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# Torrential Floods Prevention

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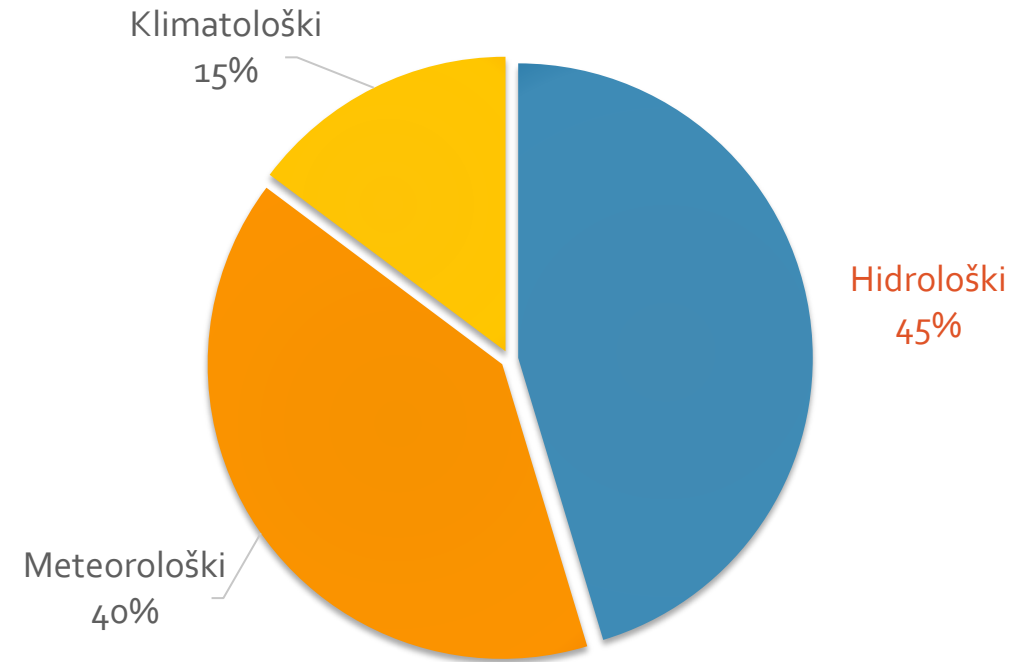




# Damage due to hydromet. hazards 1980-2021

EU, 1980-2020 (EEA,  
2022):

- 510 billion EUR;
- 85.000 human lives



EMDAT (2021)





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### 2018 West Japan (over 200 dead)



### 2016 North Japan (27 dead)



### 2014 Hiroshima (74 dead)



### 2017 North Kyushu (42 dead)



### 2019 Typhoon Hagibis (96 dead)

### 2015 Kinugawa (20 dead)

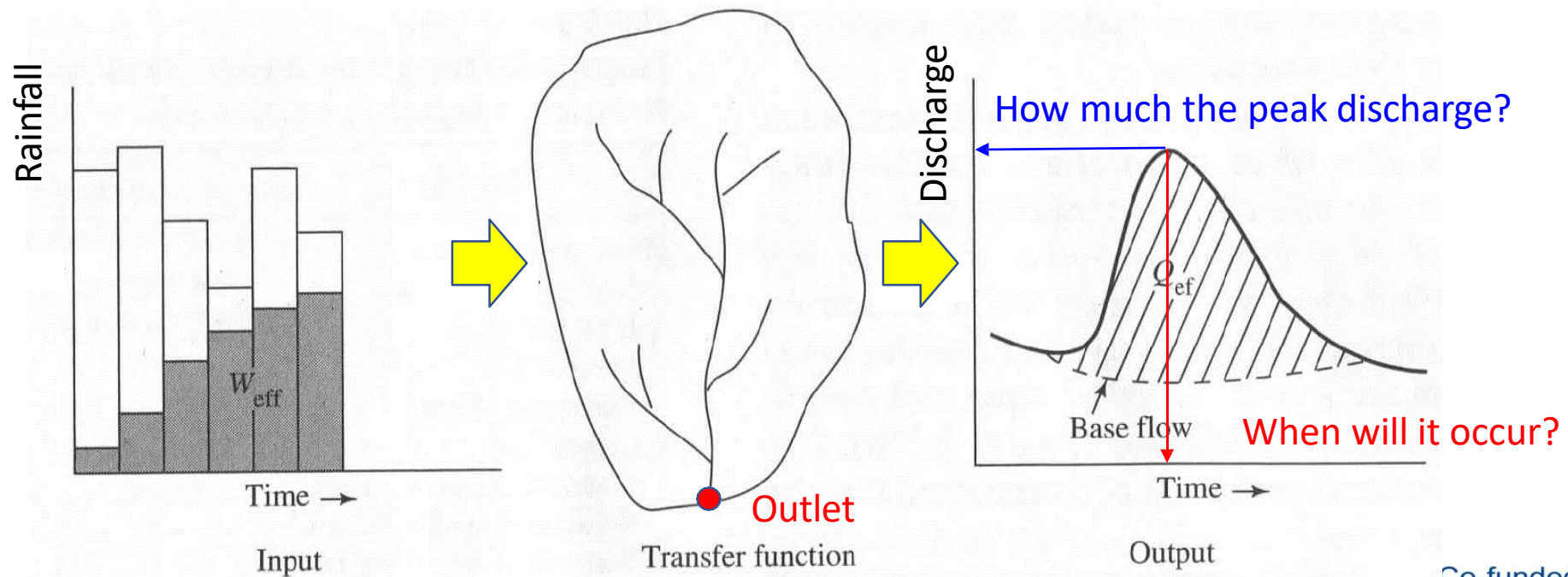


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# Rainfall-runoff analysis

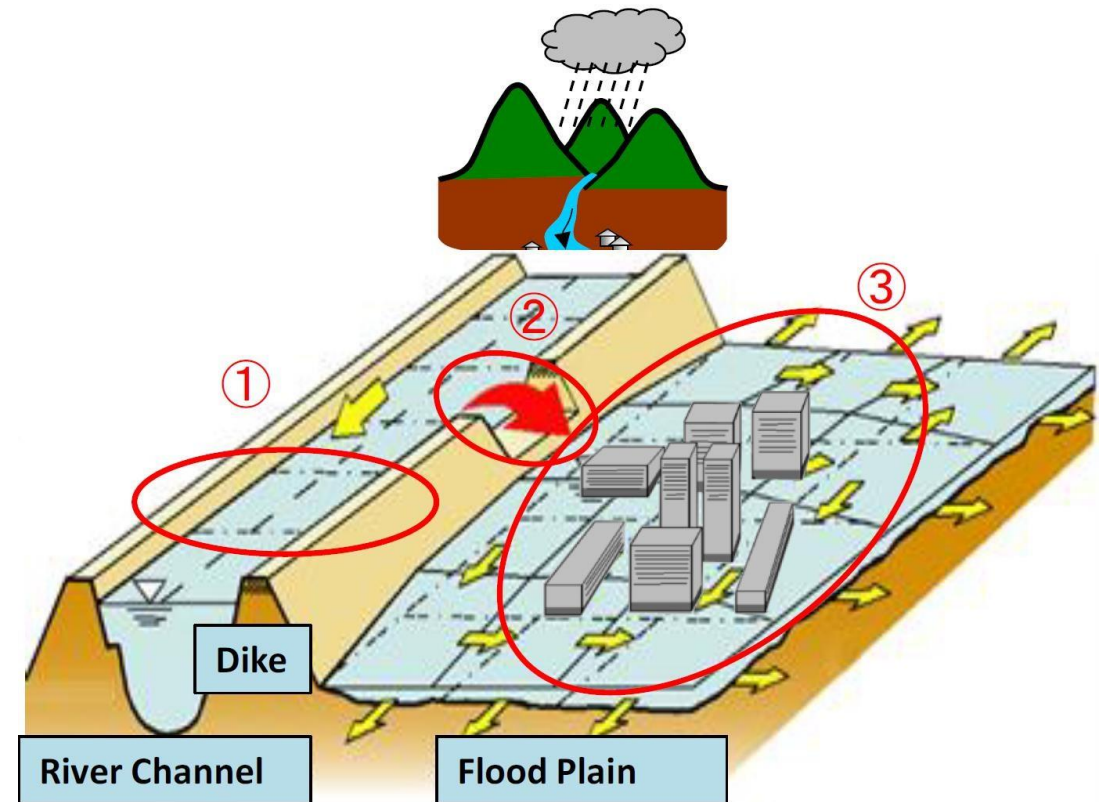
1. Input hyetograph
2. Output hydrograph by runoff model



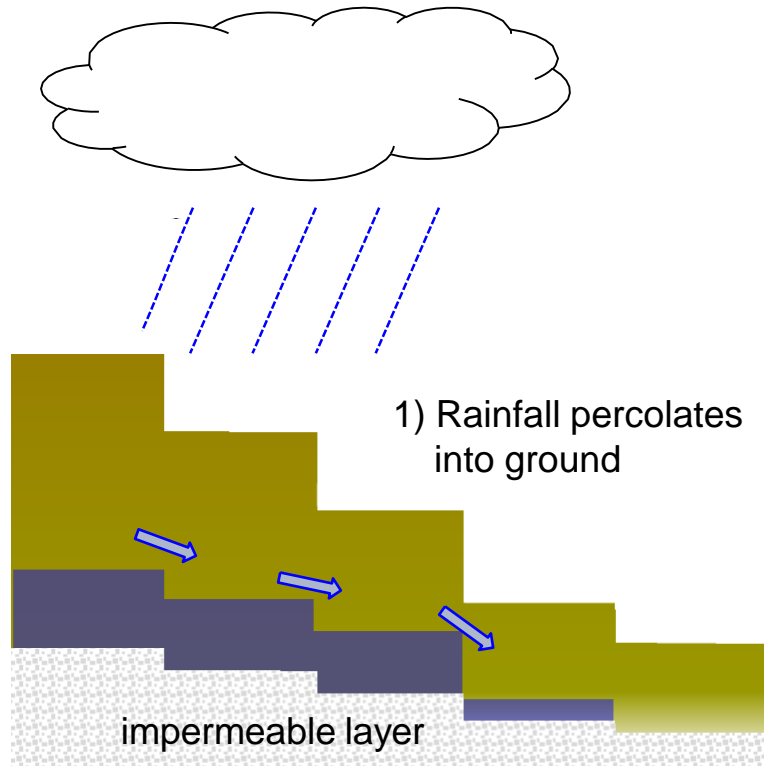
\*Weff: Effective Rainfall

Steps for creating flood hazard map

1. Compute flood propagation (discharge & water level) in river channel (one-dimension)
2. Compute overflow to flood plain by overtopping dike or breaching dike
3. Compute flooded water movement (two-dimension)

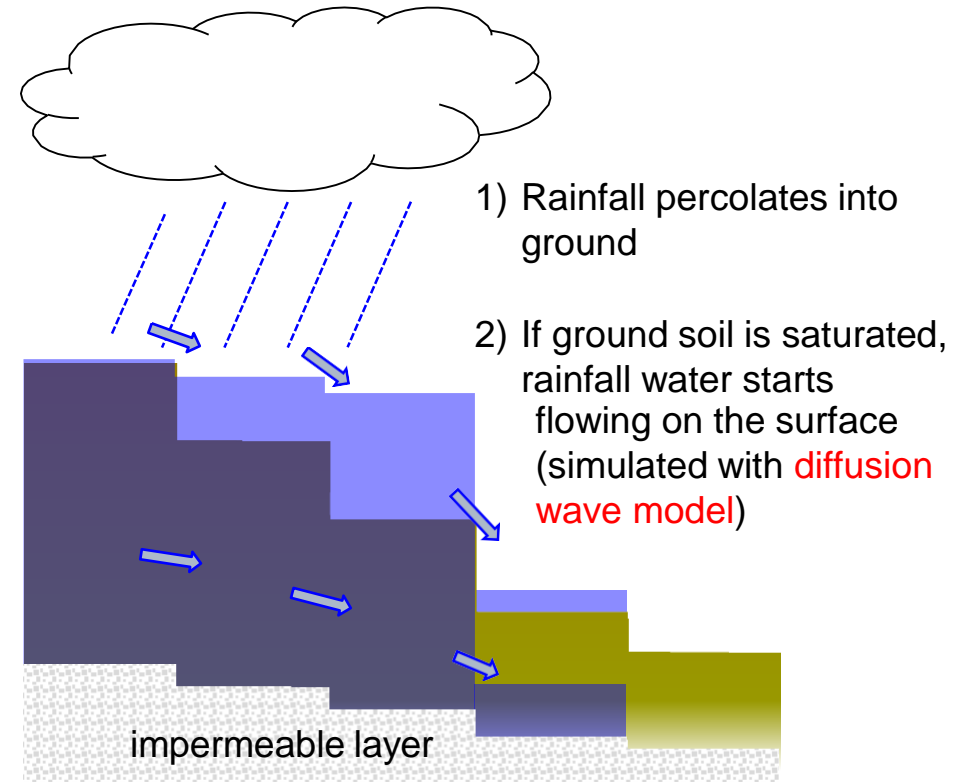


**a) Before saturation**



- 2) Subsurface water flows in lateral direction according to head differential of ground water (simulated with **Darcy's Law**)

