

Sustainability in the City and Beyond

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We are living in an increasingly urbanized world. 82% of Canadians and more than half of the world's population live in urban areas. As cities continue to grow across Canada and the world, they are dramatically altering the environments we live in, which has cascading effects on the life that co-inhabits cities with us. The growth of cities also drives resource use and environmental change globally. In this talk, I will discuss how urbanization alters our environments and answer three specific questions. First, can we make cities kinder on the environment? Second, can we make cities healthier for humans? And finally, what can you do to help promote healthier urban environments for all life. The answers to these questions are at the heart of living sustainably on Earth



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