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Activity line: ecosystem services

The ecosystem self-assessment
in the Adapt My City tool, a stepwise method to
identify, assess and value ecosystem services

In leaps and bounds to a water sensitive city

ABOUT THE ECOSYSTEM SELF-ASSESSMENT IN THE ADAPT MY CITY TOOL

The ecosystem self-assessment component of the Adapt My City tool helps to understand how climate change adaptation projects influence natural systems in cities and how they subsequently influence the wellbeing of residents (Figure 1).

The ecosystem self-assessment supports informed decision-making, while leaving it to the users to choose the levels of inclusiveness, precision, and certainty. The method does not impose directions for action. It rather presents perspectives. Whether positive impacts should be strived for or whether negative impacts are acceptable is left at the discretion of the users.





HOW TO ASSESS ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN MIDSIZE CITIES

In four steps the ecosystem self-assessment presents multiple options to identify, assess, and value ecosystem services. The options are described in a 'cookbook'. This enables users to tailor their analysis to local context and needs. The cookbook also includes tips and tricks, for instance on data-availability and how to navigate capacity issues.

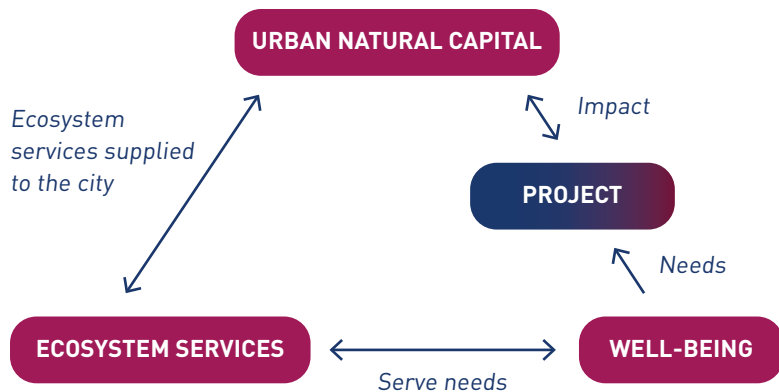
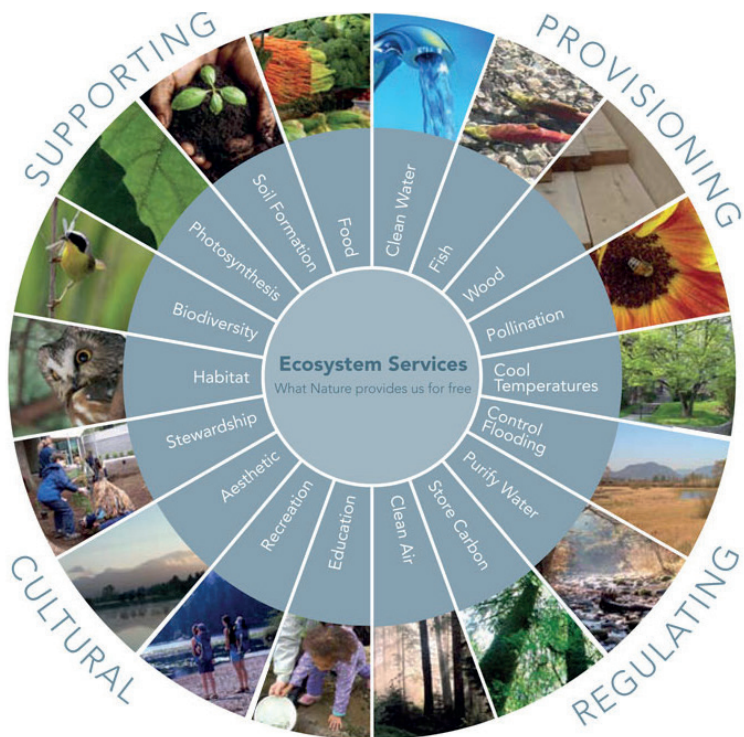


Figure 1. How adaptation projects influence natural systems in cities and the wellbeing of residents.





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