Resilient Cities
Putting Nature to Work for Cities
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THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
Nature’s Utility for Cities

- Secures clean and abundant water
- Controls floods and storm surges
- Reduces air and water pollution
TNC’s PAST EXPERIENCE

- From Texas to New York, we have helped create and manage water funds that support the wholesale conservation of local freshwater resources.

- Restoration work and coastal defense tools are informing smarter, long term planning and redevelopment in coastal communities.

- LEAF offers urban high school students internships across the country with the goal of getting them out of cities and into nature.

- Our work with Dow Chemical demonstrates how large scale urban forests in and around cities can supplement some industrial solutions.
PLACES

New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago and Miami
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LESSONS FROM CHICAGO WILDERNESS FOR DENVER

Mighty Acorns, Chicago, IL

DSST LEAF Interns, Hayden, CO
LOOKING FORWARD

Nature is a go-to solution for future-proofing our cities.

New urban policies and strategies can guarantee the protection of natural resources at the whole system scale and hold promise for connecting the next generations to nature.