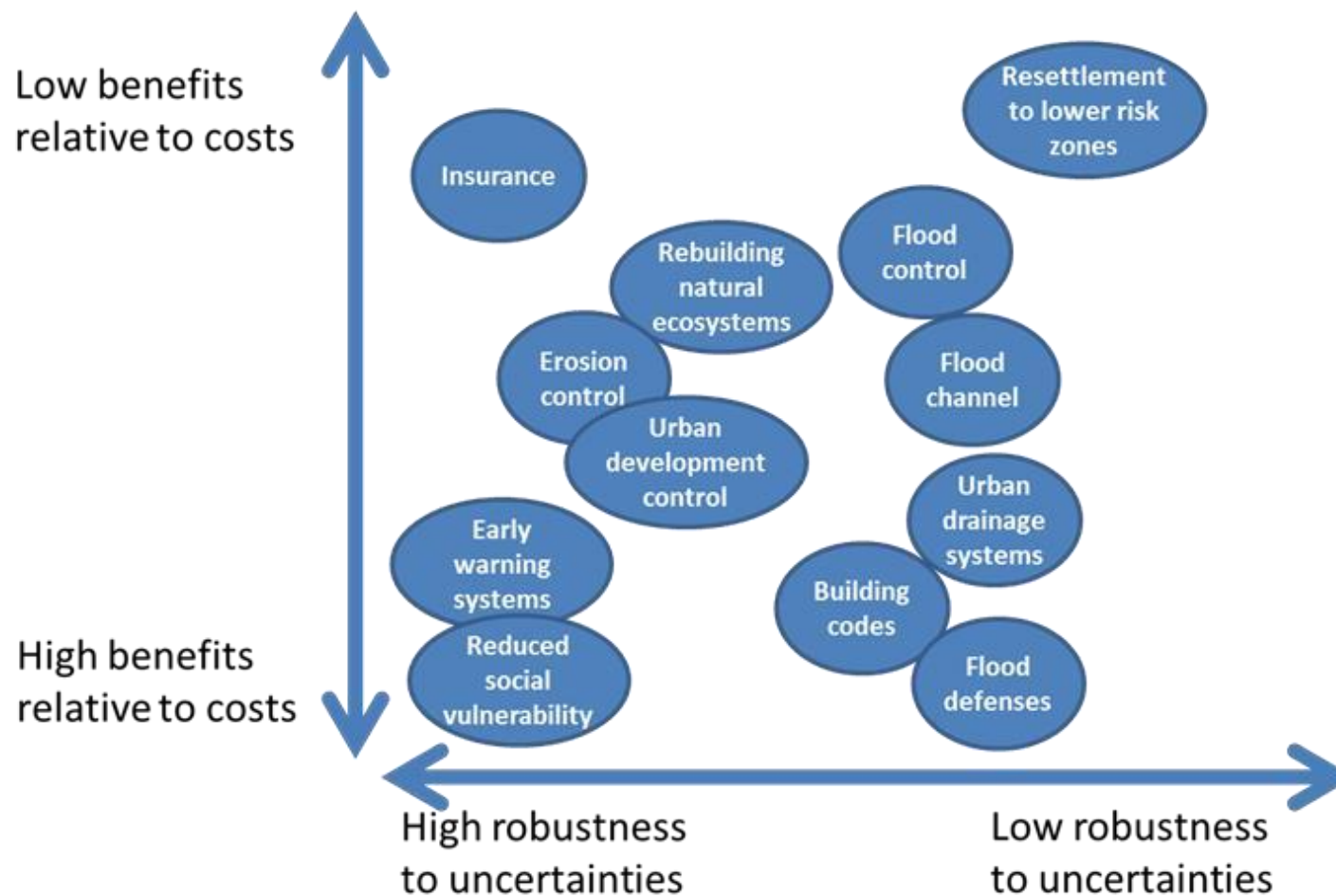
**b) After saturation**



*Depth of permeable layer is important parameter for model*



# Robustness of measures when selecting options

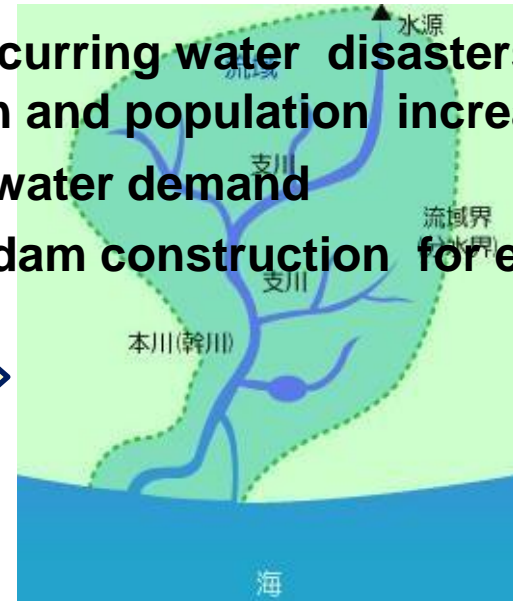




○Integrated river management:  
1)well-balanced flood control and water use throughout the basin 2)Responsibilities and roles of river managers clearly defined.



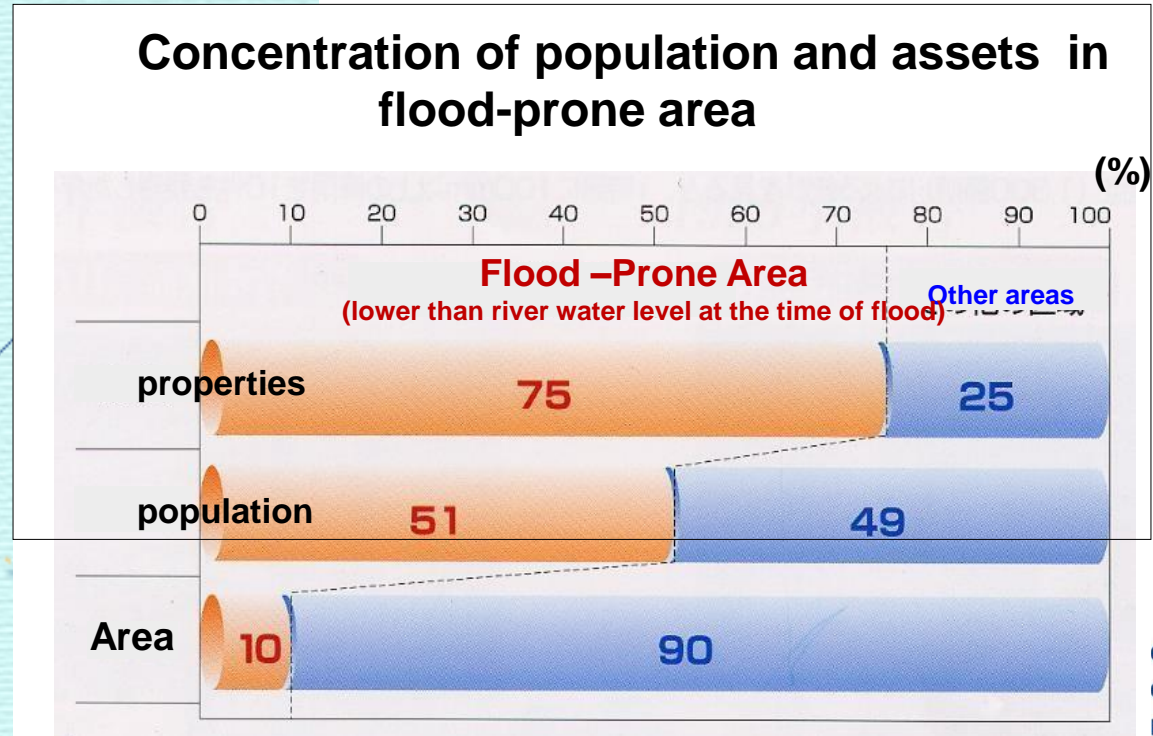
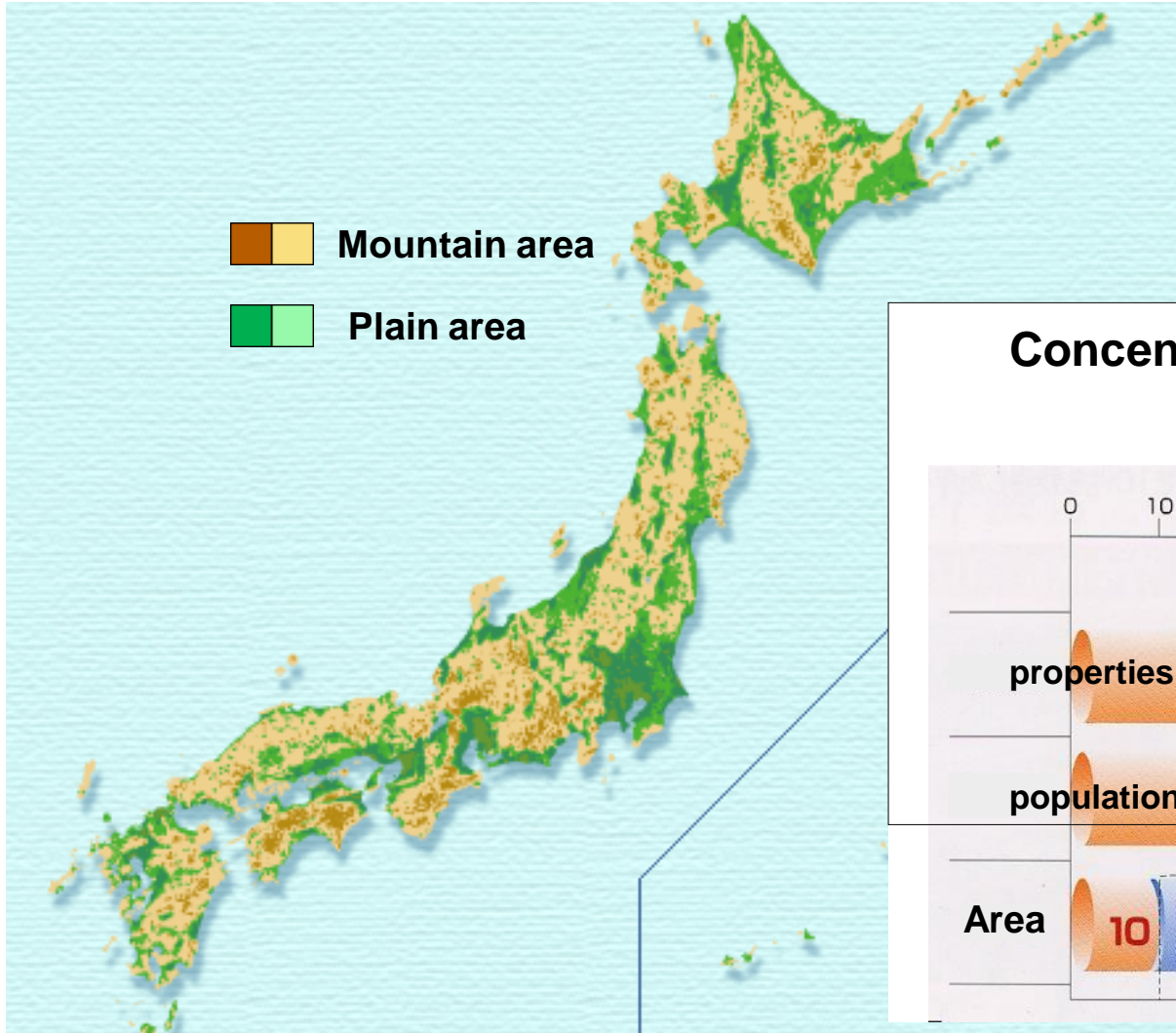
●Frequent occurring water disasters  
●Urbanization and population increase  
●Increase of water demand  
●Increase of dam construction for electric power



**Coordinating regional interests is needed**



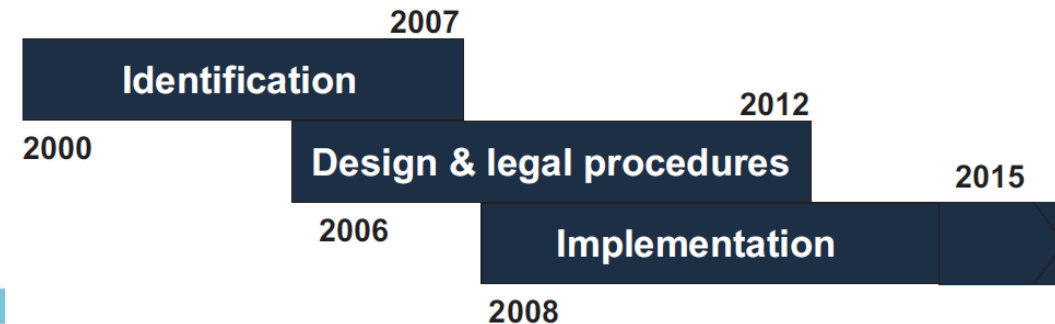
Most of land are covered by mountains, people and assets are focused in the narrow plain area.





## Program: “Room for the River”

- After floods in 1993. and 1995.
- 39 locations
- Investment: 2,3 billion €
- Relocation of 150 households and 50 farms
- decrease of agricultural surfaces: 1280 ha
- increase of nature closed surfaces: 1850 ha





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## 2017 North Kyushu (42 dead)



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# Examples of structural measures



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<Embankment>



<Dams>



<Dam upgrading>



<Excavating the riverbed>



<Retarding basins>



<Water ways>





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# Underground retention-Tokyo



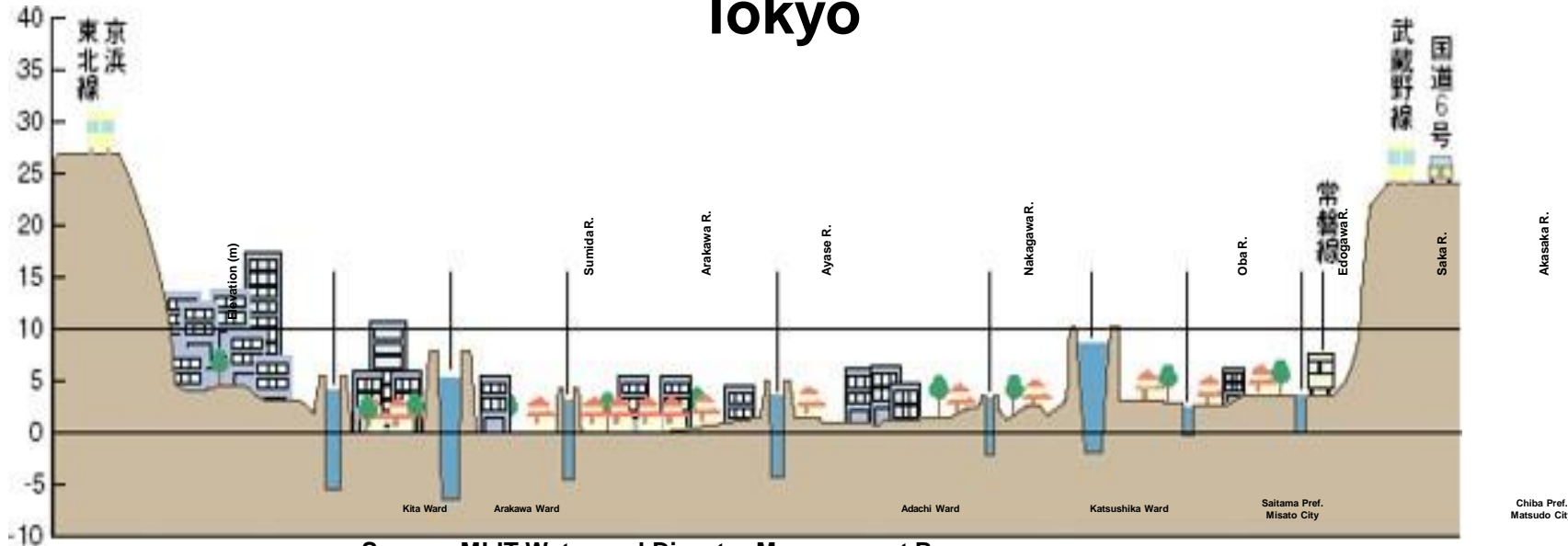
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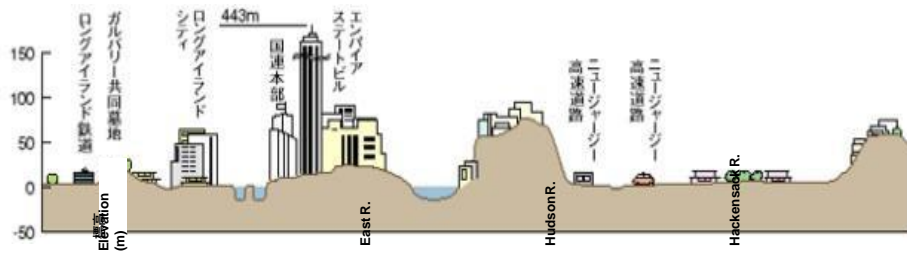
Big cities in Japan are located lower than the water level of rivers

