

The Green Charta of Milan (Charta Verde di Milano) 2010 June

1. Public place in the city has the same importance as private place. In order to make public place achieve all its functions it is necessary to handle **green** from the very beginning of the formation of plans at minimum as **equal to red (buildings), grey (roads) and blue (water)**, since green has not just aesthetic value: it is the environment that brings environmental, social and economic well being to the citizens.
2. **Pedestrian and slow traffic areas** allow a better use of public places assuring better opportunity to utilize the value of the urban landscape.
3. Sustainable cities need to use **transport** possibilities with **low emission of carbonates**.
4. The quality green spaces, both public and private, lead to a better city life and economic benefits – **green cities will help to enhance competitiveness and attract inward investments**.
5. All evidence show that **each single tree** that is in a good health condition contribute to improve quality life in cities: it produces O₂, baffles water, absorbs CO₂, clean the air and counteracts heat island effects.
6. **Green roof** and roof garden improve energy efficiency of buildings and help to address the urban heat island effects. They also contribute to enhance conditions to sustain biodiversity.
7. For a better environmental sustainability all new constructions and new urban projects have to have **renewable energy resources integrated to the landscape** as well as appropriate **selective waste collection/management systems** in order to guarantee the reuse and recycle of materials and energy.

8. It is favourable to create green infrastructure so called „**Green Rays**” to allow the movement of people and wildlife between parks and other green spaces (surrounding ecosystems) with the goal of having quality urban green spaces accessible for any citizen within a **300 meters range**.
9. The **peri-urban agriculture** is very important to green cities: supply the city’s need for countryside goods and services, e.g.: healthy, fresh and cheap food supply.
10. **Planting a new tree** is a symbolic action and meanwhile a concrete civil commitment.

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