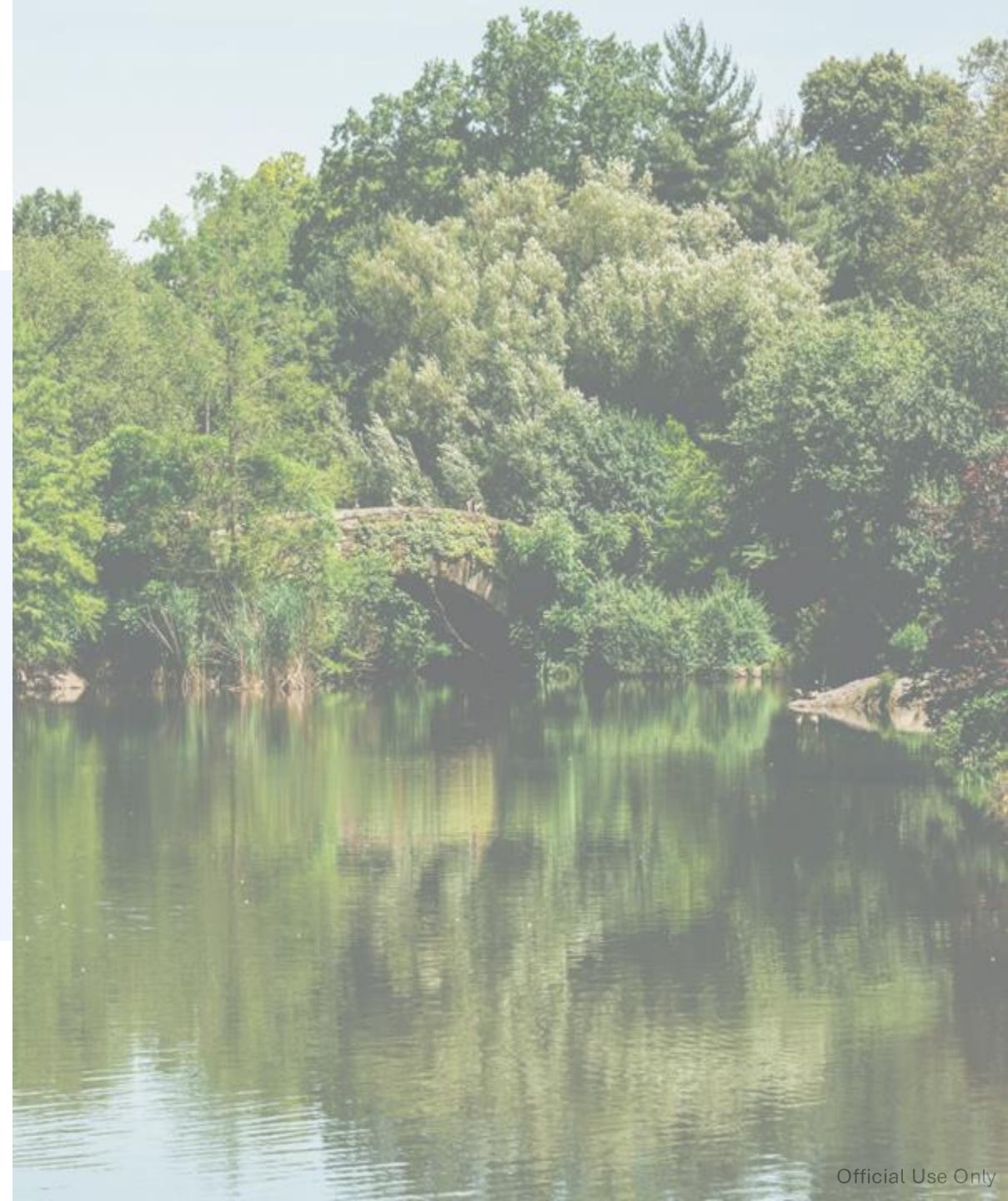


The Green Infrastructure (GI) Network Approach

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1. Rethinking Urban Infrastructure