# Tokyo

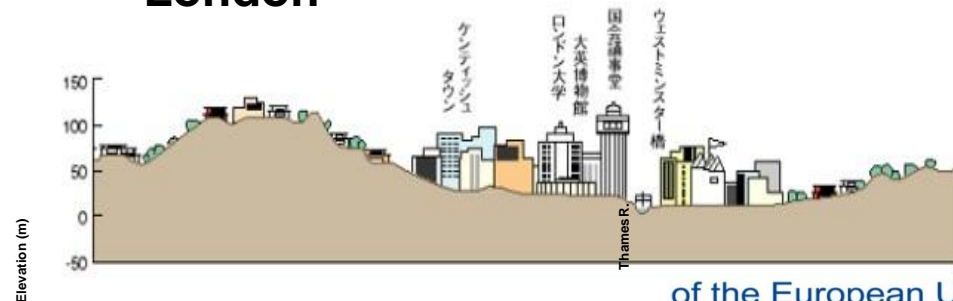


Source: MLIT Water and Disaster Management Bureau

# New York



# London



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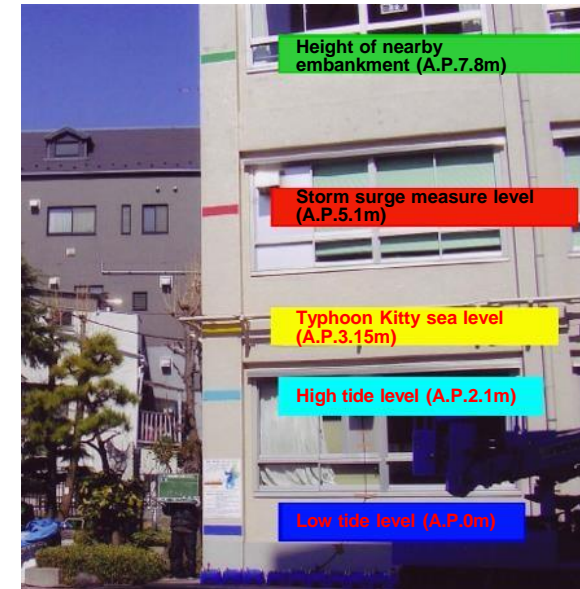
Flood mark (expected flood depth (2m))



Water level is displayed in real time water levels of past flood are shown



Disaster prevention camp (To confirm the evacuation route using flood hazard map by elementary school students)



Tidal levels are shown on the school building of primary school

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Administrator	Rain gauge station	Water gauge station
River authority (MLIT for 109 rivers)	2,407	2,336
River authority (Prefectures for other rivers)	5,246	4,599
Japan Meteorological Agency	1,303	—
total	8,856	6,935

Number of observation and automatic data transfer units (as of Mar. 2016)

## Conventional river station



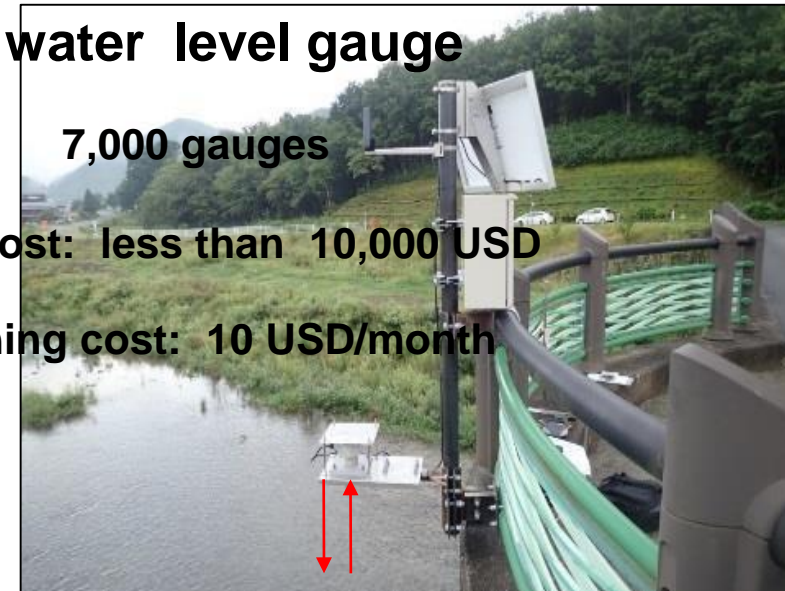
**Contact type**

## 3L water level gauge

7,000 gauges

Initial cost: less than 10,000 USD

Running cost: 10 USD/month



**Non-contact type (attached to bridge)**



# MLIT's disaster countermeasures

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When large-scale natural disaster occur, the management of the MLIT assembles for an emergency meeting at the Disaster Prevention Center and carries out the following work.

- (1) Collection of information
- (2) Information exchange between official residence and other government ministries
- (3) Decision on emergency countermeasures



Helicopters for disaster prevention measures



Water level telemeter



Radar rain gauge system

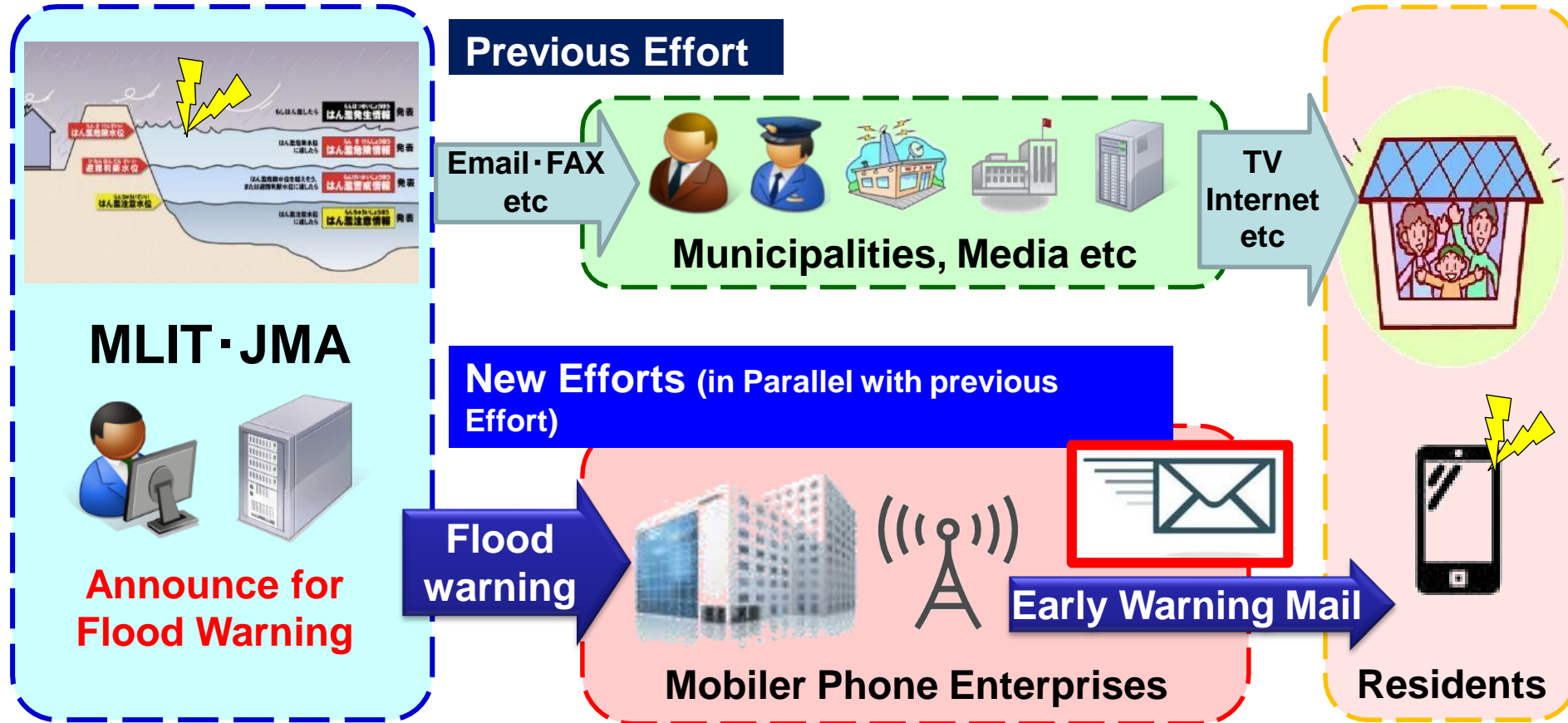


Surveillance camera





MLIT deliver an Early Flood Warning Mail in corporate with mobile phone companies to progress early evacuation for residents.





# Real-time data to residents

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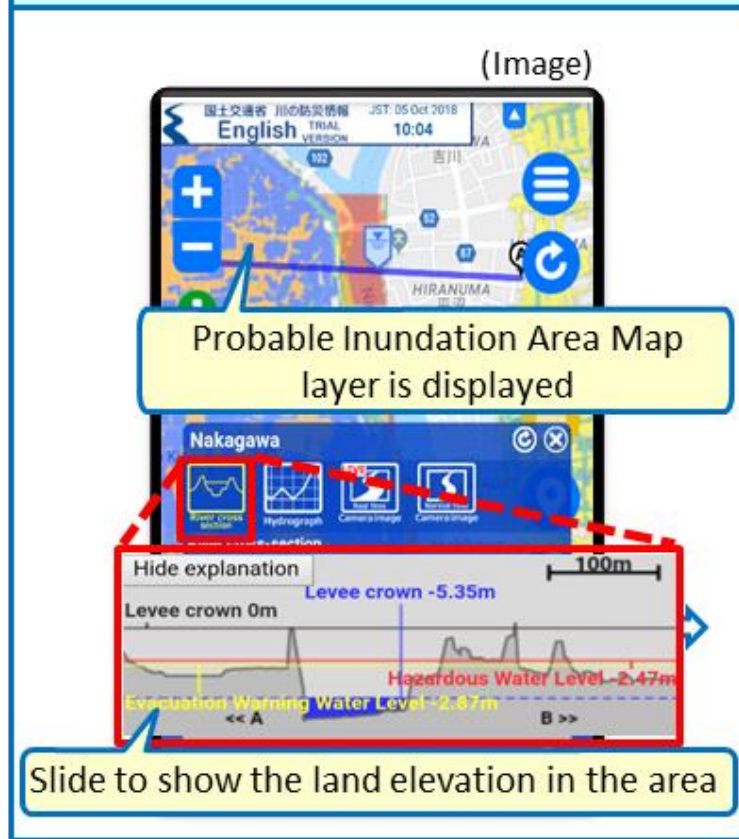
## Real-time and wide-range rainfall data

## CCTV camera

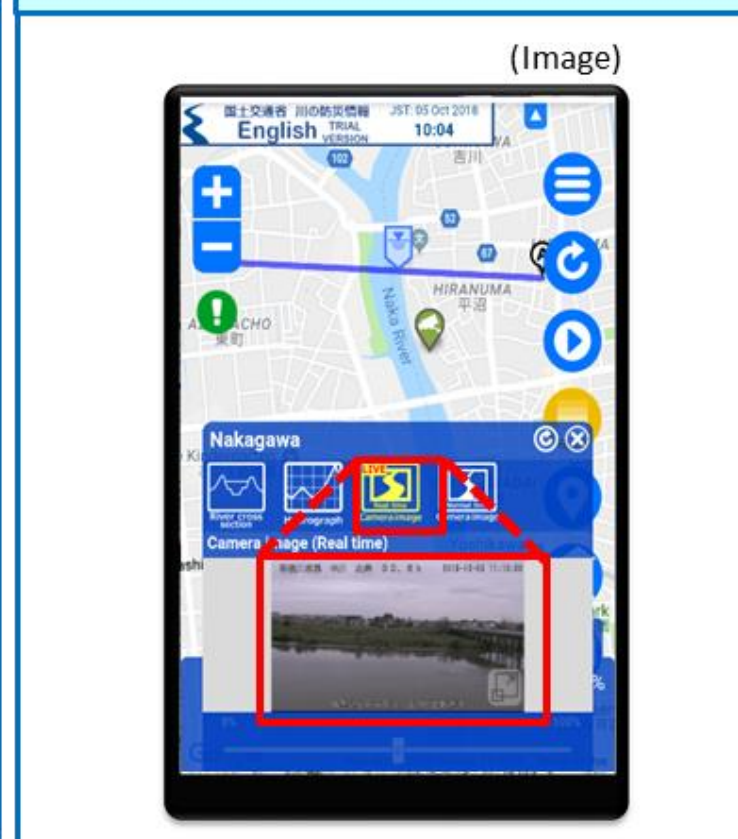
Current and past river levels, showing the trend of river level rise



Lateral profile of the current river level, showing the risk stage of flooding



Live image from CCTV camera, showing the condition of river and flood plain



# Real-time and on-site water level data on smart phones

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- MLIT established TEC-FORCE to provide supports to local governments if a massive natural disaster occurs.
- A total of about 9,000 personnel from MLIT organizations are appointed as TEC-FORCE members in advance.

