



# URBAN NATURE PLANS +

Short brief: step 1 for  
urban nature plans





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*Nature belongs in our cities and urban nature plans are a key! This short brief provides a quick read on step 1 for urban nature plans.*



## Exploring the process - Step 1: Political commitment

The first essential step in developing a UNP is to secure political commitment. This commitment ensures that urban nature and biodiversity is a priority, with resources and support from the highest levels of government. It's crucial for breaking down silos, coordinating across departments and integrating nature-based solutions into urban planning. A strong political foundation sets the tone for successful, long-term change.

Key actions:

- ✓ Official endorsement from city council or mayor.
- ✓ Cross-departmental involvement from different municipal sectors.
- ✓ A clear public statement on political intentions.

## Want to learn more?

Guidance	<a href="#">Connecting Nature Framework Guidebook</a> Designing and implementing nature-based solutions on a scale that delivers economic, environmental and social co-benefits, while also building resilience and benefiting biodiversity is complex with many different issues to consider. This report presents a holistic approach to creating nature-based solutions that is characterised by three concepts: the process is iterative; co-production is best; and the ongoing monitoring of goals and impacts is critical.
Tool	<a href="#">Taking Action for Urban Nature: Effective Governance Solutions</a> This report looks at how to connect top-down policies that promote nature-based solutions for biodiversity, climate and environmental goals and bottom-up initiatives that stress their value in providing green space, well-being and economic development. Using emerging opportunities, working with intermediary organisations and champions, as well as making the benefits of nature-based solutions for a range of people and organisations visible and valued can help bridge this gap.



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