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### **METHODOLOGICAL PROPOSAL FOR MEASURING URBAN GREEN SPACE PER CAPITA IN A LAND-USE COVER CHANGE (LUCC) MODEL - BOGOTA D.C. - COLOMBIA CASE STUDY**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The lack of sustainable urban planning and territorial ordinance plans have led to the nullification, fragmentation and reduction of green space and strategic ecosystems within cities. A clear example of this problem is the city of Bogotá, currently with 4.10 m<sup>2</sup> of green space per capita, an amount significantly below the 10 m<sup>2</sup> recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). Due to this problem, the present exploratory research aim to establish how the green space, in Bogotá, is distributed and relate with other land uses, transport infrastructure and other variables for determinate a way to protect or recover these spaces. For this purpose, an ordinary least squares (OLS) and geographic regression model (GWR) were use. Both models intent to determine the relationship at global and at neighborhood scale between the GS per capita and other variables, for two periods of time: 2005 and 2014, which correspond to the past and present situation and, after it, establish a much greener scenario, for 2040, using the Metronamica software to understand how does these interactions change over time. The results demonstrate the lack of green space in Bogotá, but also open the opportunity for decision-makers to understand in a quantitative way how green spaces are distributed and the benefits they provide, with a view to having a much more sustainable planning.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Since the industrial revolution, most of the population growth have been concentrated in the cities which have become supports of the modern economy and the center of development for any country. This type of artificial ecosystem is characterized by their changeable and dynamic system that daily are consuming, transforming and releasing materials and energy (Bottalico, et al., 2016). This dynamism is correlated with increased production and consumption of goods, services and infrastructure. However, at the same time it has led to greater land urbanization, landscape fragmentation, biodiversity loss, the creation of urban heat islands, increasing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing vulnerability to climate change events and the destruction of strategic or sensitive ecosystems (Norton, et al., 2015).

To reduce and overcome these issues many cities, from develop and developing countries, are evaluating mechanisms in order to plan and structure a more efficiently growth, mainly, following four principles: economic development, environmental equilibrium and sustainable development, transparent policies and government, and are focusing on cultural identity, factors that can be evaluated and grouped in a sustainability circle (James, Magee, Scerri, & Steger, 2015). This new city planning is becoming a stronger movement mainly in cities of developed countries, where planning policies are focused towards sustainable modes of transport, more compact and dense cities, efficient, greener and liveable for current and future generations (Gedge, 2015) & (Barbosa, et al., 2007) & (Demuzere, et al., 2014).

One of the main pillars of this new wave of urban planning thinking is the development towards environmental sustainability. This can be seen in several cities, mainly Europe and Asia (eg. Vitoria-Gasteiz or Singapore), which have focused their attention on generating and preserving all the potential of green and blue spaces (water bodies), in order to increase the quality of life of their citizen (Jim C. Y., 2004). This planning thinking, enables Urban Green Infrastructure (UGI) to arise and can be interpreted as a hybrid infrastructure between old and new buildings with Green Space (henceforth as, GS) inside or in the border of the cities.

The UGI's have emerged as a tool to generate new GS or even to recover those that were lost; In turn, have proven the benefits that this type of spaces provide, as they are not only part of the landscape, but also at the level of ecosystem services, valuation and capture of land value, tourism attractiveness, among others (Norton, et al., 2015) (Bolund & Hunhammar, 1999) (Jim & Chen, 2006). Also, these arise as an option in cities that are already consolidated and have a high population density, but lack GS or have a decrease of green areas. Given these conditions, this cities have a major vulnerability to the effects of climate change seen through the local effects, since the lack of these strategical areas generates a reduction in the land capacity of infiltration, changes in the underground water flow, and increase of removal in mass events, and increase of the urban heat, a lack of tools to reduce or control air pollution, among others (Jo, 2002).

Furthermore, all the planners and the decision makers must take in consideration of the preservation and the greening of the city as a priority urban planning; not only to understand the causes and impacts which the urban sprawl brings but also the opportunities that new spaces can provide. Therefore, the current research aims to understand where the GS locate based on the relationship with other land uses, transportation infrastructure, water bodies and other variables. Also, identify which zones in a city lack of these spaces, in order to take actions to generate new green infrastructure, mainly parks, in these zones. The testing of this indicator will be applied in an existing model called "Bogotá Land Development (BoLD)" which was built by the group SUR in association with the French Development Agency (AFD, by their acronyms in Spanish and French) and uses a dynamic land cover change model based on a cellular automata (CA) software Metronamica.

