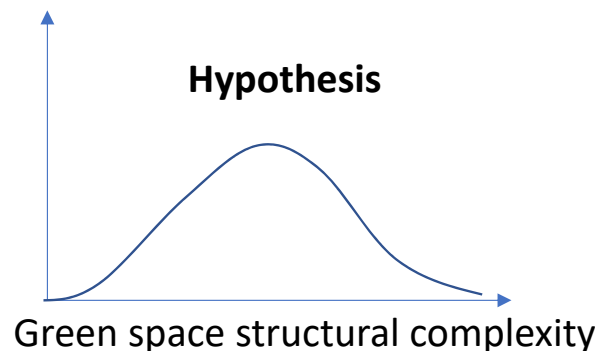
Biotic, abiotic and man-made elements. Structural diversity index – SDI – across 5 categories of green spaces according to their size. Mean and 95% confidence interval.

GREEN SPACE SIZE	BIOTIC ELEMENTS		ABIOTIC ELEMENTS		MAN-MADE ELEMENTS	
	Mean SDI	95%CI	Mean SDI	95%CI	Mean SDI	95%CI
Pocket (<0.1ha)	0.170	0.145 - 0.196	0.106	0.040 - 0.173	0.071	0.047 - 0.096
Pocket (<0.3ha)	0.205	0.184 - 0.226	0.129	0.083 - 0.175	0.083	0.069 - 0.097
Small (0.1-0.5ha)	0.208	0.185 - 0.232	0.163	0.110 - 0.216	0.105	0.086 - 0.124
Medium (0.5-10ha)	0.226	0.215 - 0.236	0.274	0.249 - 0.300	0.146	0.135 - 0.156
Big (>10ha)	0.326	0.285 - 0.368	0.531	0.456 - 0.605	0.255	0.211 - 0.299

Note: partially overlapping definitions of pocket green spaces are used for comparability with definitions in [Oslo Municipality \(2009\)](#) and [Nordh and Østby \(2013\)](#). Green spaces include parks, cementaries and unmanaged public open spaces.

Outdoor recreation preference

Hypothesis



SDI: Voigt et al. (2014)

