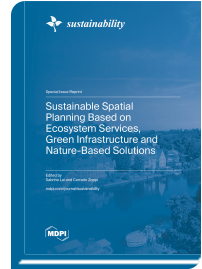*Special Issue Reprint*

Sustainable Spatial Planning Based on Ecosystem Services, Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions

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