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Dongying Li is an Assistant professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. Dongying is trained as a landscape architect and completed her Ph.D. at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests lie in the area of the relationship between the built environment and human health, especially how access to nature promotes mental health and well-being. She has engaged in interdisciplinary research that examine nature and children’s restorative experience, academic performance and mood states. Her other active research areas involve examining nature’s salutary effects on children with autism spectrum disorder and communities impacted by natural disasters. In her research, she critically investigates the application of GIS, remote sensing, volunteered geographic information, biosensing, and a variety of other techniques to advance understanding. As a planner and designer, she works to apply her research findings to support evidence-based design and create places where people thrive.

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