Ecosystem condition at streetscape scale

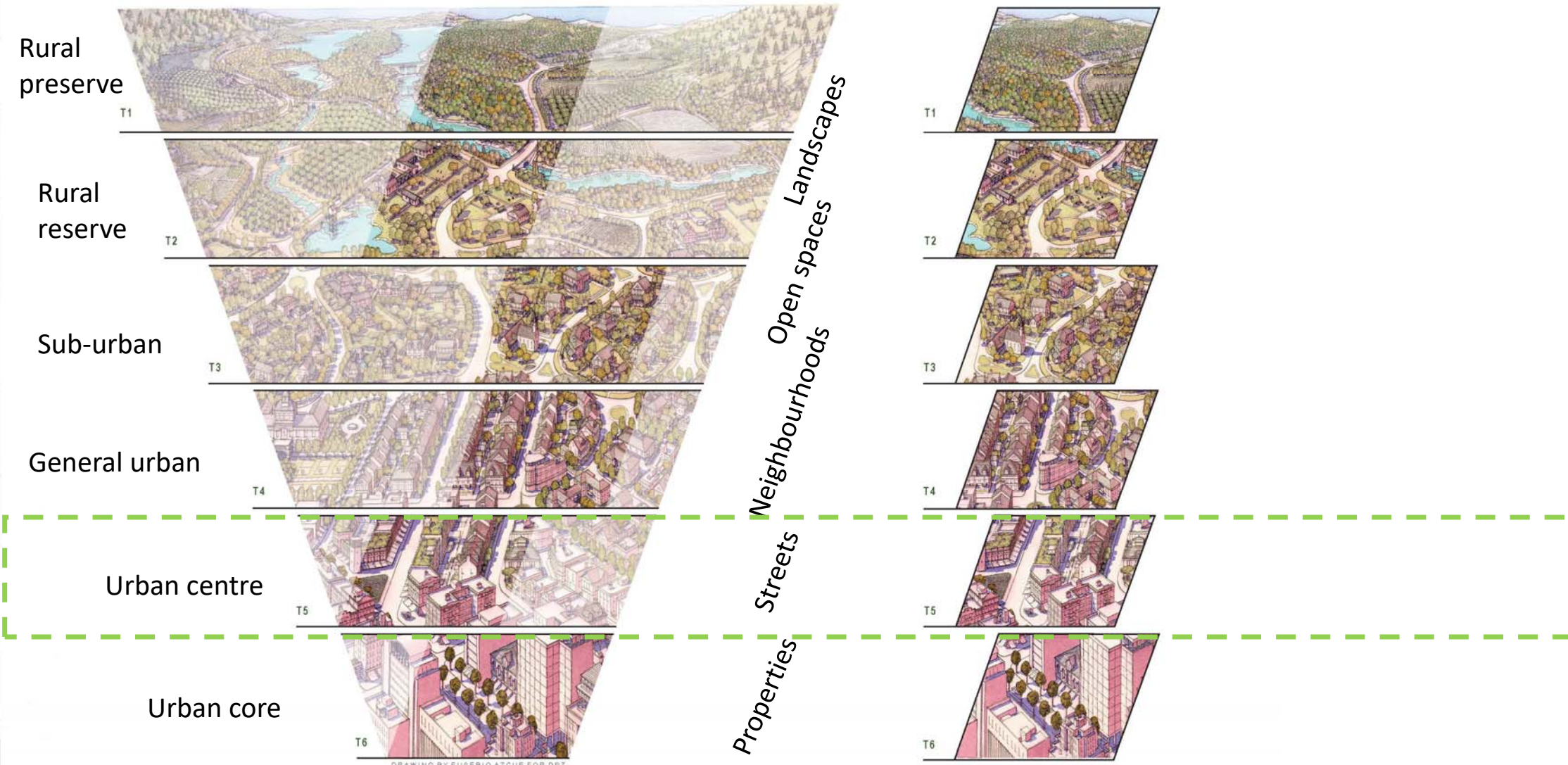
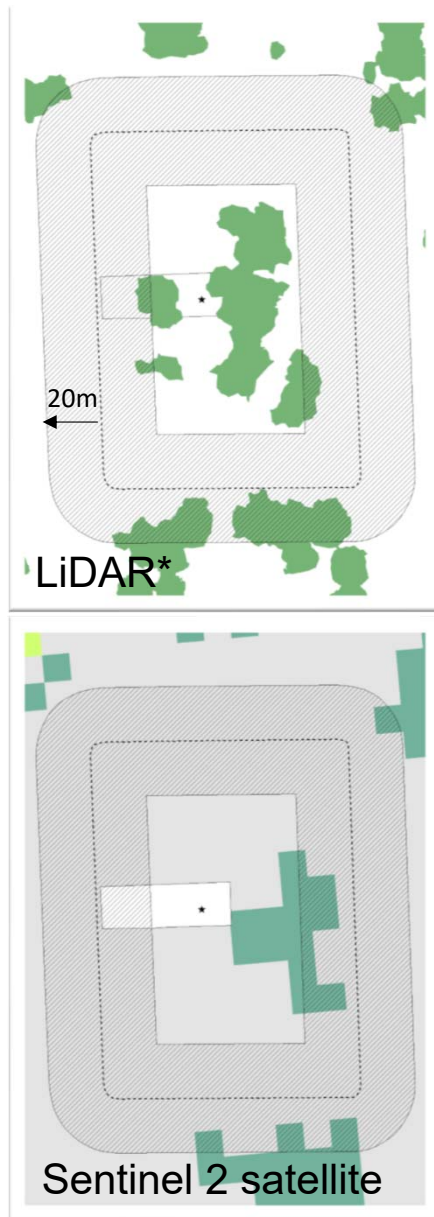


