ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF URBANIZATION

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Abstract

Population growth in urban areas, expansion of areas of cities (urbanization), beside the progres is associated with a number of issues. While in western countries urbanization is consolidated, in developing countries, where it enters our country, this process is associated with social-economic and environmental problems. Today, urbanization is seen as one of the main environmental risks, since damages caused are irreversible. Dynamic process of urbanization and without a specific strategy were associated with a total negligence towards the environment. Knowing that the environment is a system of physical, chemical and biological factors, which must be in balance, disruption of any of them, causes the blast of environmental balance. Urbanization affects air quality, water quality, soil quality, and therefore impacts on human health, causes economic disadvantages and other disadvantages. Urbanization is also considered as the main risk to irreversible loss of land. We look forward to the country, whose environment has undergone significant changes as a result of uncontrolled and chaotic urbanization. The bad management of agricultural land and loss of land resources directly affect the environment. Besides the main cities of the country, even Shkodra has not escaped the fury of unplanned urbanization. Consequently, the environmental situation and the problems appear to leave room for intervention. The city of Shkodra Urbanization is associated with increasing environmental pollution. In this paper we will give information for the most hot spot zones in our city and we will mainly talk about the consequences of urbanization in the city of Shkodra, about the causes, factors, issues and then the preventive measures to further degradation and possible repair. The city of Shkodra is facing the consequences of urbanization. Areas of Lake Shore, along the Buna River, the other river shores, the fragmentation of agricultural land, the construction of various facilities in areas not planned for construction, discharge of urban and industrial waste in the waters of the lake and rivers, causing incalculable damage to environment by destroying vital parameters. Humanity has a precious gift, the environment, which he has taken inappropriate advantages without thinking that he exists thanks to it. At this stage we need to evaluate what nature gave us. We must protect the environment because that way we protect ourselves, children and the future.

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