## 2. BACKGROUND

Rapid urbanization in the last century has led to changes in GS inside or near the city, which trend to the disappearance of these spaces and ecosystems that have generated significant changes in the urban climate dynamics. Today natural land surfaces and urban vegetation has been replaced by surfaces and constructions that have the ability to absorb solar radiation, leading to the generation of different microclimates in urban areas (Norton, et al., 2015); A problem that increase due the lack of GS which led to substantial changes in the infiltration and retention capacity of soil, altering the flow of groundwater (Demuzere, et al., 2014). These changes have led to a gradual increase of temperature in urban areas, which is reflected by an increase in forest fires events, landslides and the reduce disposal of urban water resources, that finally leads to an increasing vulnerability for climate change at local level.

At the same time, urbanization patterns are always associated with the fragmentation and nullification of strategic ecosystems; this not only affects urban biodiversity and lack of open GS, but also generates changes in the city interactions with the environment and its surrounds (Wu, 2014); also this decrease of green areas means greater vulnerability to climate change event at local scale (Yin, Olesen, Wang, Ozturk, & Zhang, 2016) (Duh, Shandas, Chang, & George, 2008). In order to address and mitigate all the problematic described above, cities are taking actions such as: improvement of infrastructure (Connop, et al., 2016) looking for more sustainable and efficient transportation, reducing energy consumption and even make the cities greener (Wolch, Byrne, & Newell, 2014) all of these without affecting the population growth and economic development. One of the mechanism that concentrate most of these actions are the UGI.

An UGI can be defined as a planned or unplanned GS, spanning both the public and private realms, and manage as integrated system to provide ecosystem services (Norton, et al., 2015). The UGI is composed of infrastructure that has native vegetation, parks, private garden, golf courses, street trees, green roofs, green walls, bio filters, raingardens, wetlands, riparian zone and urban forest (Pakzad & Osmond, 2016). This kind of spaces or infrastructure have a significant ecological, social and economic functions, and at the same time has been indicated as a promising infrastructure with the capacitive of reducing the adverse effects of climate change in urban areas (Pakzad & Osmond, 2016).

There are a lot of benefits with the UGI, such as sequester carbon dioxide emissions, purifying the air by producing oxygen (Jo, 2002), regulate the micro-climate (Norton, et al., 2015), reduce noise (Bolund & Hunhammar, 1999), protect soil and water (Pauleit & Duhme, 2000), purifying and controlling the underground and superficial water bodies (Pauleit & Duhme, 2000), maintained the biodiversity (Attwell, 2000) . Also, living nearby GS can make the sale prices of properties increase considerably (Jim & Chen, 2006) also contributes to public health (Tzoulas, et al., 2007) and increase the quality of life of urban citizen (Barbosa, et al., 2007). UGI is being implement as part of future land use plans in cities around the world. A curious fact is that most of the cities where this type of infrastructure is being a subject of study, planning and implementation, are the highly dense and compact cities of the globe (Jim & Chen, 2003). Cities that have no GS tend to encounter more restrictions and stresses, and are more amenable to degradation and losses (Jim C. Y., 2004). That is why in these type of cities, which lack from land area to be destine for green areas, their planning and management requires more dedicated and coordinated efforts.

Today's urban size is not a limitation when it comes to planning a greener city. This is based on the fact that access to technologies of information and communication (TIC), as well as the improvement of human understanding around sustainability, have made it possible to promote cities that are much more intelligent and efficient, main pillar of the Smart City definition (Bibri & Krogstie, 2017) (Anguluri & Narayanam, 2017); which has led to a reversal of the way society thinks in order to obtain an equilibrium

in all populated centers and all the uses and ecosystems that forms it (Zuccalà & Verga, 2017). That is why there are examples around the globe that demonstrate that cities that are taking more actions for increase the GS are the ones that are generating a set of public policies to become greener, more resilient and efficient; while at the same time are really compact and dense (Jim C. Y., 2004).