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STREET SEGMENT

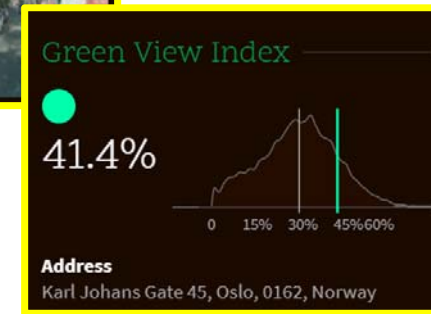
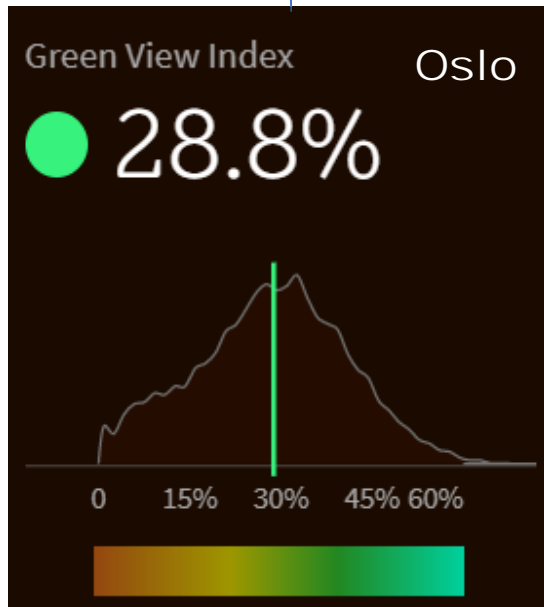
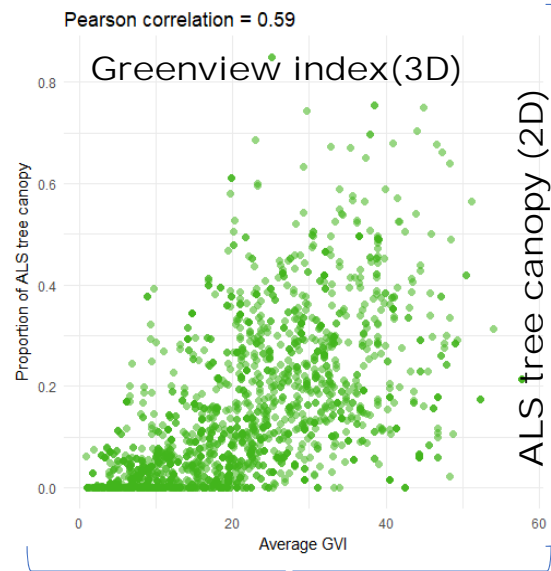
Tree canopy density
Green View Index*



*Oslo only

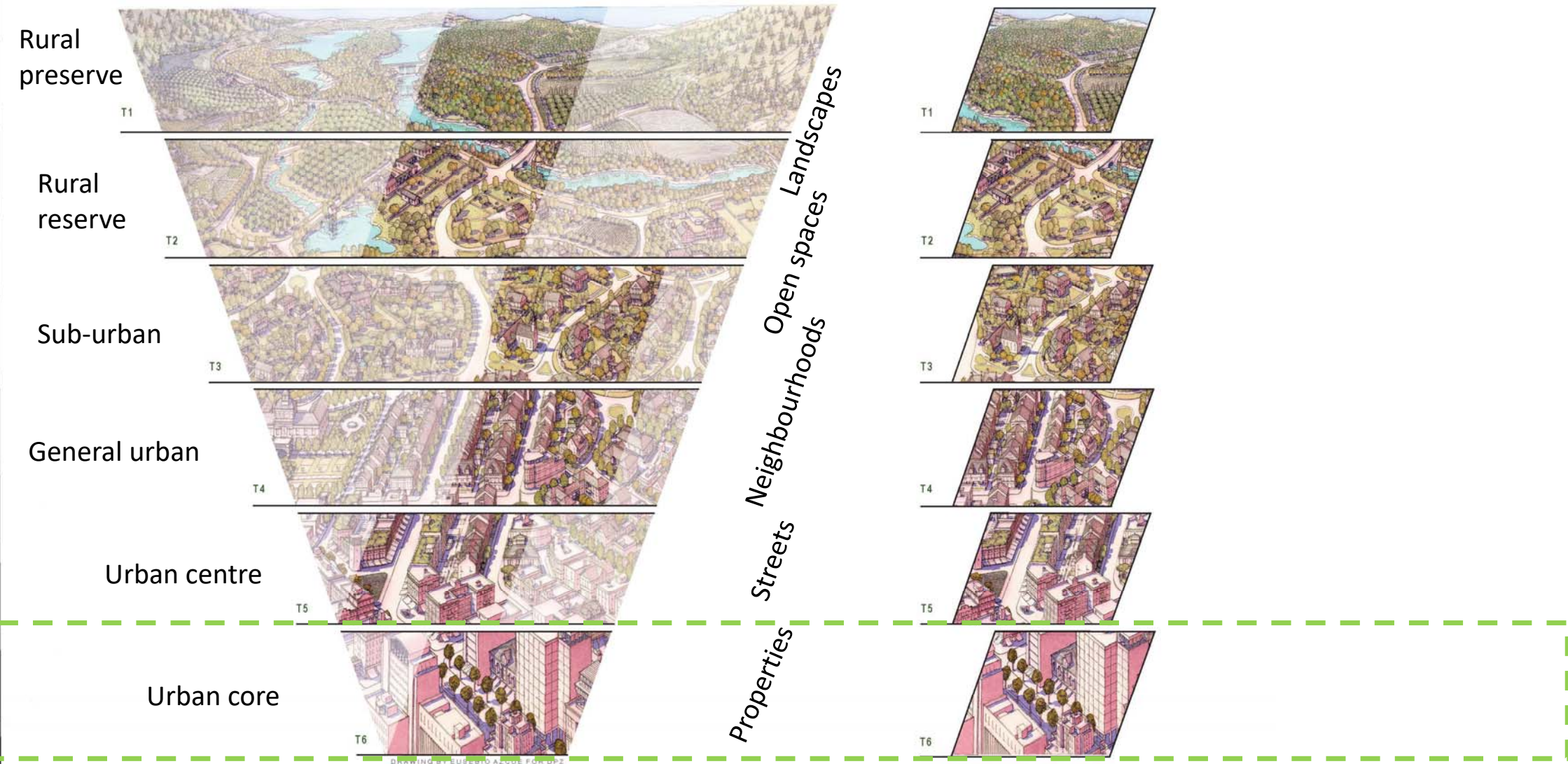
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Correlation remote sensing and human sensing?