## TEC-FORCE's activities

### Disaster response helicopters



Torrential rain in Kanto and Tohoku (September 2015)  
(Joso City, Ibaraki Prefecture)

### Field survey



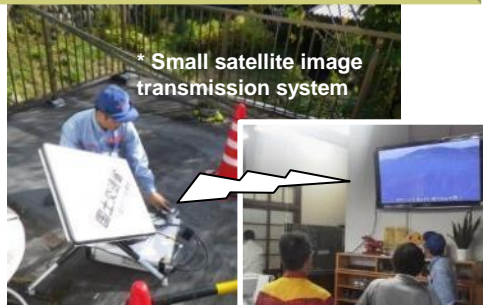
Sediment disaster in Hiroshima (August 2014)  
(Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture)

### Drainage pumpers



Torrential rain in Kanto and Tohoku (September 2015)  
(Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture)

### Monitoring system (Ku-SAT\*)



Eruption of Mt. Ontake (September 2014)  
(Otaki Village, Nagano Prefecture)

### liaison officers



Volcanic activities on Kuchinoerabu Island (May 2015)  
(Yakushima Town, Kagoshima Prefecture)

### Technical advice to local government



Kumamoto Earthquake (April 2016)  
(Kumamoto Prefectural government)

### Technical advice for search operations



Kumamoto Earthquake (April 2016)  
(Minamiaso Village, Kumamoto Prefecture)

Fukuoka, 8 November 2016



7 days later

Hokkaido, 5 September 2018

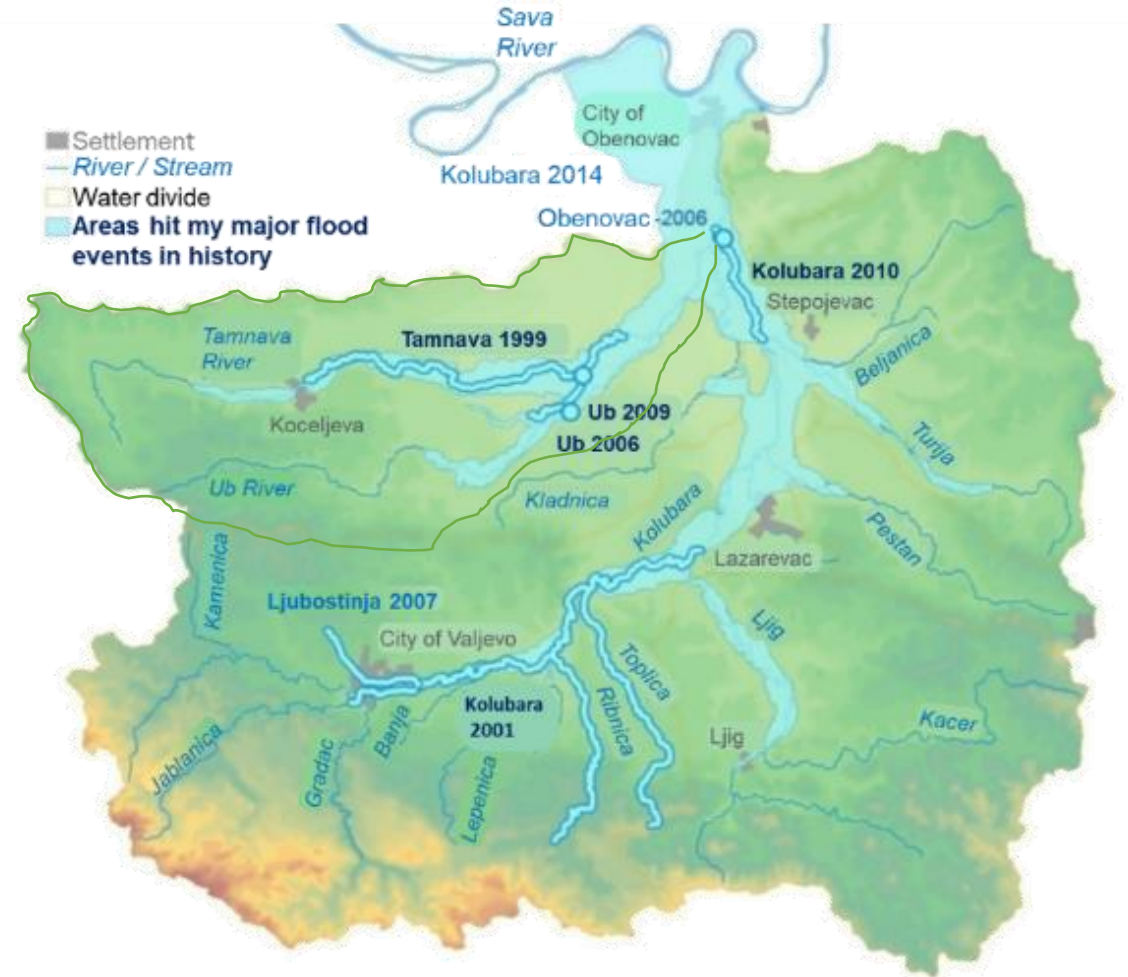


7 days later



## Tamnava watershed flood protection

- Actual conditions: system of dykes (4%, 2%, 1% Qmax)
- Improvement of flood protection (UNDP, 2014-2016), grey/blue-green scenario:
  - Dyke improvement
  - 3 retention reservoirs (Tamnava, Ub, Gračica)
  - Flood receiving channel Gračica-Ub (built)
  - Erosion control measures (in progress)



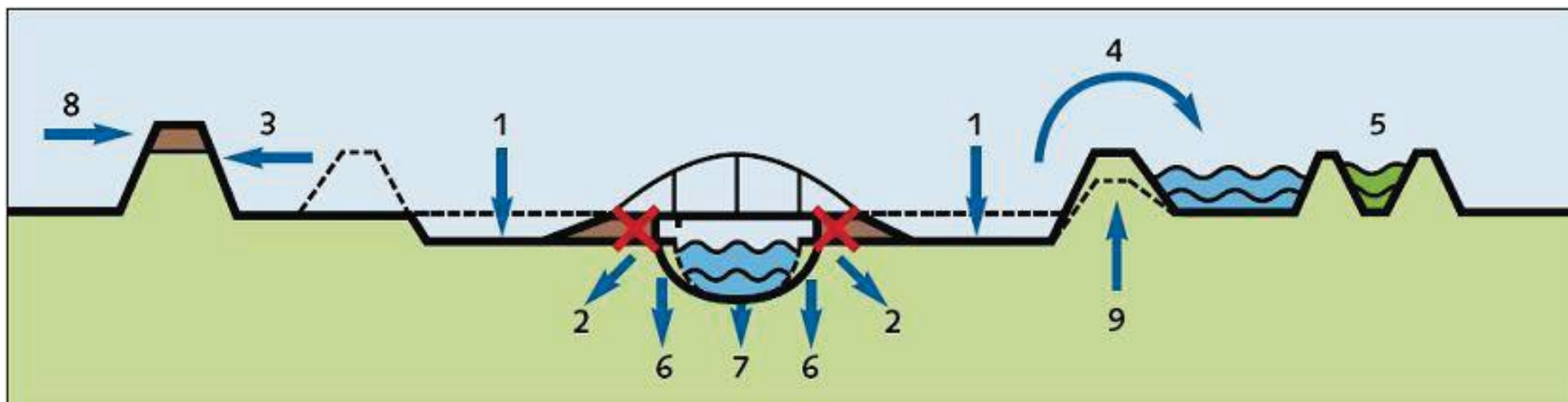


## „Grey“ infrastructure: traditional attitude



## „Green“ and „blue“ infrastructure: local and regional measures





- 1 Lowering of floodplains
- 2 Removal of obstacles
- 3 Dyke relocation

- 4 Waterretention and storage
- 5 By-pass
- 6 Height reduction of groynes

- 7 Deepening of summer bed
- 8 Heightening of dykes
- 9 Dyke improvement





# Ecosystem services (Tamnava watershed)

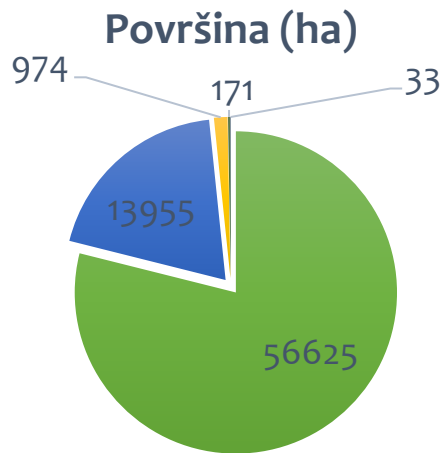
EUR/ha/god

Usluga ekosistema	Poljoprivredne povr.	Livade	Šuma	Vlažna staništa	Reke
Proizvodnja hrane	1.4–20.5	–	0.1–16.3	0.3–1255	26.2–46.2
Snabdevanje vodom	0.1–50.8	–	4732.2 – 6001	57.8–5236	86.5–3506
Regulisanje klime	95.4–95.4	3.1–16.8	52.2 – 861	2.4–611	35.1–45.5
Zaštita od poplava	0.1–3103	–	–	312–10239	9.1 – 1055
<b>Sprečavanje erozije</b>	<b>19.8–19.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>16.8*–16.8*</b>	<b>1082–16009</b>	<b>–</b>
Regulisanje vode	–	–	11–143.1	96.5–357	51.4–51.4
Biološka kontrola	51.8–51.8	97.8–97.8	32.8–32.8	198–198	–
Kvalitet vode	–	7.7–7.7	–	43.6–5922	124.6–2261
Formiranje zemljišta	19.7–19.7	21.7–21.7	–	–	–
Kruženje nutrijenata	75.7–75.7	–	–	–	–
Očuvanje staništa	–	–	2007–2007	218–2225.6	7.9–63.5
<b>Ukupno</b>	<b>264–3436</b>	<b>130–144</b>	<b>6835–9061</b>	<b>2011–42053</b>	<b>341–7028</b>



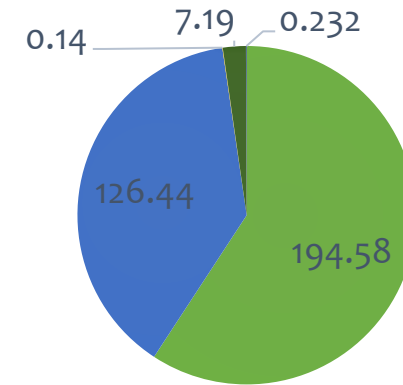


• **Total ESS: 329 million EUR/god (Tamnava watershed)**



■ Poljoprivr. zemlj. ■ Šume ■ Livade ■ Vlažna područja ■ Reke

**Vrednost usluga ekosistema (mil. EUR/god)**



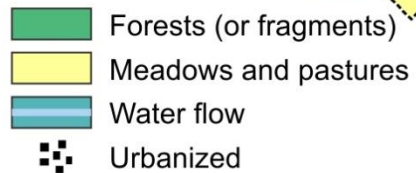
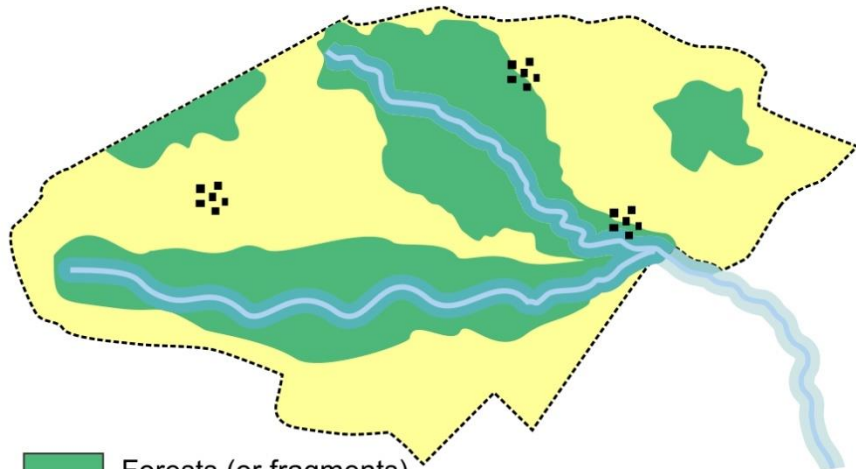
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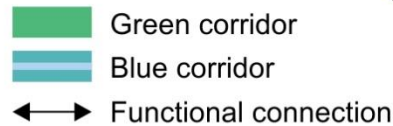
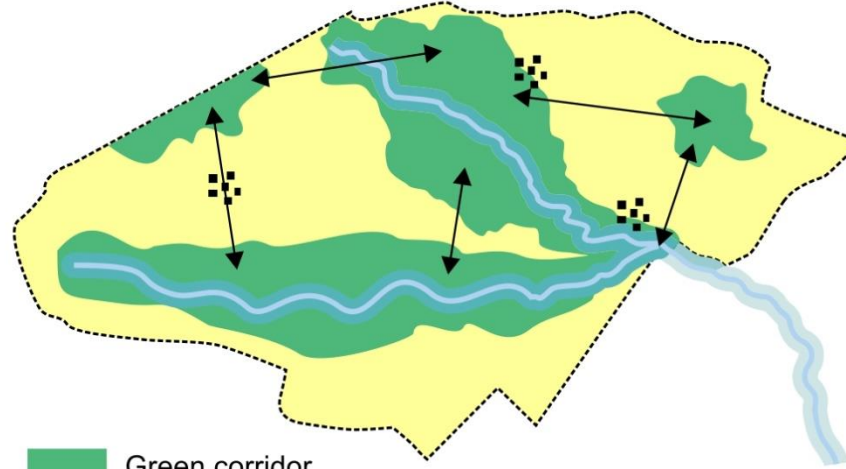
# WHAT ARE “BLUE-GREEN” CORRIDORS?

- A system of open watercourses, connected with forest areas or their fragments in both riparian areas and watershed slopes.