Barcelona and Medellin, are one of the few examples of compact cities with the aim to recover and obtain more green areas and also be more liveable and sustainable for their citizens. In the case of Barcelona, the city has made a proposal plan to become a more green and biodiverse city by 2020, the project pursuit to generate a genuine network of GS by bringing nature into the city with all the life forms in order to make it more fertile and resilient to the pressure and challenges of climate change (Ayuntamiento de Barcelona, 2011). While Medellin, has developed a land use plan which calls BIO 2030, which consists of a redistribution of land uses in the metropolitan area of the valley of Aburra. In this plan, a 30 km linear park is planned in the river bank and next to it a densification in height, which aims to reduce the informal settlements, recover mountain ecosystems, increase accessibility to public infrastructure and transportation that it is locate near the riverbank (Alcaldía de Medellín, 2011).

Both plans were plan and conceive to allow these cities to be more resilient to climate change events. Likewise, their conception start with the construction of sustainability indicators that allow them to assess the feasibility of plans and studies. That's why all the UGI's must be based on indicators that allow them to determine which principles ruled them and also how they interact with their surrounds, cause these infrastructures must be relate somehow with other land uses and transportation networks.

## **2.1. Existing methodology for measure Urban Green Space (UGS)**

A Lot of international and regional organization, such as the European Foundation (EF), the European Commission on Science, Research and Development (ECSR), the United Nations (UN), the European Commission on Energy Environment and Sustainable Development and the World Bank have development a list of urban sustainability indicators (Barbosa, et al., 2007) in order to emphasize the important of preserve and increase the GS in the cities. In general, these indicators are conceive to synthesized factors that affect the quality of life including personal, social, cultural, community, natural environmental as well as economic factors. Also. Parisa Pakzad and Paul Osmond (Pakzad & Osmond, 2016), set and create a total of 30 indicators and then resume in 9 major concepts that must be evaluated for every UGI; furthermore, they reclassify in three categories: economic growth, environmental sustainability and health & wellbeing.

Some studies show that there are different mechanisms to evaluate the spatial distribution of parks, as well as the GS per capita in cities. An investigation by (Fan, Xu, Yue, & Chen, 2016) analyzes the spatial distribution of parks from a green accessibility indicator (GAI); which is constructed from two perspectives: the first by means of an expert survey to evaluate variables of services and nature from a quantitative point of view and the second, by measuring the afferent service area of the GS. This last using the distances and methodology established by the standards of Accessibility to Natural Green Space (ANGSt) were used. Another methodology was the one proposed by (Gupta, Roy, Luthra, Maithani, & Mahavir, 2016) where using a GIS based network they analyzed the accessibility of UGS at hierarchical levels by using different network distance to each hierarchy, the variables that they took on account were: children populations and socioeconomic groups near the UGS.

Another approach was the one used by (de la Barrera, Reyes-Paecke, & Banzhaf, 2016) to quantify the public space required by the inhabitants in Chinese cities. The above, through a metric quantification defined by the area of GS multiplied by corrected coefficients of quality and accessibility, obtained a measure of GS that was call effective equivalent green (EGE). Also found the methodology proposed by

(Gupta, Kumar, Pathan, & Sharma, 2012) where they measure of greenness using remote sensing images as percentage area of green. This approach was achieved, through measuring the proximity to green, built up density, and the height of structures in order to obtain an Urban Neighborhood Green Index (UNGI).

The studies demonstrated how important GS are, as well as all the ecosystem benefits and services they provide; however, determine how they are distributed and the variables that affect their location over time, are not clear yet; Mostly, due to the fact that in most of the land-use cover change models the GS and nature land use it is static over time. It is for this reason that the study of (He, Li, Yu, Liu, & Huang, 2017) is taken as reference in a methodology of spatial analysis and spatial regressions the urban growth in Wuhan city, PR China, was evaluated through variables that change over time. In this study it is observed how one variable can directly affect the geospatial location of the other; as in these case was the transport infrastructure, the road and the built-up area the variables that affected most the urbanization.