Source: Greenview index. MIT Senseable City Lab

Ecosystem condition at plot scale

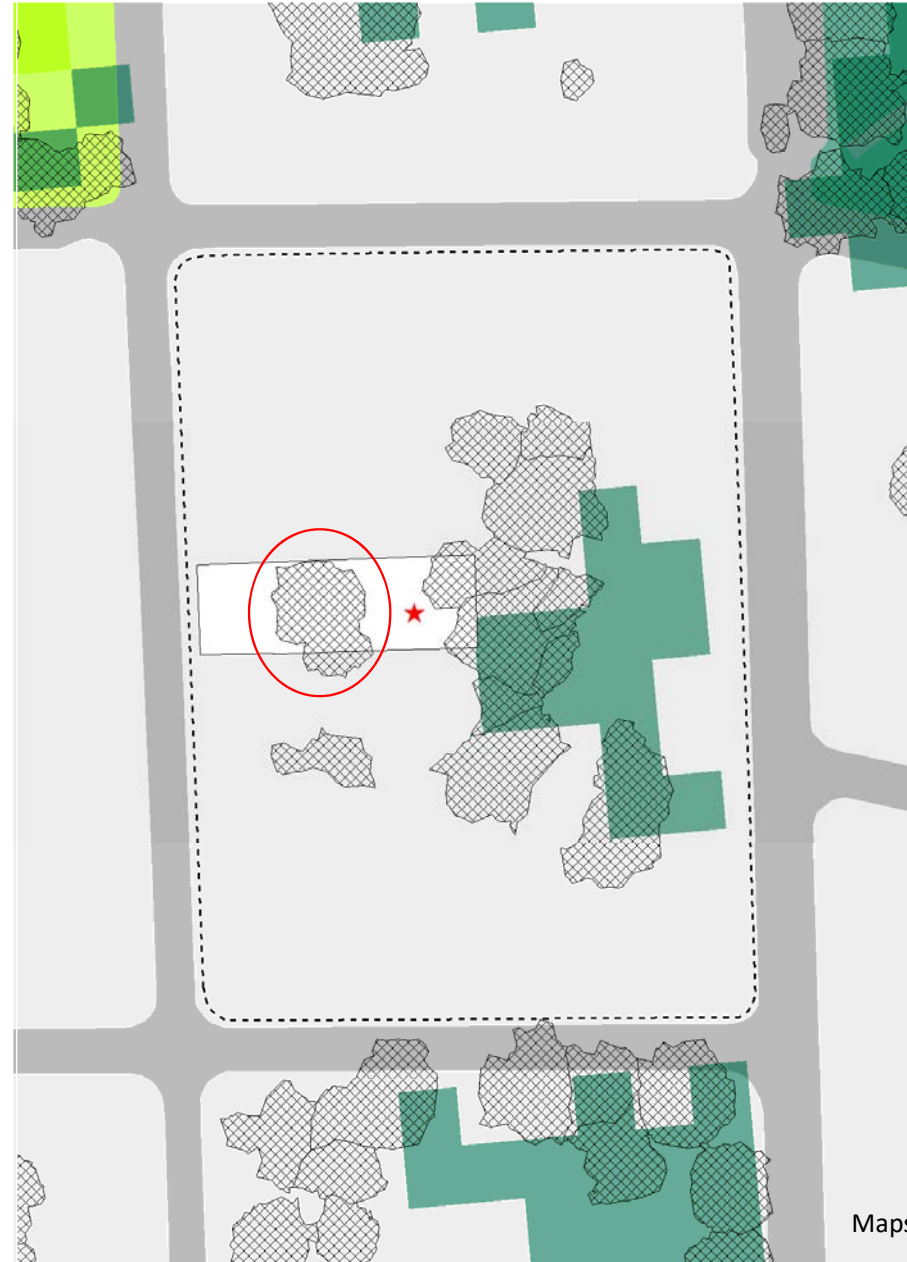
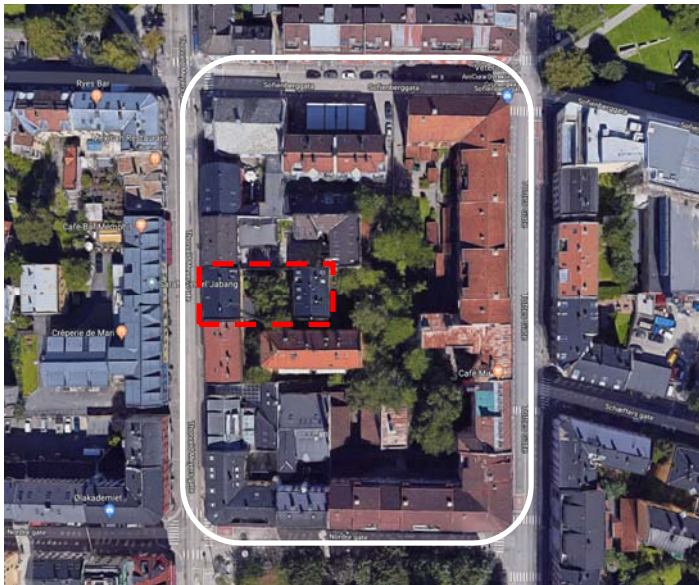