Static (isolated) spatial elements



Dynamic spatial elements

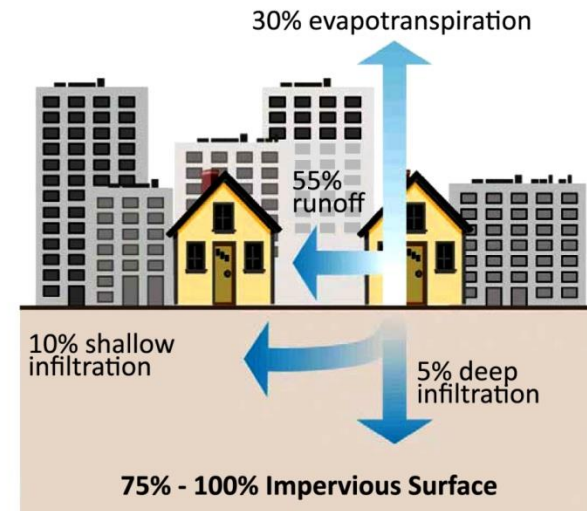
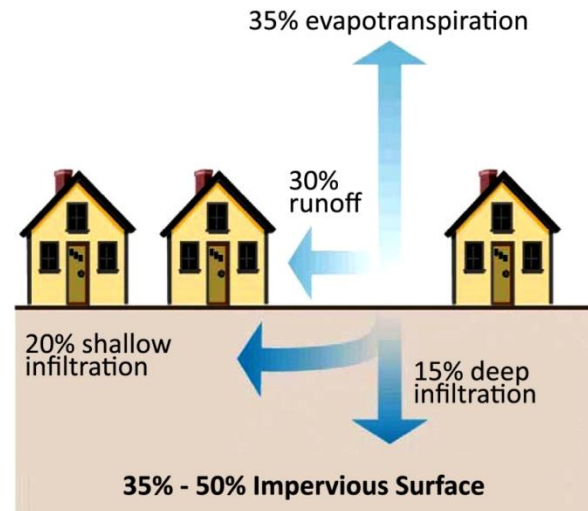
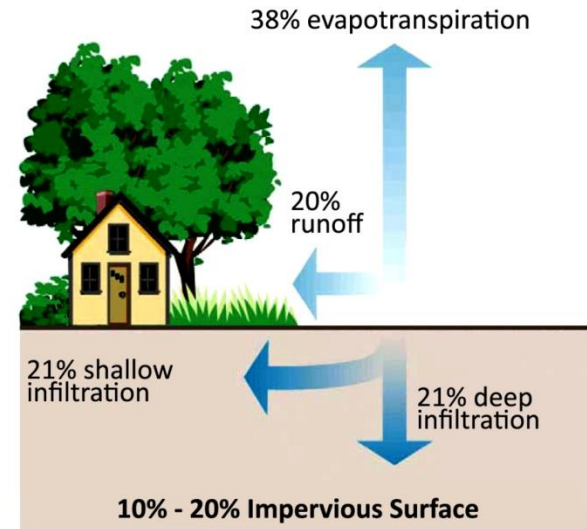
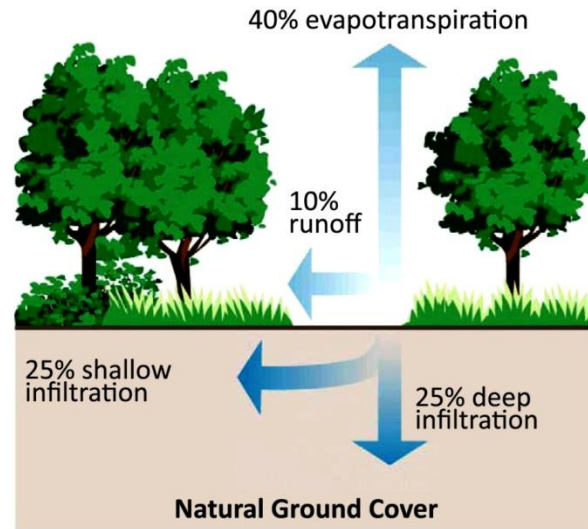
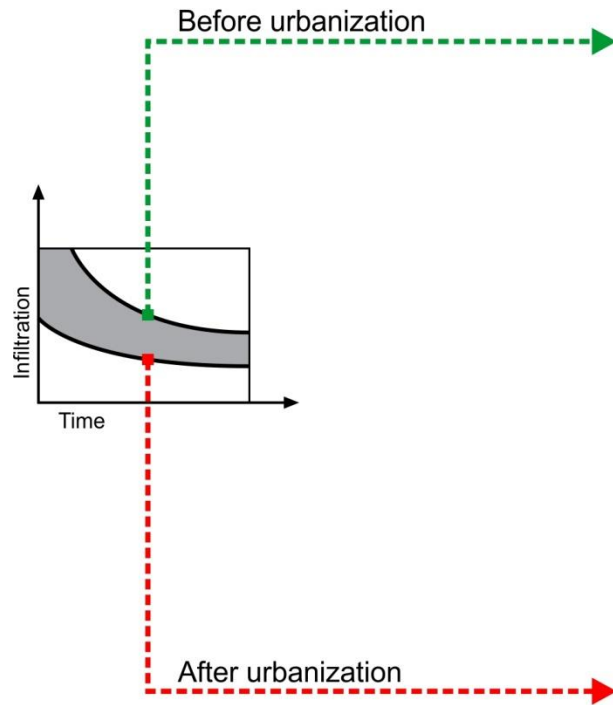


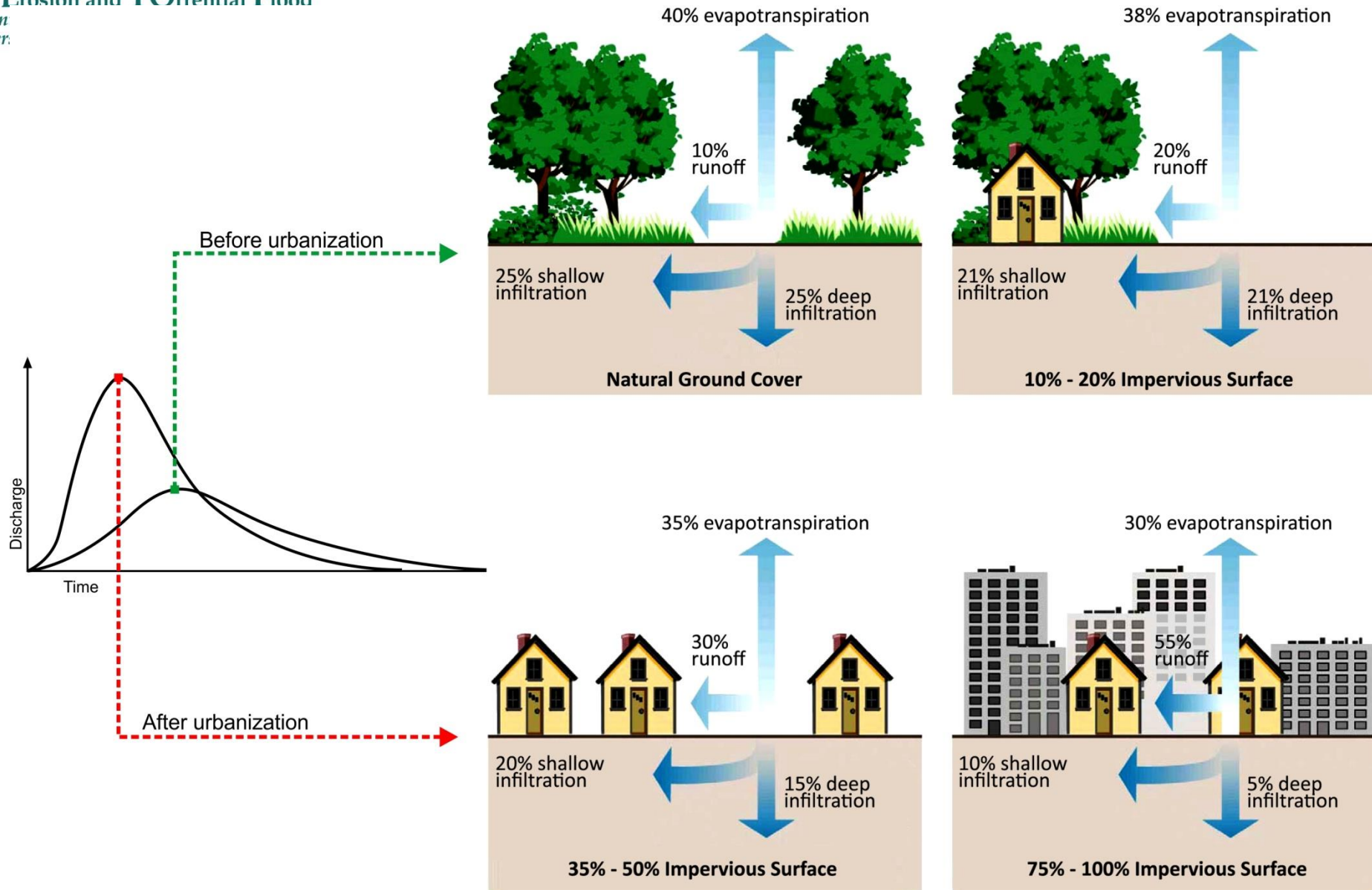


# IMPORTANCE OF “BLUE-GREEN” CORRIDORS

- **Functional**
  - Natural drainage of the terrain,
  - Conveyance of maximal discharges to recipients
  - Reduced fast surface runoff and sediment yield
- **Ecological**
  - Treasure trove of biodiversity of autochthonous flora and fauna
- **Sports and Recreational**
  - Walking paths, tracks for cycling and trimming and playgrounds
- **Aesthetic and Spiritual**
  - Water bodies represent an authentic value both visually and psychologically











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## Cheonggyecheon River, Seoul, South Korea



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*San Luis Obispo Creek, San  
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*Waihorutiu Stream,  
Auckland City, New  
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*Don Valley Brick Works*  
*(Old brick factory,*  
*Toronto, Canada)*



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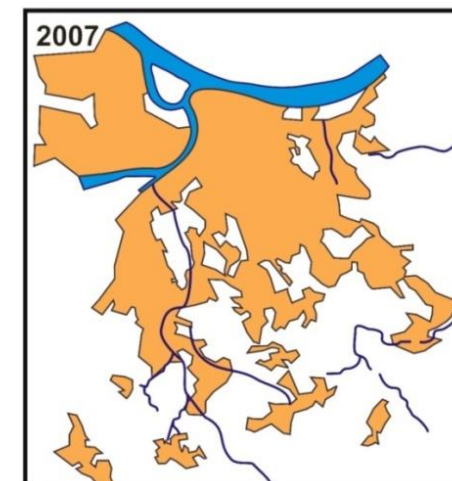
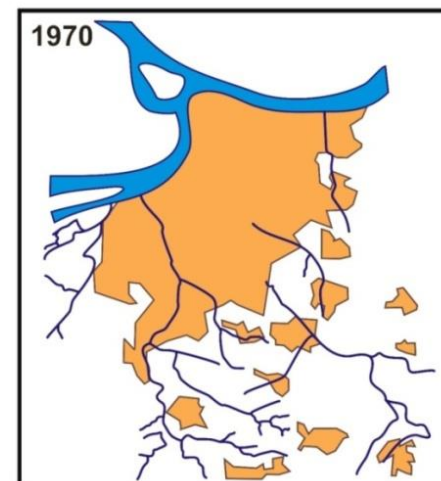
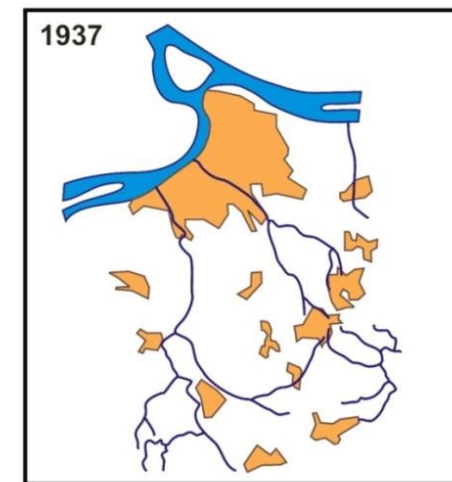
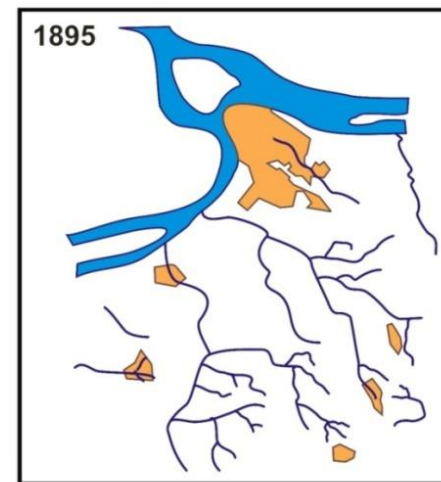




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# REVITALIZATION OF “BLUE-GREEN” CORRIDORS IN BELGRADE

*Disappearance of natural water  
courses under the pressure of  
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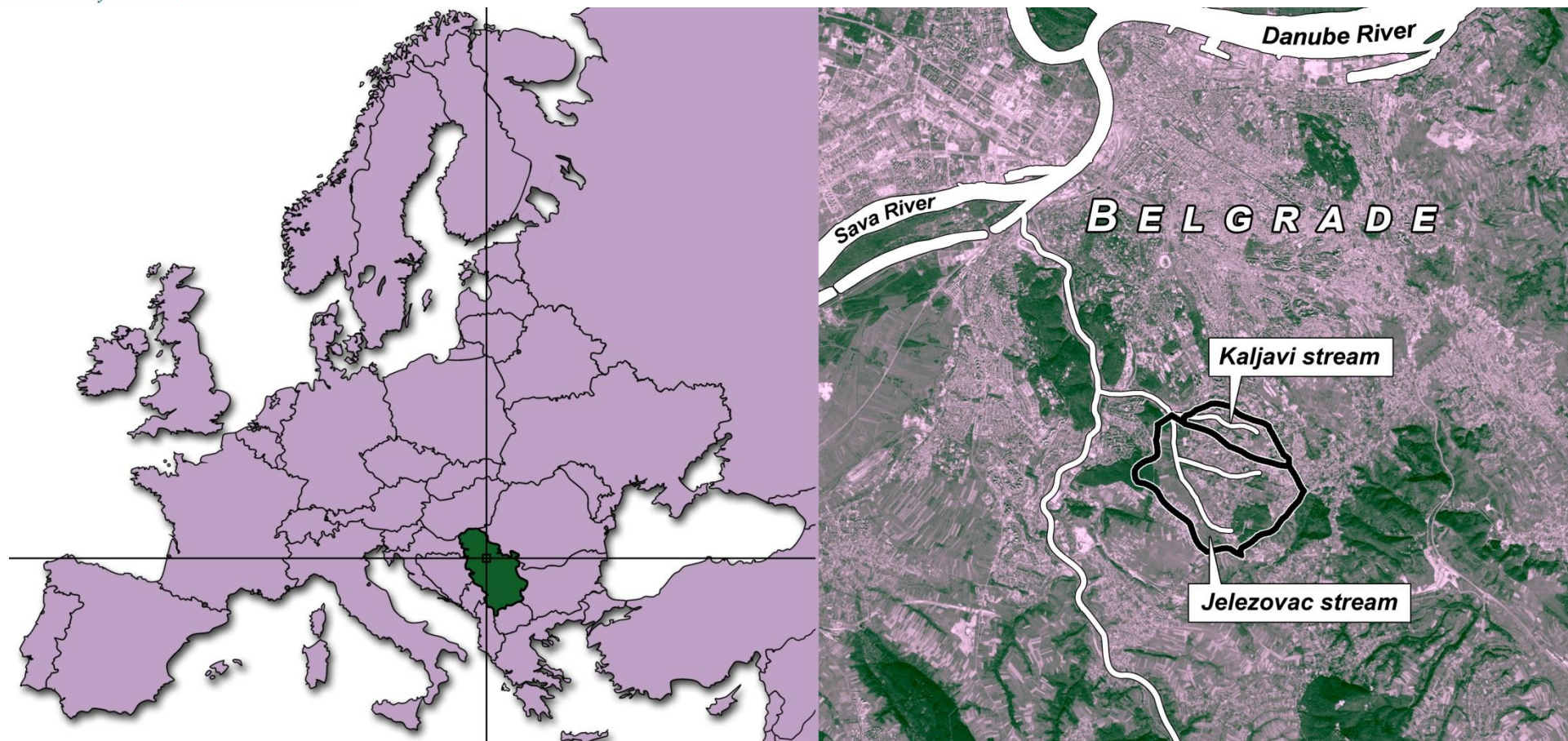
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## Investigated area: city of Belgrade