Several cities of the world are being planned not only to make them more liveable, but also seeks to understand the dynamics that exist in it, in order to attend their needs. Jianhua He determined that the use of spatial interaction it is fundamental, in order, to understand urban agglomeration system (He, Li, Yu, Liu, & Huang, 2017). Likewise, (Zeng, Zhang, Cui, & He, 2015) establishes that the new urbanizations are integrating the remote sensors, the spatial analyzes and the spatial geographic information to have global vision of the urbanization. In the case of Jianhua He, the variables for quantifying urbanization came from three different categories: economic, social and environmental, and it uses a spatially explicit approach based on data field to analyze the spatial interaction in the Wuhan city, PR China, through the regional transport infrastructure. Meanwhile, Zeng suggested that the urban expansion was study by measuring 20 variables divided in three groups: characteristics, density and proximity. In the first study suggest a strong relationship in the urban growth and distribution of uses linked to the transportation infrastructure. Nonce Jianhua suggested the effect that transportation have over built up area and urbanization, all of it obtained through spatial regression models. Finally, the above suggests the importance of understanding the dynamics and interactions within cities. And with the help of spatial analysis and regression been able to understand that phenomena and with it being capable of a better, greener and sustainable long-term city planning.

### 3. METHODS

#### 3.1. Study Area

Bogotá is the main political, economic, social and cultural center of Colombia. The city had a population that exceeded the 7.7 million inhabitants in 2014, which corresponds approximately to 24 percent of the entire population of the country (Munoz-Raskin 2010). In addition, it is responsible for generating more than 25% of the National GDP (DANE 2015). Since 1991, Bogota gained the political status of "Capital District" which allows the city to be governed independent from the politics of the state. In other terms, Bogotá has the autonomy in terms of land – use planning, taxation, independent cadastre, infrastructure development and management.

The city extends across 355 urban square kilometers (Bocarejo et al. 2013), limited in the east by easter mountains chain, in the south by the Sumapaz Moorland; on the western edge lies the Bogotá river and in the north by the municipalities of Chía and Sopo. Its density is near 20,500 inhabitants per square kilometer (Bocarejo, Portilla, & Pardo, 2013). Nowadays the city counts with a total of 96 metropolitan parks according with the IDR (Instituto de Recreación y Deporte Distrital, acronym in Spanish) (Scopellieti, et al., 2016), but even though the city has this number of metropolitan parks, the amount of

GS per capita it is just 4.10 m<sup>2</sup>, an amount significantly below the 10 m<sup>2</sup> recommended by the WHO (Scopellieti, et al., 2016), (Castillo, 2013) & (WHO) All of these implies that Bogotá, is a very compact city with very high density that has a lack of UGS.

### 3.2. Data acquisition

All the data used in this research is based on the model “*BoLD*”, is a LUCC model conducted for Bogotá and six bordering municipalities: Cota, Facatativa, Funza, Madrid, Mosquera and Soacha. It was created in order to understand and simulate the consequences that the development of transport infrastructure projects have in the city and their land uses. The model was conceived as a technical cooperation between the group SUR of The University of Los Andes, Colombia and the French Development Agency (AFD, for their acronyms in French and Spanish). The study zone for these project was divided into vacant (land uses that are available and can be occupied by other land-uses), feature (which are the land-uses that doesn't have changes over the time) and function (which corresponds to the land-uses that are in constant change), all of them in a raster data resolution of 100m x 100m. Once the land-uses where defined, these in addition to accessibility to transportation infrastructure, the suitability zones, the zoning, the future land demands and the neighborhood relationship between the land-uses allowed to create different dataset for two different years: a baseline year (2005) and the calibration year (2014). Once the calibration was completed, the model was used to simulate and predict the LUCC from 2014 till 2040 in four different scenarios of transport infrastructure and natural reserve conservation (Paez & Escobar, 2016).

### 3.3. Methodological Framework

For this research, the land-use maps of the years 2005 and 2014 were taken as base for the architecture of the model. From these maps the land-uses that correspond to residential, industrial, commercial, wetland and equipment (the parklands were contained within it) were extracted. With these layers, it was necessary to process all this data in order to obtain the definitive shapefiles that will be use in the model. Because the GS of the city was mixed with the equipment, it was necessary to take the shapefile of parks, pass it to raster and overlay it with the equipment of each year to obtain thus the GS corresponding to 2005 and 2014 in the model *BoLD*, at the end the minimum area obtained for a cell of GS was of one ha, which correspond to the minimum size to evaluated those space as its suggested by different international standards of the public GS (Natural England, 2010), (New Yorkers for Parks, 2010) & (Force, 2002). It is important to establish that for current research, GS correspond to parks and wetlands that are in the urban area of the city.

