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# Volunteered Geographic Information: Emerging Applications in Public Science and Citizen Participation

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Increased participation by citizens and communities in environmental application and planning processes has generated various research in the area of citizen-centric land and environmentally-related planning, design, and management. The availability of geographic data collection opportunities and the dissemination of online large repositories have the potential to complement, update or even replace data obtained from traditional sources, effectively necessitates new scientific data handling for mining, interpreting and analyzing, and for integrating citizens' opinions into the various processes. The primary objective of this Special Issue is to promote a deeper understanding of land and environmentally-related perspectives of user-generated geographic addressing topics such as land administration and management (cadastre), urban and environmental planning, sustainable development, data integration, standardization and quality, analysis processes, and OpenStreetMap.

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