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Abstract : *The landscape of NCT Delhi is transforming into a harsh urbanscape stamping out eco-system services from its eco-systems, leaving it increasingly unsustainable and vulnerable to climate change impacts. The strands of biodiversity, habitats, sustainability and climate change are inter-twined and operate in the context of prevailing natural conditions.*

Delhi is one of the greenest cities. Yet it could extract much greater eco-system services if the existing spatial format was far more naturalized. Is it possible given the increasing densification of Delhi?

This study is an attempt to understand the natural conditions of Delhi and offer a plan to modify those conditions within the existing urban fabric to ensure greater climate change resilience and sustainability. It also offers a GIS map showing the various interventions proposed. The map can be availed of in soft copy to incorporate changes and suggestions in due course.

Note : **Those who are familiar with Delhi and would like to know what this report has to recommend by way of action plans may skip earlier sections and direct their attention to Sections 12 to 23 [p. 83 – 118]**

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