**A pilot project of revitalization of the “blue-green” corridors  
in the watersheds of the Kaljavi and Jelezovacki streams**

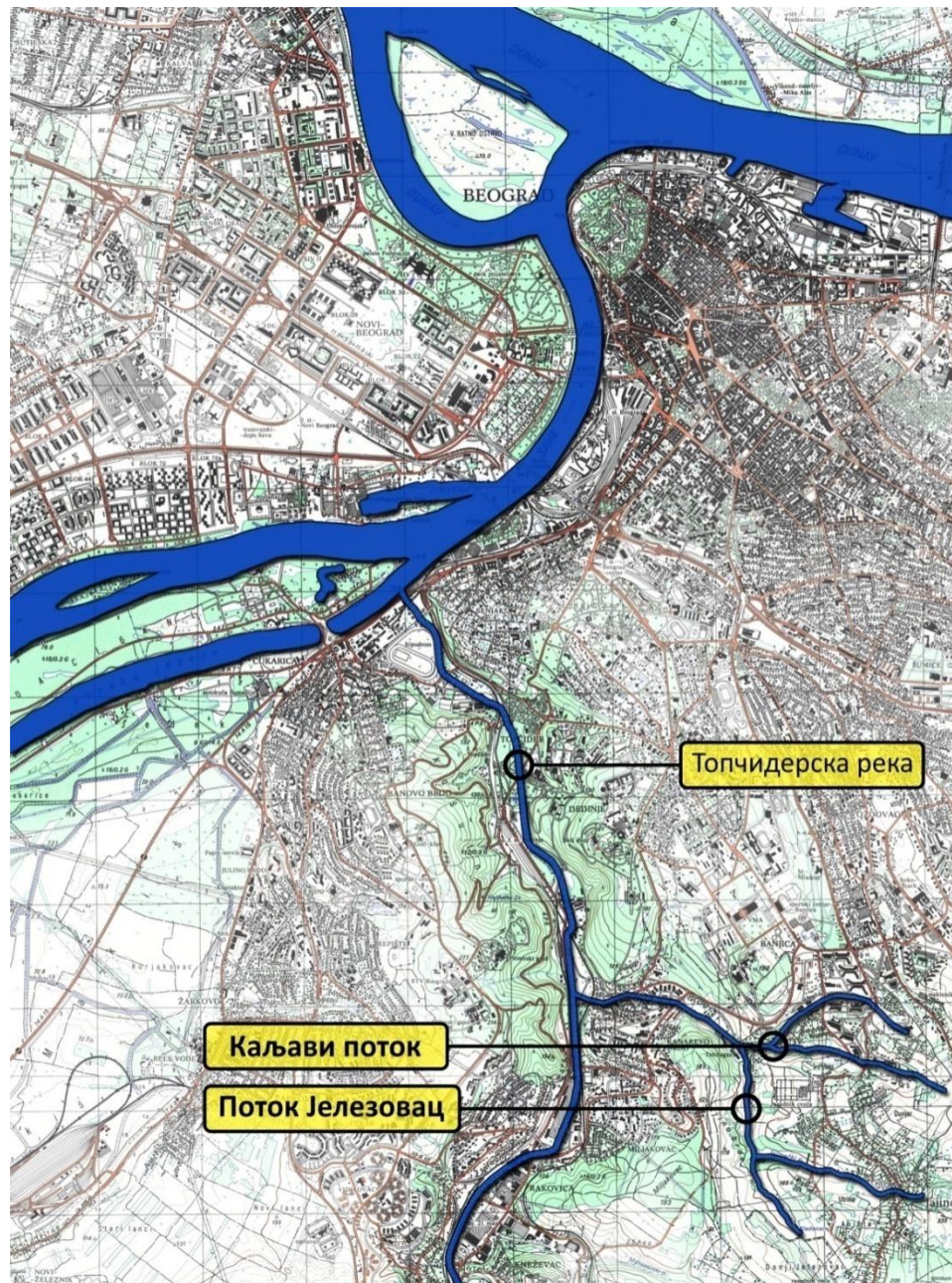
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## *Kaljavi stream watershed*

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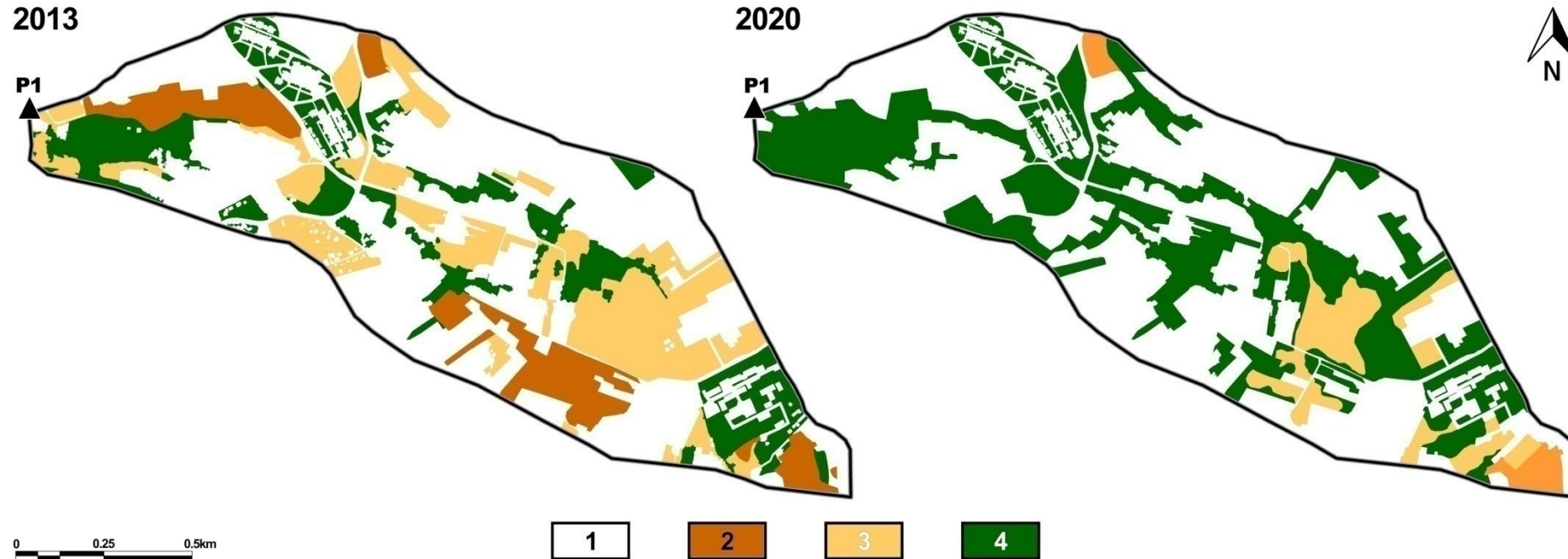




## *Jelezovac stream watershed*

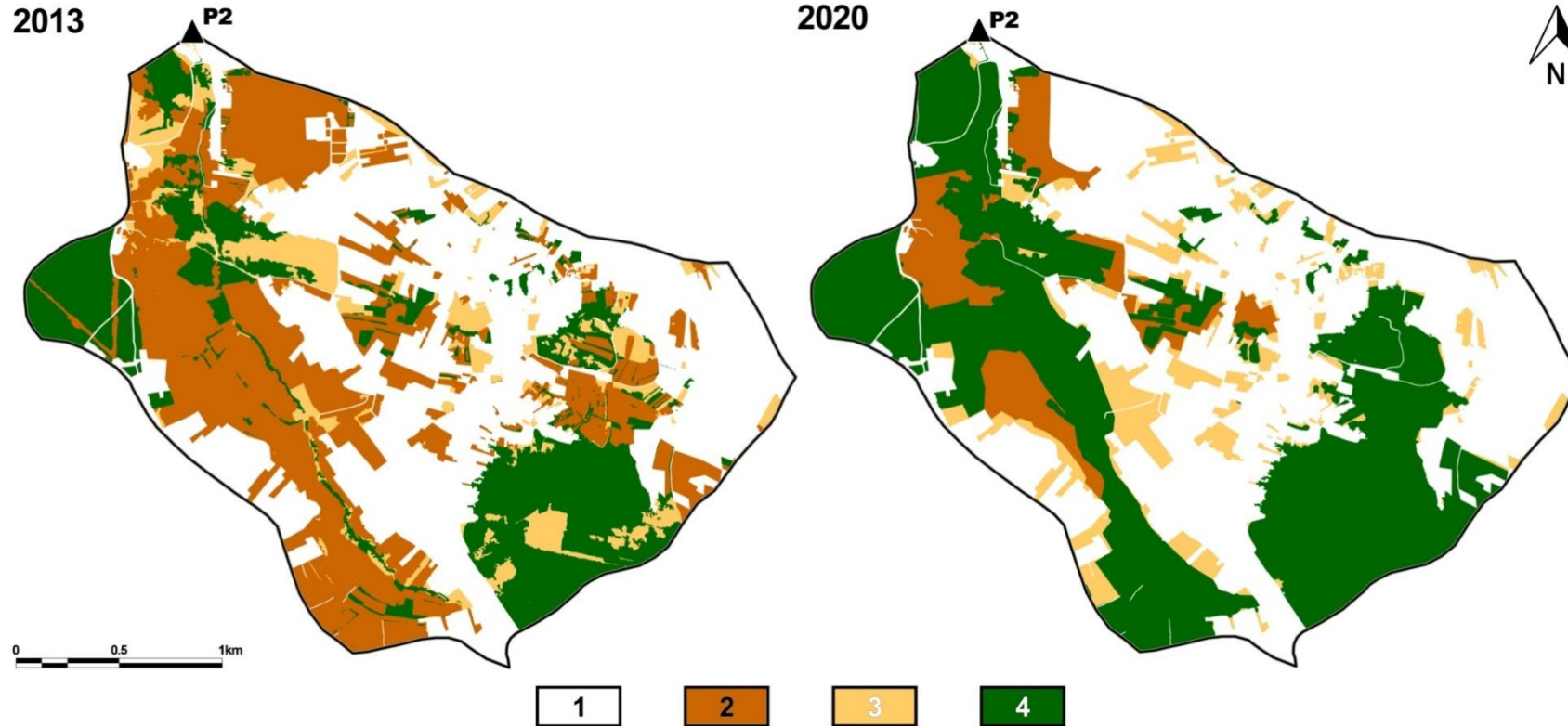


## Land use in the Kaljavi stream watershed

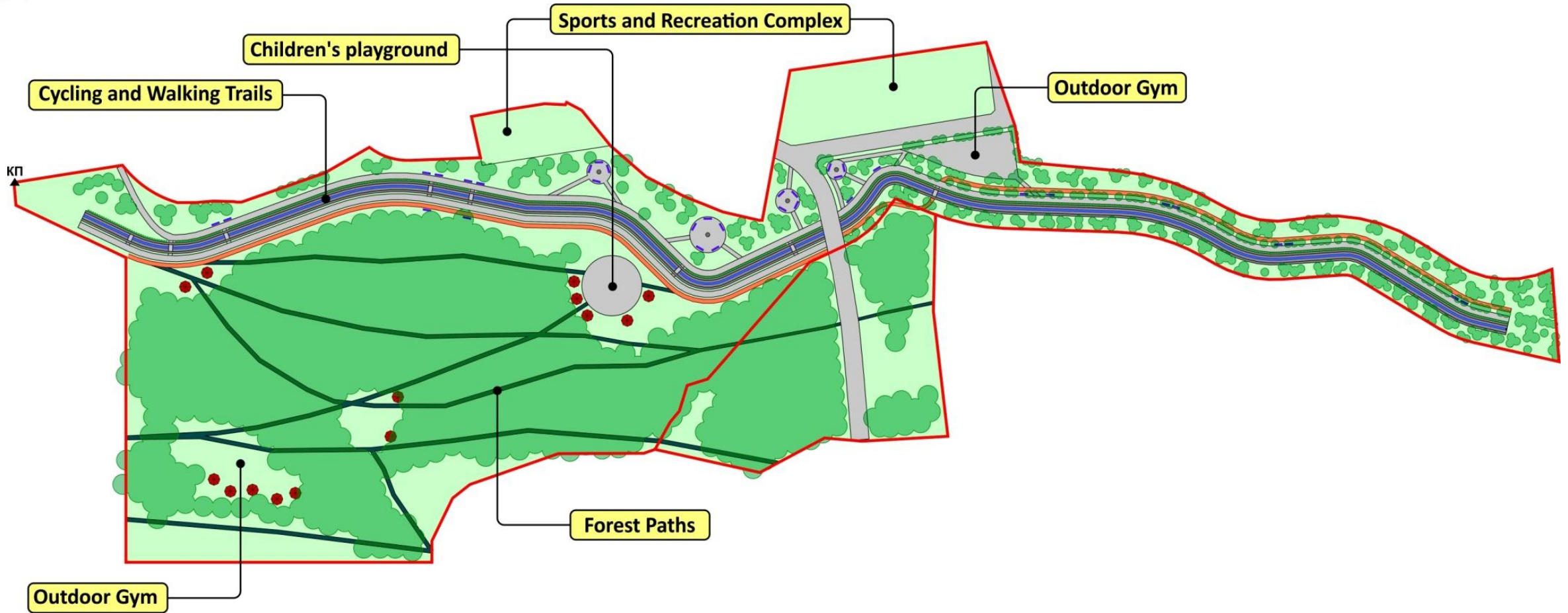


- 1- Discontinuous and continuous urban fabric
- 2 - Complex cultivation patterns: arable land, orchards, gardens (**reduction from 10.0% to 2.1%**)
- 3 - Grasslands
- 4 - Mixed forests and forest belts (**increment from 15.0% to 34.3%**)

