

In recent years, a troubling trend has been unfolding in our region – the rapid disappearance of parks, green areas, and forests. As concrete jungles expand and urbanization encroaches upon once lush landscapes, the loss of these vital green spaces has become increasingly apparent. The vital role that these green spaces play in mitigating air and water pollution, regulating temperatures, and providing habitats for diverse plant and animal species cannot be overstated. The disappearance of these spaces deprives our communities of these essential benefits, potentially leading to a decline in overall health and quality of life. The disappearance of parks, green areas, and forests is a cause for concern on multiple fronts.