Conventional System

Cities long depended on gray infrastructure to deliver urban services

Climate and resilience challenges are exposing its limits



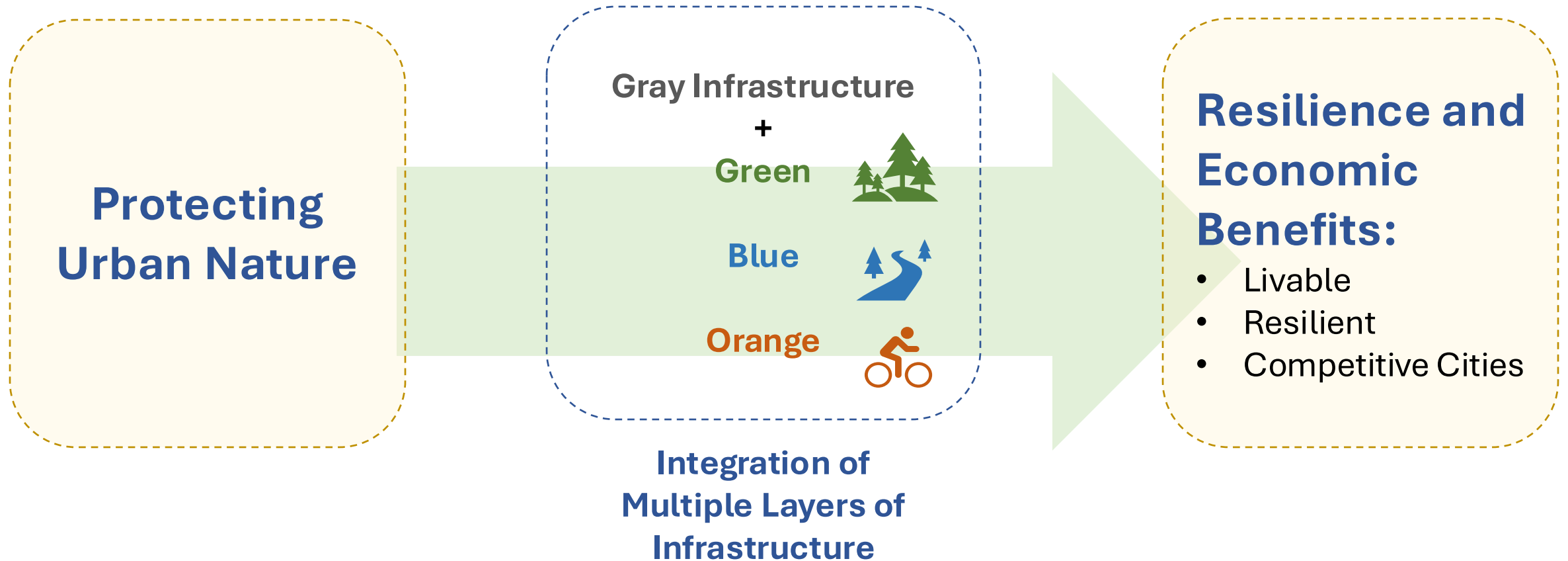
Green infrastructure Approach

GI uses natural and semi-natural systems—such as parks, wetlands, waterways, urban forests, and green streets, to deliver urban services and benefits

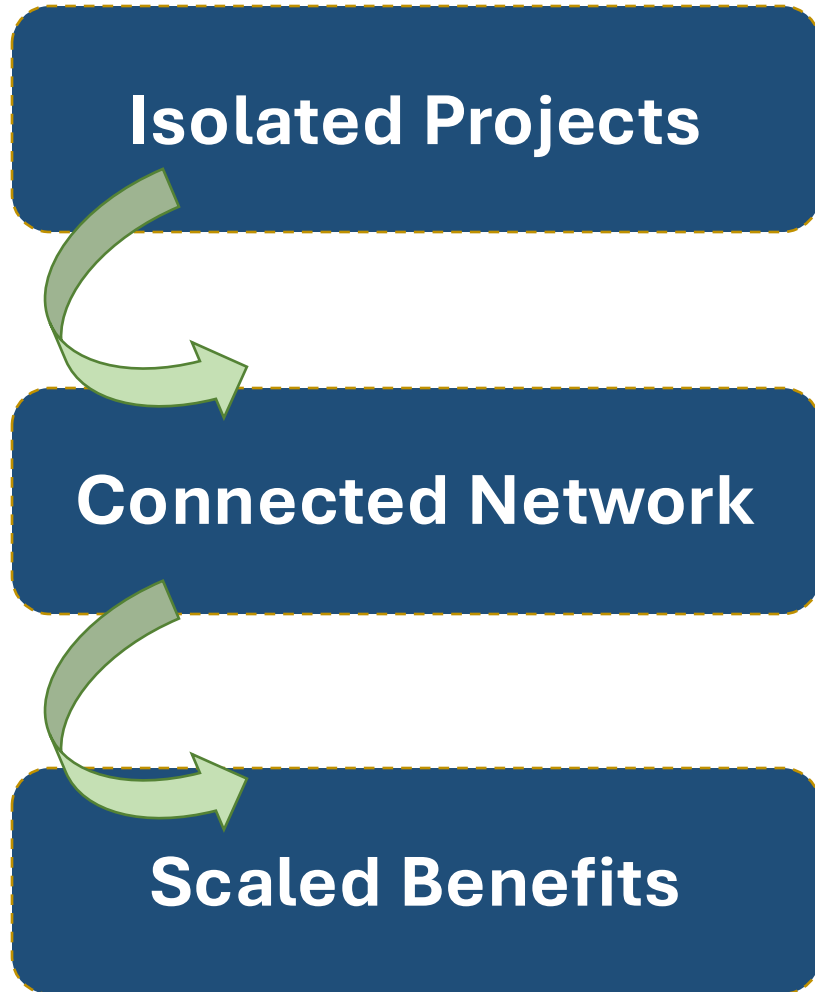
Green infrastructure integrates nature into the city as infrastructure, not simply as amenity.