## Land use in the Jelezovac stream watershed



- 1- Discontinuous and continuous urban fabric
- 2 - Complex cultivation patterns: arable land, orchards, gardens (**reduction from 30.6% to 7.7%**)
- 3 - Grasslands
- 4 - Mixed forests and forest belts (**increment from 20.4% to 38.3%**)

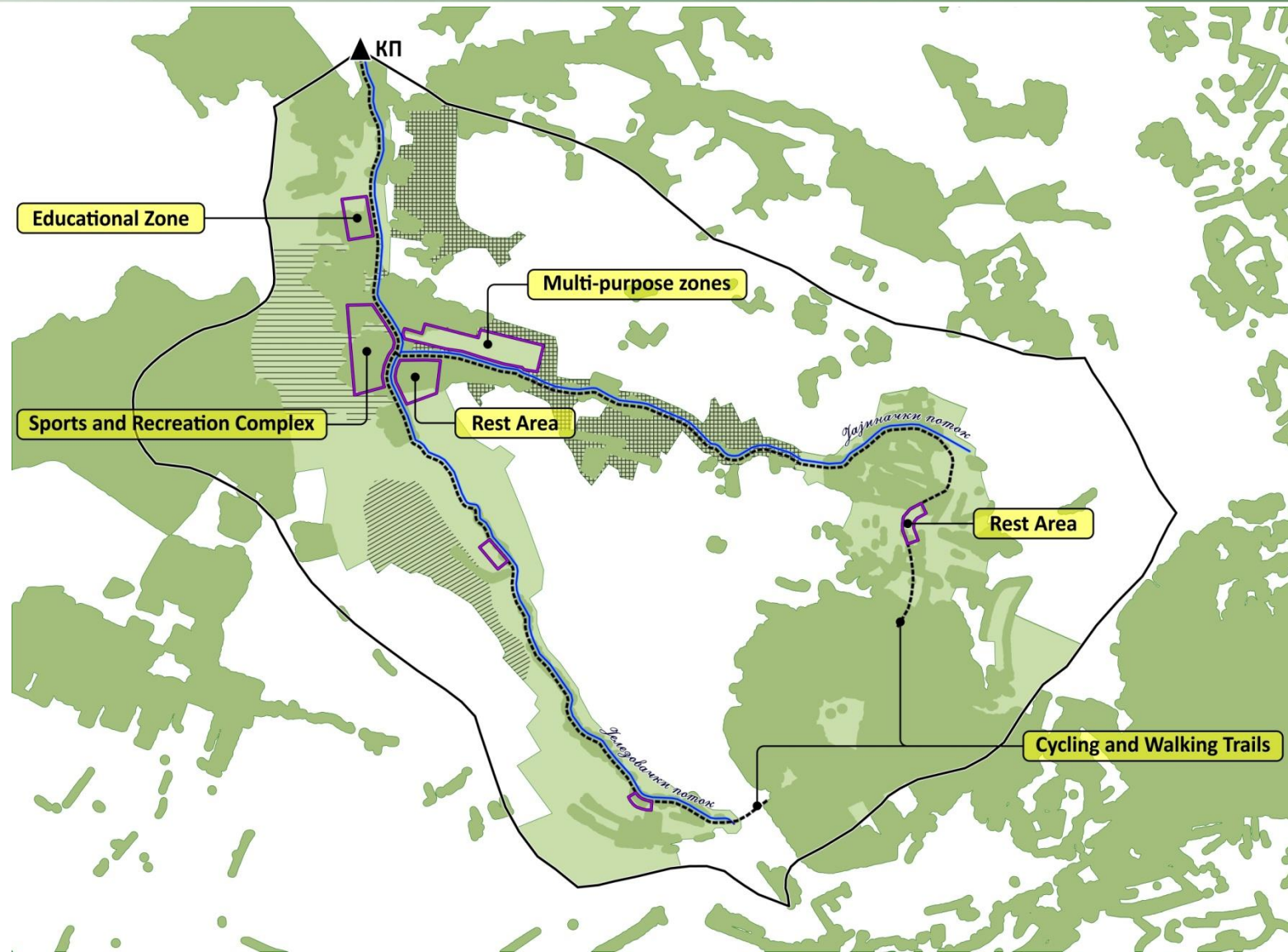


*Landscape plan of a selected area of the Kaljavi stream watershed*





*Landscape plan of a selected  
area of the Jelezovac stream  
watershed*





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*A possible layout of  
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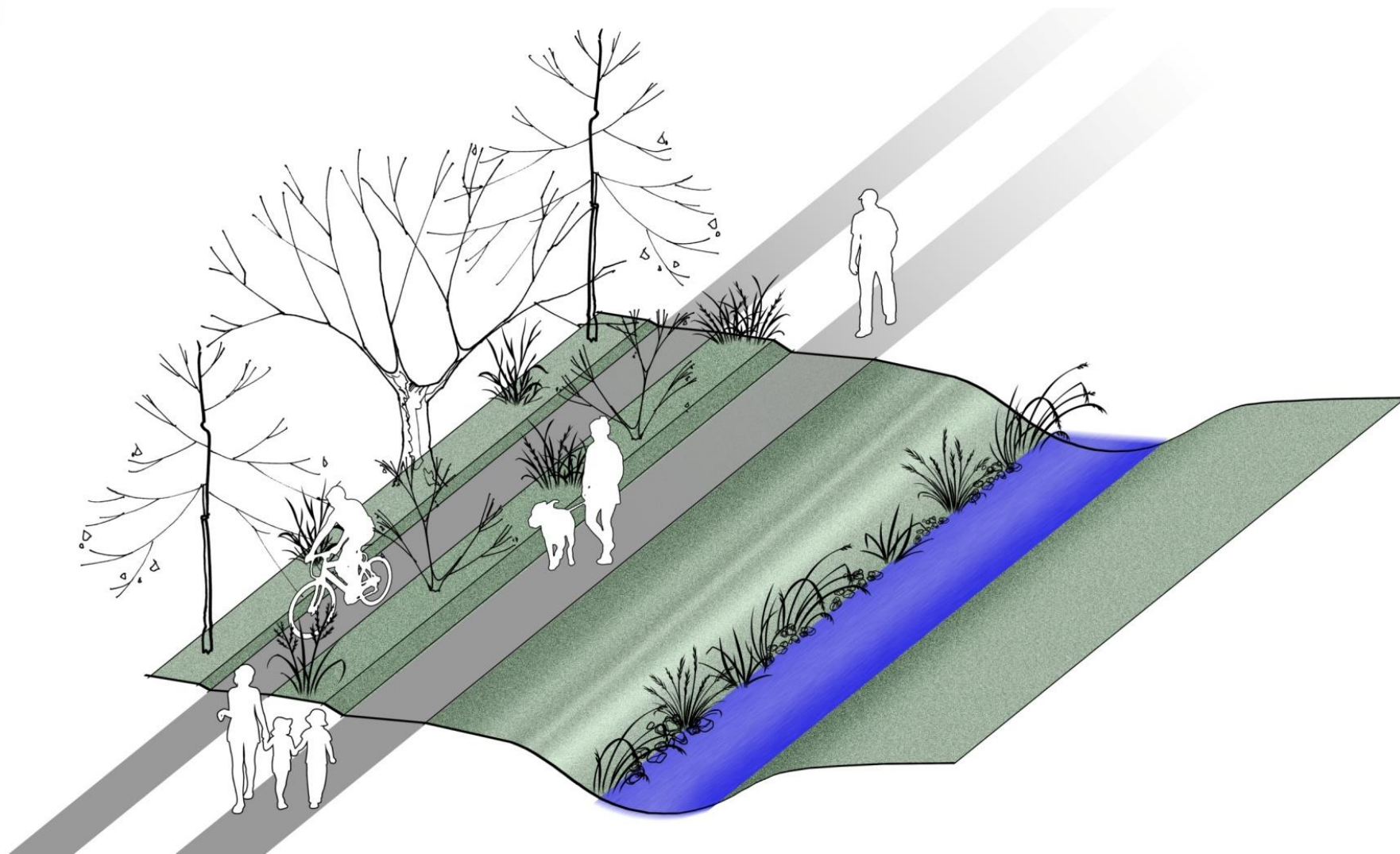
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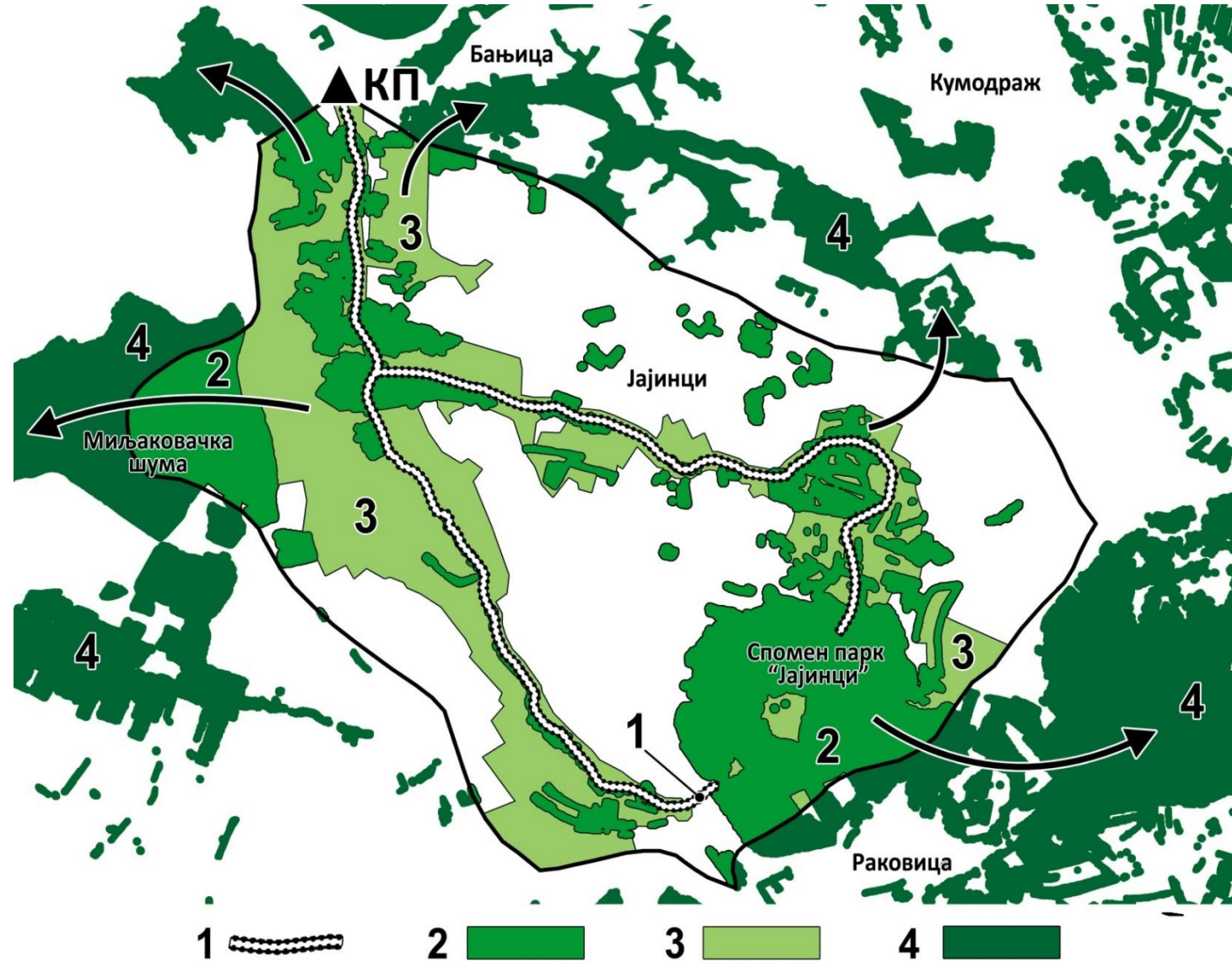
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*A system of connections of  
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***A system of cycling and walking trails in the watersheds of the Kaljavi and Jelezovac streams > Total length L=10.5 km***



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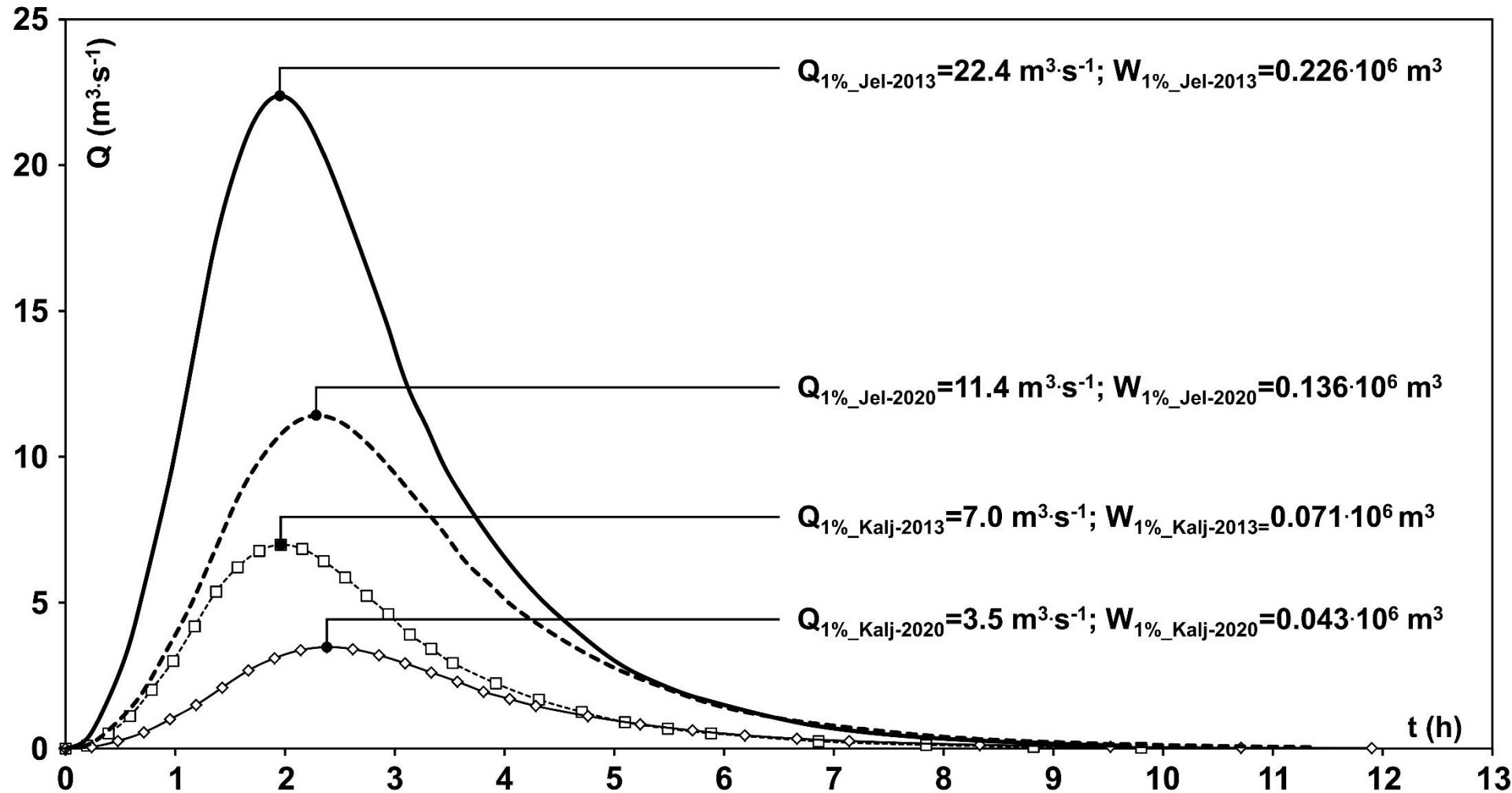


## Characteristic outputs of computations of sediment yields and transport under current conditions (2013) and after restoration (2020).