PLOT / PROPERTY

Water edge?

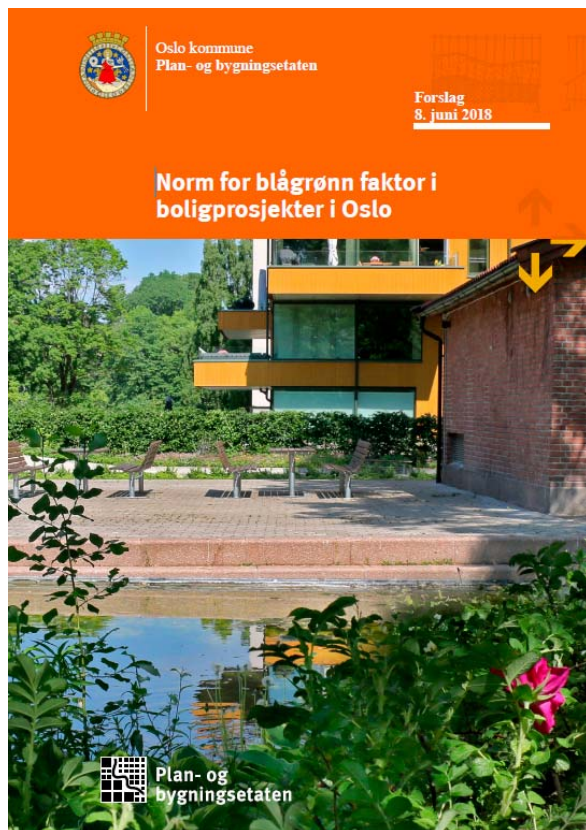
% Grass

% Tree canopy



Maps: Megan Nowell, NINA

Built blue-green structures on developed land



Source ES icons: Future Cities Project, Oslo Municipality
Source BGF icons: BGF norm 2018, PBE, Oslo Municipality

