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From regional planning to local projects: designing green infrastructures

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#### introduction

Brazilian urban areas present basic problems related to:

- Sanitation
- Heat islands
- Floods
- Lack of green areas
- Mental health
- Land use and land cover changes

resilience improvement is needed

## background

• central idea:

green infrastructure (GI) as a promoter of urban resilience and quality of life

• second most relevant idea:

start from a broader view until we look into the small pieces (from regional plans >> to municipal plans >> to projects)

# GI complementary to grey infrastructure

- one of the main characteristics: **connectivity**
- capable of fulfilling environmental, social and economic functions
- able to provide ecosystem services:
  - Protect against flooding
  - Provide food
  - Improve air quality
  - Regulate climate
  - Provide spaces for cultural, religious and recreational activities
  - Improve landscape

## GI characteristics and benefits

- multi-scale and multi-functional interconnected network
  - urban and rural areas
  - public and private lands
- natural and built structures

Urban farming	Natural parks		Wetlands	
		Urban parks	parks	Green walls
Riparian vegetation			Rain ponds	
	Gre	en areas		C

Urban reforestation

Green roots

#### GI in Brazil

Isolated projects from private investors

Lack of connectivity

Weak relation to public policies

### regional planning

Ecologic-economic zoning:

- A regional planning tool (state or group of municipalities)
- Based on vulnerabilities and potencialities of the physical environment
- Identifies areas to be protected or recovered
- Puts different protection rules into one plan
- Designs ecological corridors
- Considers water bodies and riparian vegetation
- Able to look to municipal areas in na integrated way

# municipal planning

Master plan:

- Basic Urban Policy tool
- Sets land use guidelines
- Links urban and rural areas (able to promote connectivity)
- Works together with other tools (to put things in practice)
- COULD BE more directly linked to Project Design and Implementation, i.e., GI projects

# the proposal

EEZ with the regional and environmental perspective









#### challenges

- no SEA in formal practice
- difficulties in overlapping plans
- public and government recognition of the importance of GI

## Let's continue the conversation!

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