An exploratory regression was crucial to identify which variables are most suitable for all the rules of an OLS regression; and in turn under an evaluation of a series of possible combinations allow to find the best predictive model to explain the phenomenon. In this research, we assume diverse demographic, socioeconomic and environmental variables for its association with the distribution of the public GS in Bogota. In order to evaluate the model, a total of eighteen variables were considered, the information of which was available for 2014. In the end, only six variables were accepted, the remainder were discarded due to:

- Lack of information in the past and uncertainty of predicting in the future.
- Redundancy with other variables or not an explanatory one, cause it is a product of the dependable variable.
- Impossible to evaluate in a future scenario (due to the climate and geographical conditions).
- They are variables that are very subjective and depend on an applied survey to an expert or the community.

Variable	Decision
Public transport infrastructure (TM)	Choose
Average price per block	1
Distance to commercial land-use	Choose
Distance to industrial land-use	Choose
Population in Bogotá	Choose
Three density	Choose
Service park area	2
Air pollution	3
Urban heat island	3
Average medium income per block	1
Walking distance to park	Choose
Safety	4
Quietness	4
Biodiversity Hot Spot	4
Distance to water bodies	Choose
Flooding zones	3
Landslide and fire events	3
Water quality	3

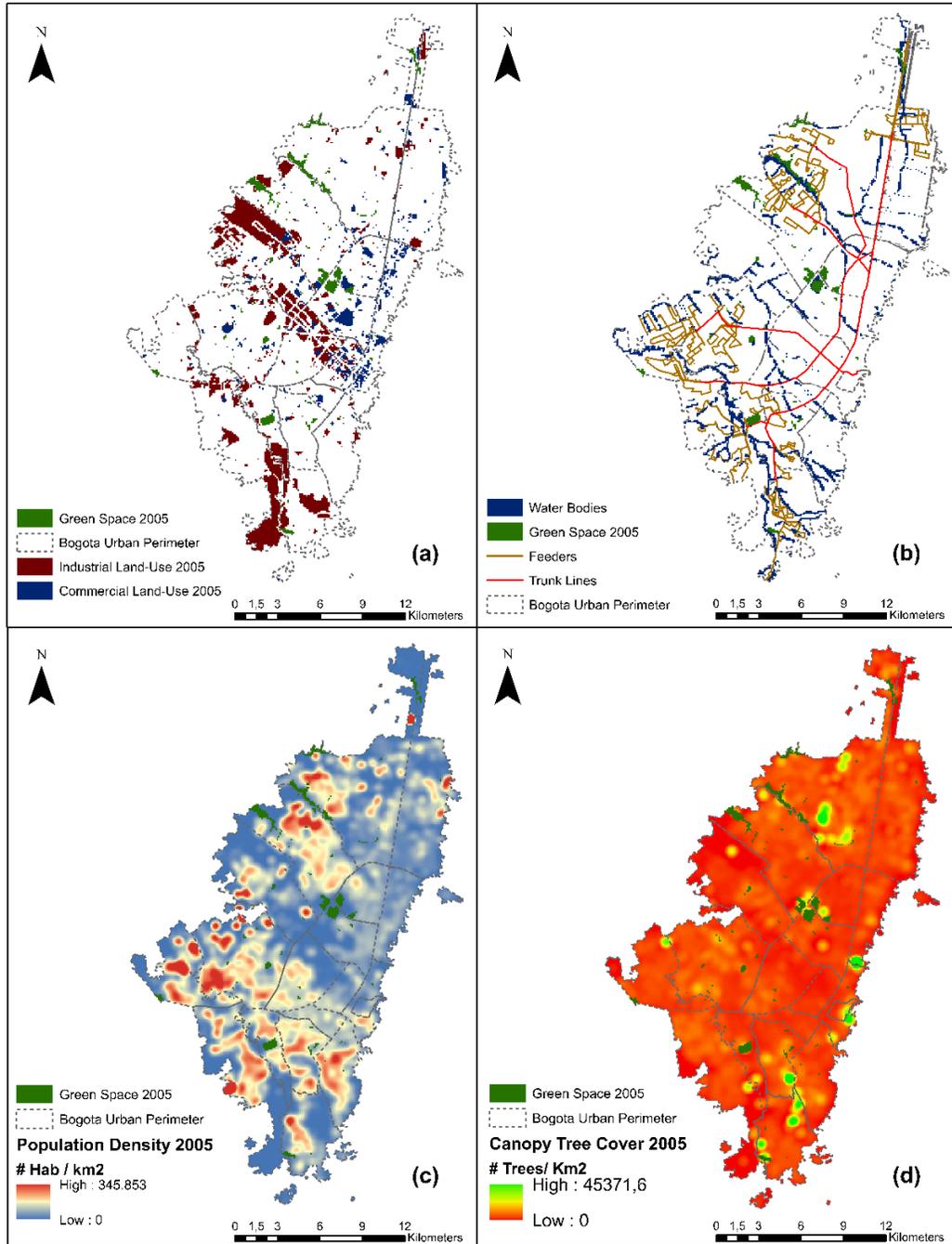
Table 1. Variables that were considered in the beginning for the development of the UGGI