			Ecosystem services referred to in the BGF norm									
		Physical indicator	Stormwater management	Biodiversity	Good city life - recreation, mental and physical health	Good city life - aesthetics	Cleaning of water	Cleaning of air	Better sound environment	Urban agriculture	BGF values in the PBE 2018 norm	
	Overall relative importance in BGF norm		1	1	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0		
Icon	Blue green surfaces and structures:											
	GREEN TERRAIN	area	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	
	GREEN ROOF 2-20cm	area	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0.9	
	GREEN ROOF 20-60cm	area	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0.7	
	GREEN ROOF >60cm	area	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0.4	
	GREEN WALL	area	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.4	
	TERRAIN DEPRESSION	area	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	RAINBED	area	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	
	WADI	area	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	
	PERMANENT WATER SURFACE	area	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
	PARTIALLY PERMEABLE SURFACES	area	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
	IMPERMEABLE SURFACE DRAINING TO RAINBED	area	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	
	EXISTING TREES > 90cm dbh	number	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	25	
	EXISTING TREES < 90cm dbh	number	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	12,5	
	NEW TREES >10m height	number	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	10	
	NEW TREES <10m height	number	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	5	
	BUSHES	area	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0.4	
	STRENGTHEN BLUE GREEN STRUCTURE CONNECTIVITY	connections	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.05	

Source: matrix own elaboration

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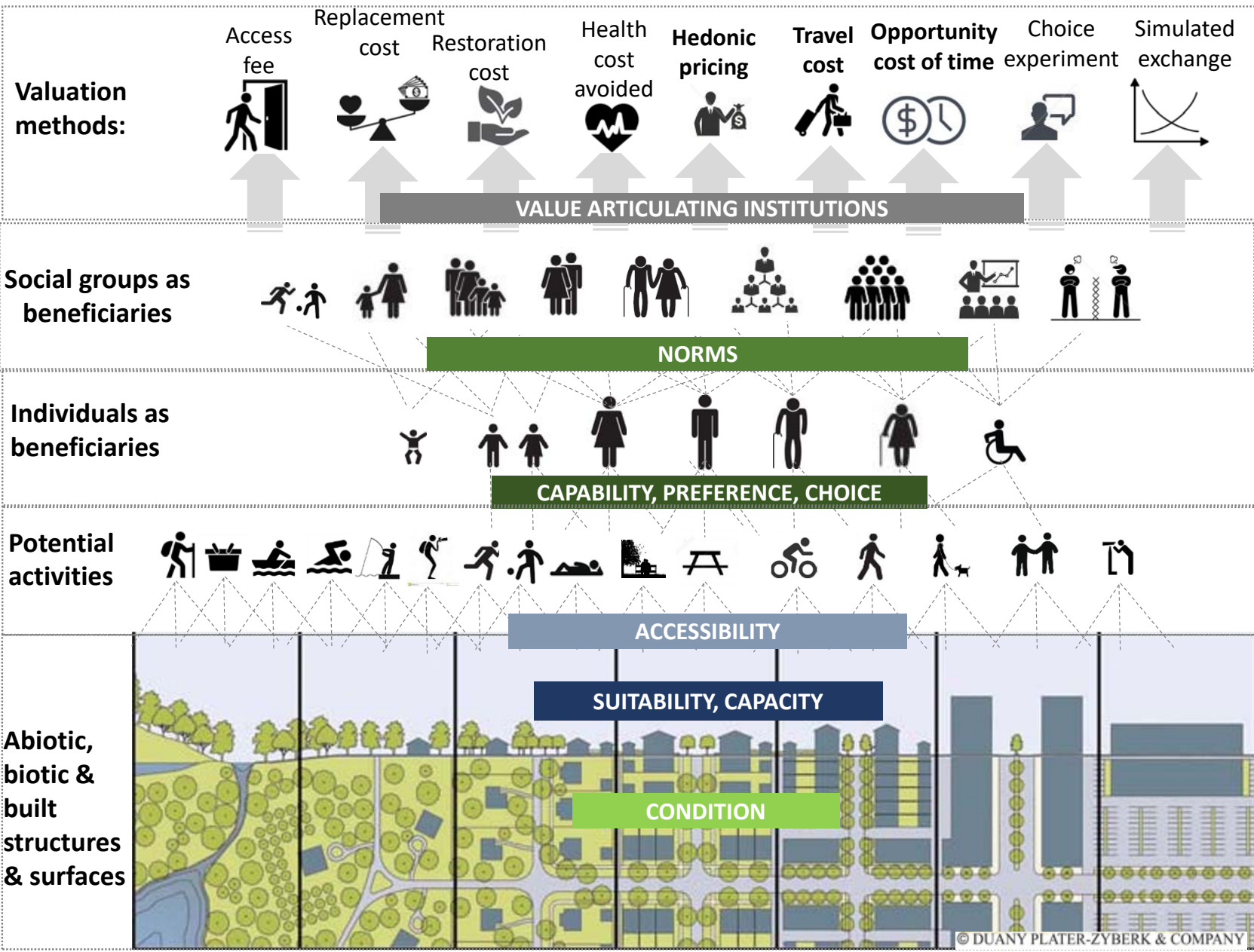
Institutional context of use accounts at municipal level