Parameter	Current conditions (2013)		After restoration (2020)	
	Kaljavi stream	Jelezovac stream	Kaljavi stream	Jelezovac stream
$W_a$ (m <sup>3</sup> )	336.9	1730.3	187.9	1084.1
$W_{asp}$ (m <sup>3</sup> ·km <sup>-2</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> )	240.6	278.2	134.2	174.3
$W_{at}$ (m <sup>3</sup> )	71.8	427.4	40.0	267.8
$W_{atsp}$ (m <sup>3</sup> ·km <sup>-2</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> )	51.3	68.7	28.6	43.1
$W_{abls}$ (m <sup>3</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> )	7.0	32.6	1.9	14.9
$W_{ass}$ (m <sup>3</sup> ·year <sup>-1</sup> )	64.8	394.8	38.1	252.9
Z	0.217	0.239	0.147	0.175

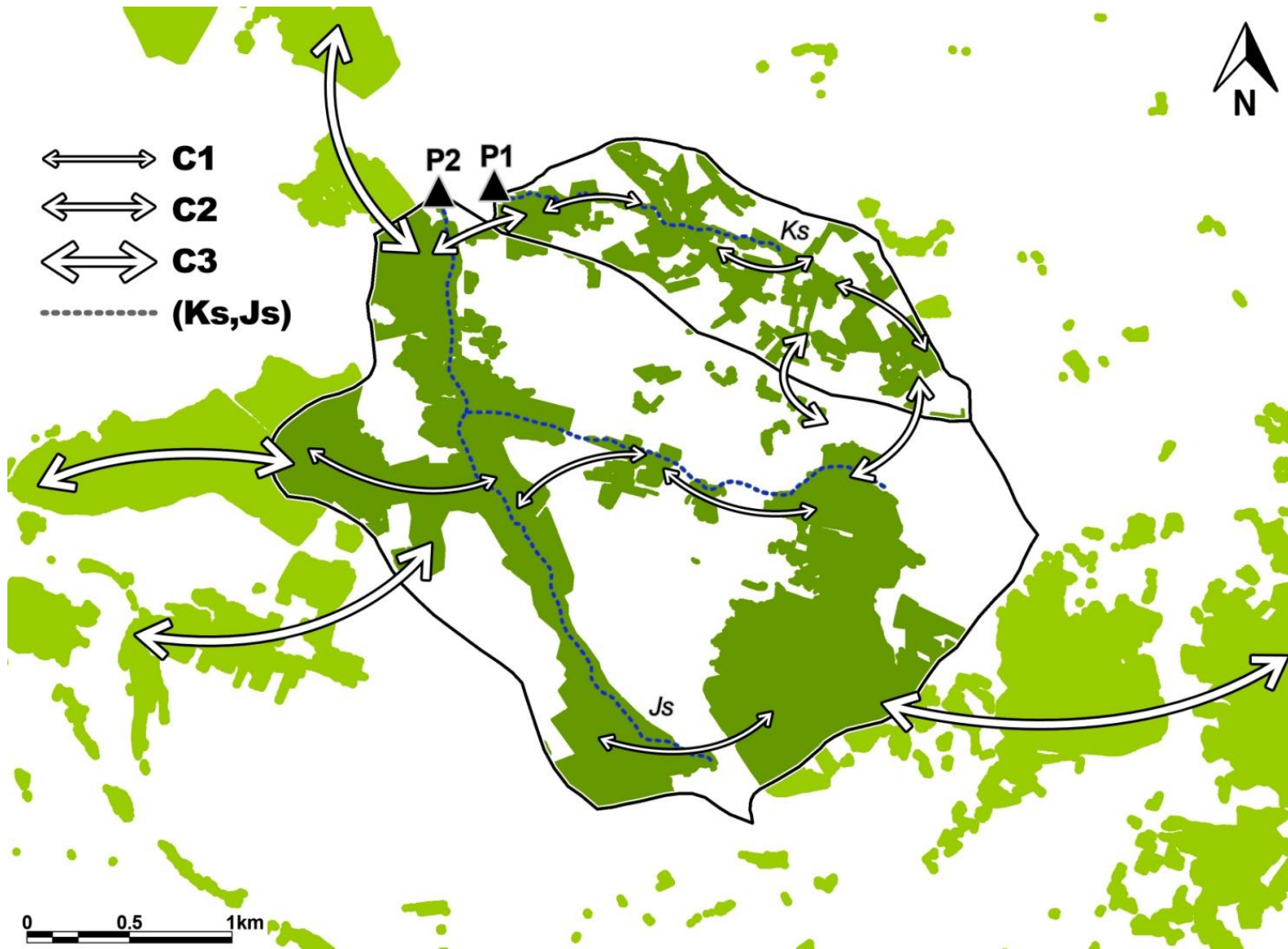


## Hydrographs of maximal discharges at the Kaljavi and Jelezovac streams under current conditions (2013) and after restoration (2020)





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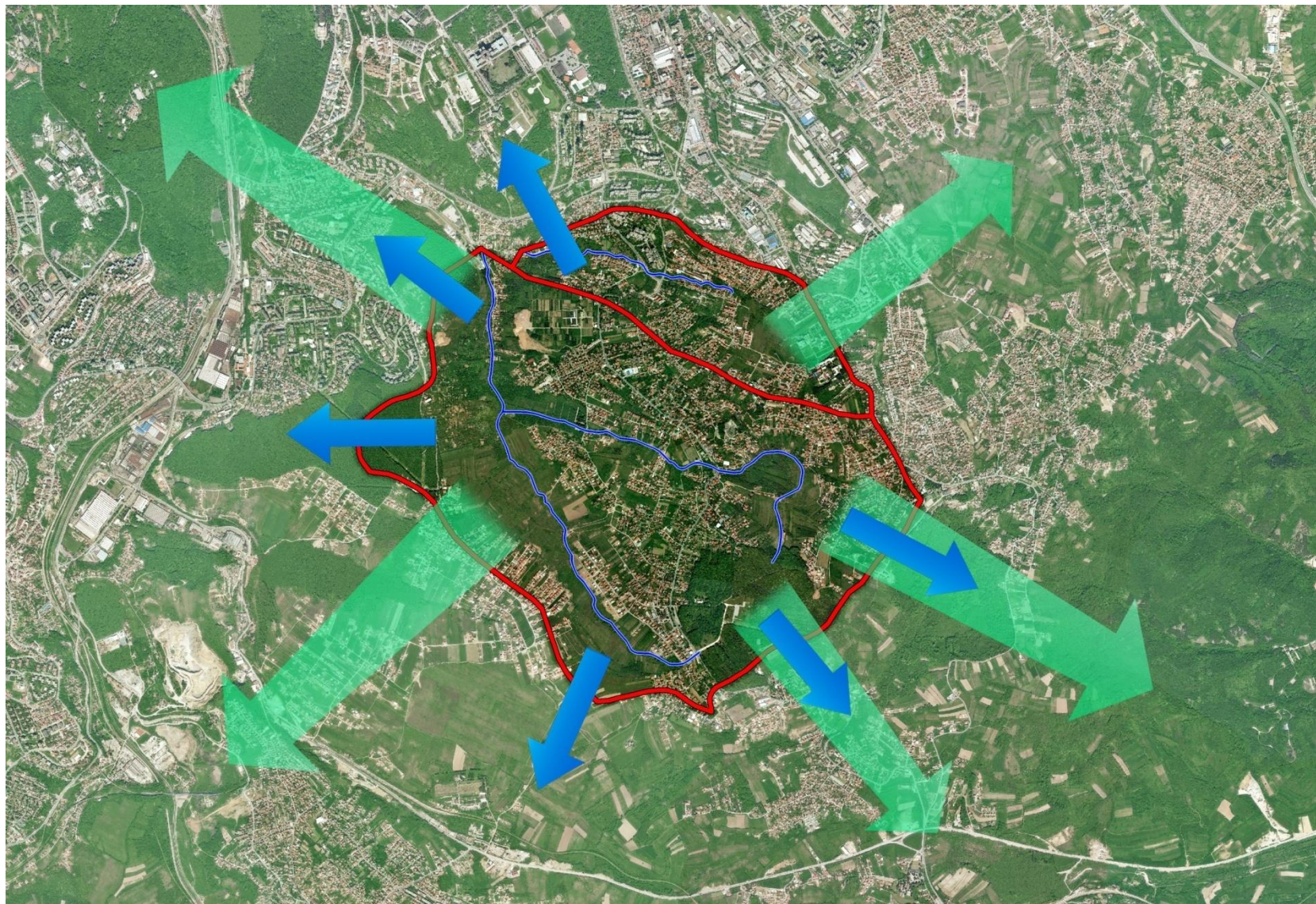
C1 (Microscale connections; intra-watershed level); C2 (Mesoscale connections; inter-watershed level); C3 (Macroscale connections; trans-watershed level)





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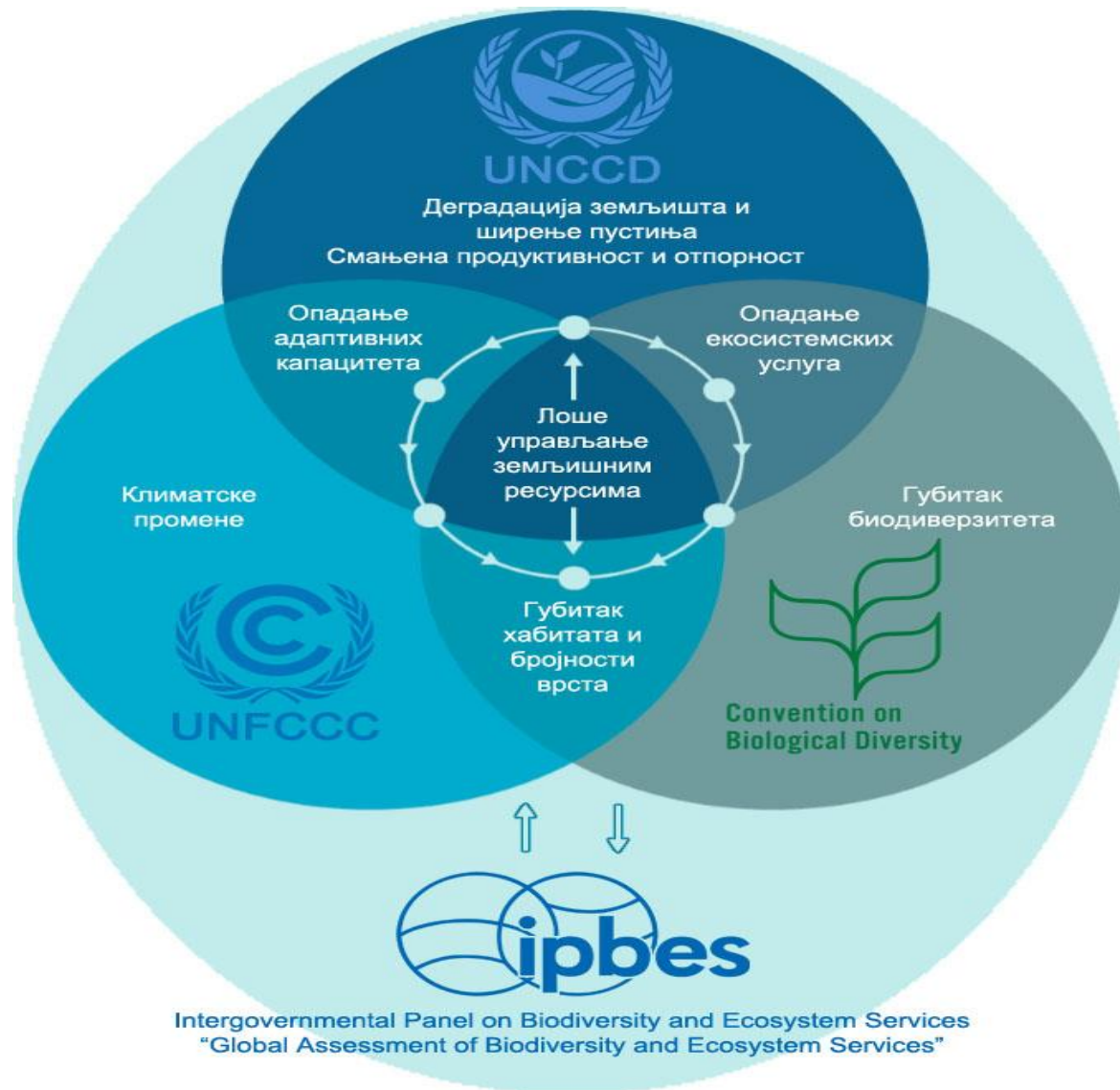


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- **75%** land surface is significantly altered;
- **66%** aquatic ecosystems are endangered;
- **85%** wetlands are destroyed;
- **one million species** are faced with extermination.

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# CONCLUSIONS

- Prevention of natural hazards (torrential floods, destructive erosion processes)
- Identification and protection of the remaining forest areas, other valuable green areas and watercourses (NBS, LDN).
- Evaluation of ecosystem services
- Mitigation of the effects of climate change (CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, O<sub>2</sub> emission; reduced “heat island” effect)
- Conservation and protection of biodiversity
- Establishment of new sports and recreational zones

**Rehumanization of the city space...**