Once the explanatory variables were identified and chosen, an OLS model was used to evaluate the linear relationship between the six independent variables with the dependent variable, in order to obtain a global model of the variable (Anderson, et al., 2014) the equation that describes the regression model corresponds to Equation 1.

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_n X_n + \varepsilon$$

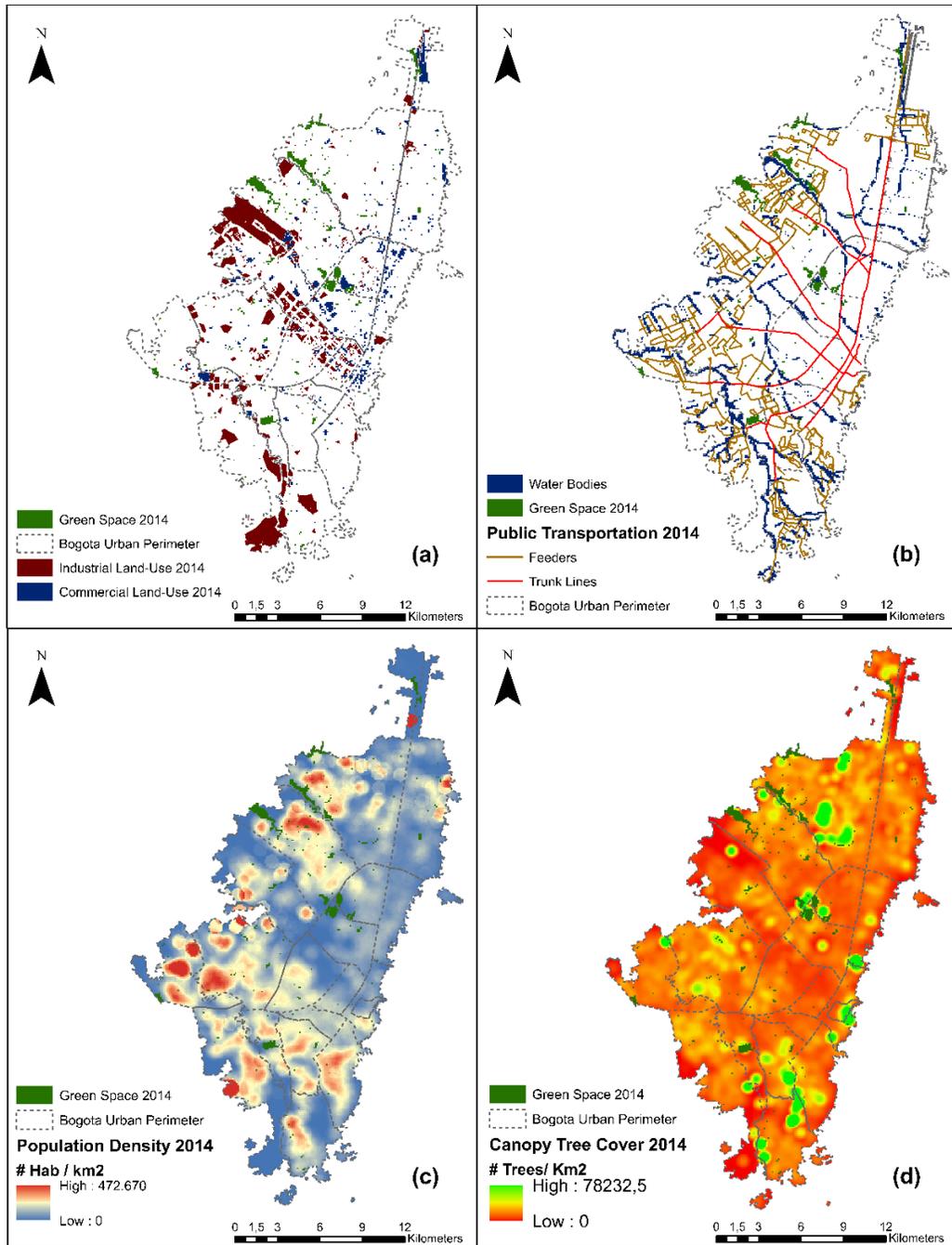
Equation 1. OLS regression model representation