How closely are **use** accounts aligned with **beneficiaries** (as institutions, organised interests)?

Table 4.3.1 Biophysical ecosystem service use account 2013 for the Netherlands, with total biophysical use per economic user (ISIC)

Ecosystem service	Unit	Economic users (ISIC)													Total
		A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	B,C - Mining and manufacturing	D - Electricity	E - Water supply	F-H - Construction, wholesale and transportation	I,R - Accommodation and food service, culture, sports and recreation	Other sectors	Export	Households	Government	Investments	Inventories	Environment (Global goods)	
Crop production	ktons	16,259													16,259
Fodder production	ktons	16,039													16,039
Wood production	1000 m3	1,085													1,085
Biomass production	ktons			360											360
Drinking water production	mln m3				413										413
Carbon sequestration in biomass	ktons													975	975
Pollination	ktons	534													534
Natural pest control	-	x													x
Erosion control	ktons soil	1,880	30	0	26	158	129	60		277	2,328				4,888
Air filtration	tons PM10									23,843					23,843
Protection against heavy rainfall	mln ltr in 1 hour	505,633	2,001	43	689	13,665	22,352	12,255		59,861	286,629				903,127
Nature recreation (hiking)	mln hikers									24,060					24,060
Nature tourism	1000 stays						12,916								12,916

Source: CBS and WUR (2018) **The SEEA EEA biophysical ecosystem service supply-use account for the Netherlands**



Alternative disaggregation of ecosystem service **use accounts** at local level?