2. Integrating Green and Grey Infrastructure



3. Plan GI as a Network: Scale and Impact



Isolated Projects

Many cities begin with small-scale, individual GI projects

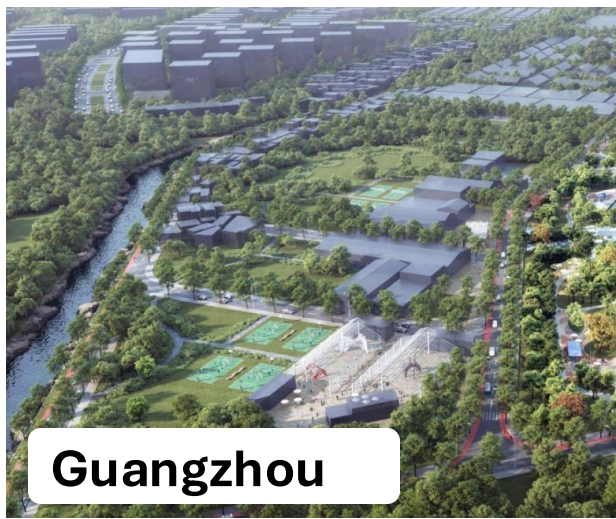
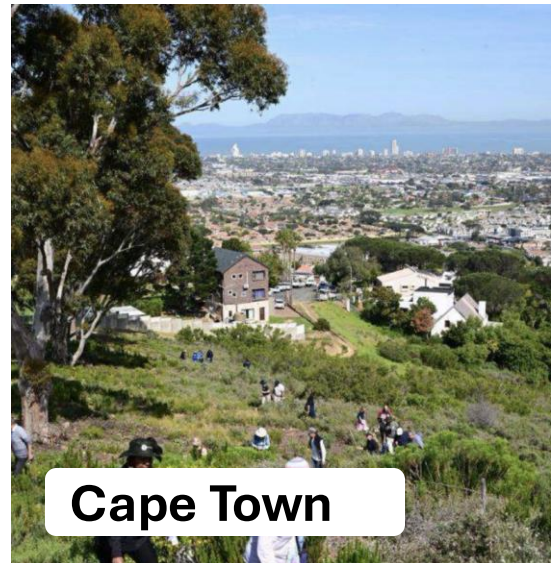
Connected Network

Over time, with network planning, these projects can connect across neighborhood, district, city, regional, and national scales.

Scaled Benefits

A networked approach delivers greater economic, environmental, and resilience benefits

4. Cities Are Moving toward a Network Approach



5. Strong Demand across GEF-8 Countries

All countries include nature / GI in their pipelines.

Many need better GI planning, beyond stand-alone projects.

Existing guidance is often project-level only.

Cities need a **network-based planning framework** at district, city, and regional scales.

6. Introducing GPSC Tool

The GI Handbook as a tool to advance System Approach

Covers the full cycle: preparation, planning, financing, Monitoring and O&M.

Goes beyond green + blue to include mobility connectivity (orange).

Highlights GI's economic and revenue potential.

Links GI to livability, resilience, jobs, and local growth.

Helps cities build an investable pipeline of GI projects.

7. What we Want to Achieve

GI Moving into the Center of Urban Planning

Mainstream GI planning into land-use and zoning plans.

Embed GI in city strategies and long-term visions.

Position GI within economic development strategies.

Establish investable projects to scale up investment

8. Next Steps

From Handbook to Action

