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**Multitasking abilities: what green infrastructure and women may have in common and how it could help to improve the quality of our cities.**

Nowadays, green infrastructures in our cities play a key role to sustain life in the urban environment. Besides providing continuity to ecosystems and contributing to human wellbeing, they have the potential to restore ecologies and degraded environments and thus, improve urban resilience.

In Latin American, however, infrastructures are regarded as highly specialized systems. Motorways, bridges, waterways, etc. are generally conceived to perform one single task. But this wasn't always like that.

In the past, infrastructures were considered as opportunities for the construction of public space integrated with the dynamics of urban life and beyond its unique functionality.

Just like women, who understand the vital significance of multitasking, it's time to think back in infrastructure as polyfunctional systems. In a context of global warming, scarcity and limited resources, it is a way to get added benefits for the same price.