

Metro Manila's Urban Greening Initiative — DENR Mini-Forests, Tree Corridors & Green-Space Mapping

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

DENR's Metro Manila office has built mini-forests, linear parks and tree corridors since 2019, lifting the region's green cover from 12.08% (2015) to 20.48% (2021) and logging over 11,000 hectares of green space by 2025, with seedlings tracked at about 80% survival.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Department of Environment and Natural Resources – National Capital Region \(DENR-NCR\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

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