Where  $y$  corresponds to the GS per capita, over time;  $\beta_0$  corresponds to the intercept of the model,  $\beta_1$  till  $\beta_n$  represent the coefficient of each independent variable, same as  $X_1$  till  $X_n$  which are the value of the explanatory variable; meanwhile the  $\varepsilon$  corresponds to the residuals of the whole model. This method is powerful to evaluate and validate the assumption of linearity and the constant variant. Although, normally is an efficient and easy method when spatial data is being used it becomes quite a challenge, since spatial data do not always fulfill all the presuppositions that this method of regression requires (He, Okada, Zhang, Shi, & Li, 2008) & (He, Zhang, Shi, Okada, & Zhang, 2006). However, if this method is executed in conjunction with spatial autocorrelation, it can determine if the variables are statistically significant and the model is well specified and has been implemented properly. The Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 correspond to the spatial distribution of the six explanatory variables chosen for 2005 and 2014.



*(a): Commercial and Industrial Land-use (b): Public transportation network (c): Population Density (d): Canopy tree cover*

Fig 1. Spatial distribution of the population density, canopy tree density cover, public transportation network, water bodies, urban green space, commercial and industrial land uses in Bogotá in 2005, 2014 and 2040



(a): Commercial and Industrial Land-use (b): Public transportation network (c): Population Density (d): Canopy tree cover

Fig 2. (Figure 1 continuation)

Finally, to be able to evaluate the interactions at the spatial level, a Geographic Weighted Regression method was used. This method allows to evaluate, identify and compare the patterns and interactions that are given between the variables by the estimation of spatial correlations between neighboring cells. In order, this method allows for increasing the specificity of the model and makes it more reliable, as (Yang, Lu, Cherry, Liu, & Li, 2017) assures base on their experience modelling the relationship between active mode travel demands and ambient built-environment attributes; in which they checked that GWR

has higher prediction power and provides a more understanding of the spatial variations in the relationships at local and global level. The GWR can be represent as Equation 2:

$$y_i = \beta_0(u_0v_0) + X_i^T \beta_i(u_i v_i) + \varepsilon \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$$

Equation 2. GWR regression model representation

Where  $y_i$  correspond to the GS per capita or dependable variable, over time;  $\beta_0(u_0v_0)$  correspond to the intercept of the model with spatial coordinates,  $\beta_n(u_n v_n)$  represent the coefficient of each independent variables in which values denotes the spatial coordinates for each observation, same as,  $X_i$  till  $X_n$  which is the dimensional vector of K independent variable over time; meanwhile the  $\varepsilon$  correspond to the disturbance of the independent and identical distribution.

#### 4. RESULTS

It is imperative to understand that significant changes occurred for a period of only 10 years (Fig. 2 and Fig.3) which could suggest that within the results there will be interesting changes and variations. An evaluation for the six selected variables, see Table 1, for 2005 and 2014 were carried out. Firstly, these variables were analyzed to determine how the relationship with GS per capita was. With each of these variables an exploratory regression analysis was executed. These consisted of a global combination of all variables and with it obtaining the most suitable and descriptive model. Each of the six variables had to meet the following criteria:

- Probability and Robust Probability (P-Value): Indicates a coefficient is statistically significant ( $P < 0.05$ ).
- Variance Inflation Factor (VIF): Large values ( $VIF > 7.5$ ) indicates redundancy among explanatory variables.
- R-squared and Akaike's Information criteria (IACc): Measures of model fit/performance.
- Join F and Wald Statistics: Indicates overall model significance ( $p < 0.05$ )
- Koener (BP) statistic: When this test is statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) the relationship modeled are not consistent.
- Jarque-Bera Statistic: When this test is statistically significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) the residuals are not normally distributed.