city districts/neighbourhoods
public/private owners

high/low income households
households with children

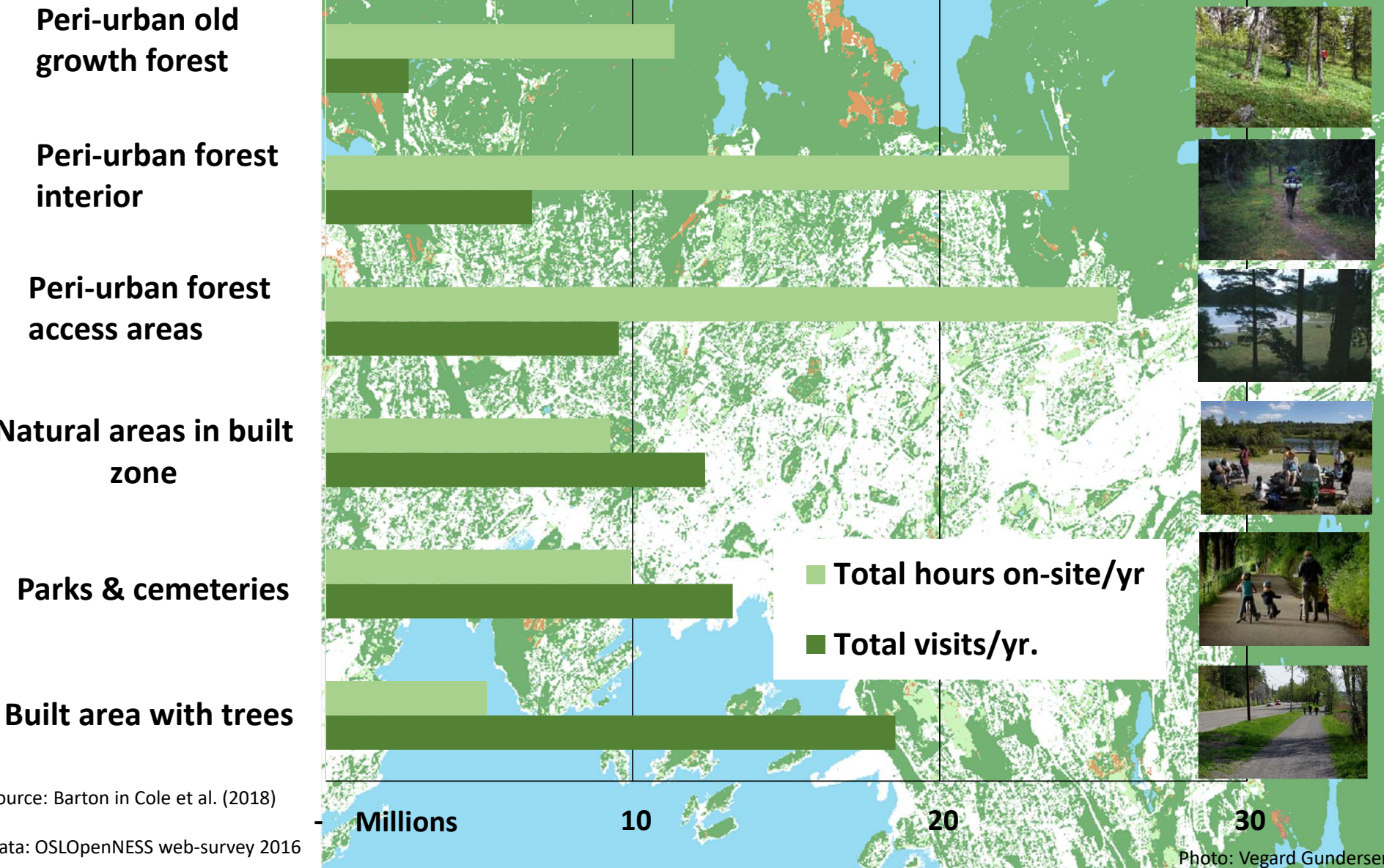
young/old

Special interest:
Hiking, walking dog, biking,
skiing, boating

Source: adapted Barton (2016)

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Alternative - Recreation valuation of time on-site



Legend

- water
- tree
- mire
- grass
- development
- agriculture



Source: Barton in Cole et al. (2018)
Data: OSLOpenNESS web-survey 2016

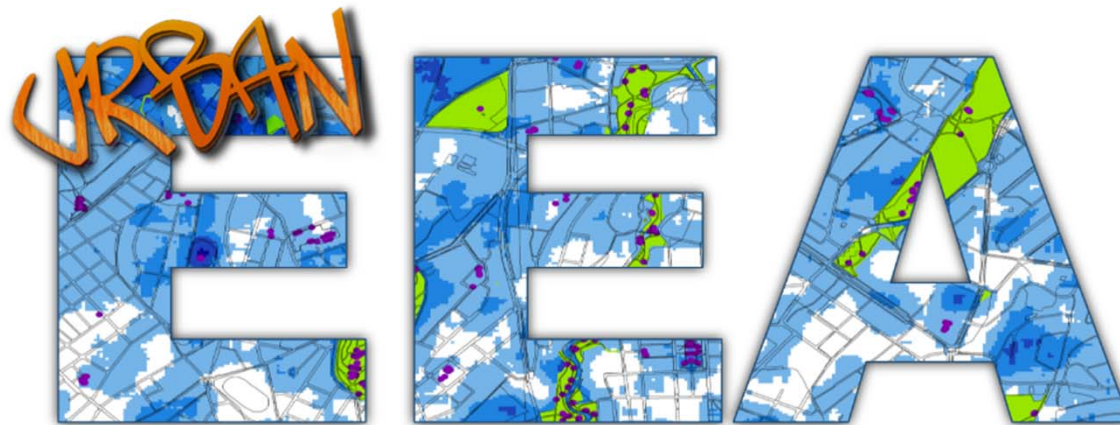
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Final thoughts & questions

1. Mapping of **ecosystem condition** is key to valuation of urban recreation and amenities
2. Valuation methods depend on different **political constituencies** within the general sector «households» >> specify use accounts?
3. Recreation and amenity values are **trippel counted**, but each are useful for different aspects of **municipal planning**
4. Further work on valuation of **time on-site** needed
5. Urban ecosystem accounts as **parallel thematic accounts** because of issues with *extent-condition confounding* and *plural, diverse double counted values*?



go raibh maith agat!



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