In addition to these previous rules, it is important to always consider the minimum correlation value or  $R^2$  which must always be above 0.6 or 60%, since it represents that both the explanatory variables represent the dependent variable. Once the exploratory regression analysis was performed, it was observe that only four of the six variables in Table 1 were considered to run the regression model, due to the lack of these variables to meet the criteria described before (tree density cup and commercial distance). Afterwards, an OLS regression model was run with the most representative variables in a global model and the results can be observe in Table 2 and Table 3. In these, it can be observed that the only variable that is representative and can describe the GS per capita in 2005, corresponds to a population density; meanwhile in 2014, it was added the coverage of the public transport network as another representative variable. This representability is mainly given by the p-value statistics, even if the rest of the criteria was fulfilled. Likewise, it is important to note that once the p-value is fulfilled, the t-statistics will be also be met.

Year 2005					
Variable	Coefficient	StdError	t-Statistics	Probability (P-Value)	Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)
Intercept	11,8517	2,1096	3,3498	0,0008*	----
Population density	-0,0004	0,0001	-3,6103	0,0003*	1,0483
Water bodies network density	0,5246	0,6735	-1,3450	0,1789	1,0363
Public transport network coverage	-0,1259	0,2361	-1,3823	0,1672	1,0519
Industrial area distance	-0,0010	0,0020	-0,5083	0,6114	1,0396

Year 2014					
Variable	Coefficient	StdError	t-Statistics	Probability (P-Value)	Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)
Intercept	8,2122	2,8478	2,1928	0,0284*	----
Population density	-0,0002	0,0001	-2,5529	0,0107*	1,0698
Water bodies network density	1,2174	1,0019	-1,7536	0,0796	1,0163
Public transport network coverage	-0,2381	0,2872	-2,2542	0,0242*	1,0829
Industrial area distance	0,0034	0,0024	1,3801	0,3883	1,0201

Table 2. Estimate OLS results for the representative variables from 2005 & 2014

Year	2005	2014	Criteria
Statistic	Value	Value	
Multiple R-Squared	0,028	0,006	
Join F-Statistic	7,576	3,613	Prob(>F), (4,2418) degrees of freedom: 0,006078*
Joint Wald Statistic	13,505	12,308	Prob(>chi-squared), (6) degrees of freedom: 0,015201*
Koenker (BP) Statistic	14,735	8,833	Prob(>chi-squared), (6) degrees of freedom: 0,065422*
Jarque-Ver Statistic	1189304,084	130913600,138	Prob(>chi-squared), (2) degrees of freedom: 0,000000*

Table 3. Summary of descriptive statistics for the OLS regression model

Once the results of the model have been obtained, it is observed that at present there are only two variables that can explain the GS per capita; of all the possible ones suggested by the literature. This shows that Bogotá is a city that not only lacks green areas for the benefit of its inhabitants, but, there is no pattern in the spatial distribution of these zones or enough variables to explain it; however, within the research this was seen as an opportunity to construct a scenario that allowed to explain the spatial distribution of the GS and to quantify it at the level of cell resolution. That is why, a much greener scenario for the year 2040 was run; however, to avoid changing any parameter in the “BoLD” model, due the fact that it is base of this research, a new run was decided in which only the zoning will change based on the decree 06 of 1990, of the government of Bogotá, in which establish on the articles 138 and 139 that in the border of the river or the riparian zone of the river must be a protection zone with more than 300 linear meters each side. Based on it, a new run was made with a zoning in which any construction was prohibited near the riparian zone starting from 2025. In the Fig.4 shows the modification in the zoning and the land-use map for these new scenario; meanwhile, the Fig. 5 shows the new green zones, obtained after processing the land-use map for 2040, together with the six variables analyzed for the previous years, all following the same procedure described in the methods, with the exception of the canopy tree cover.

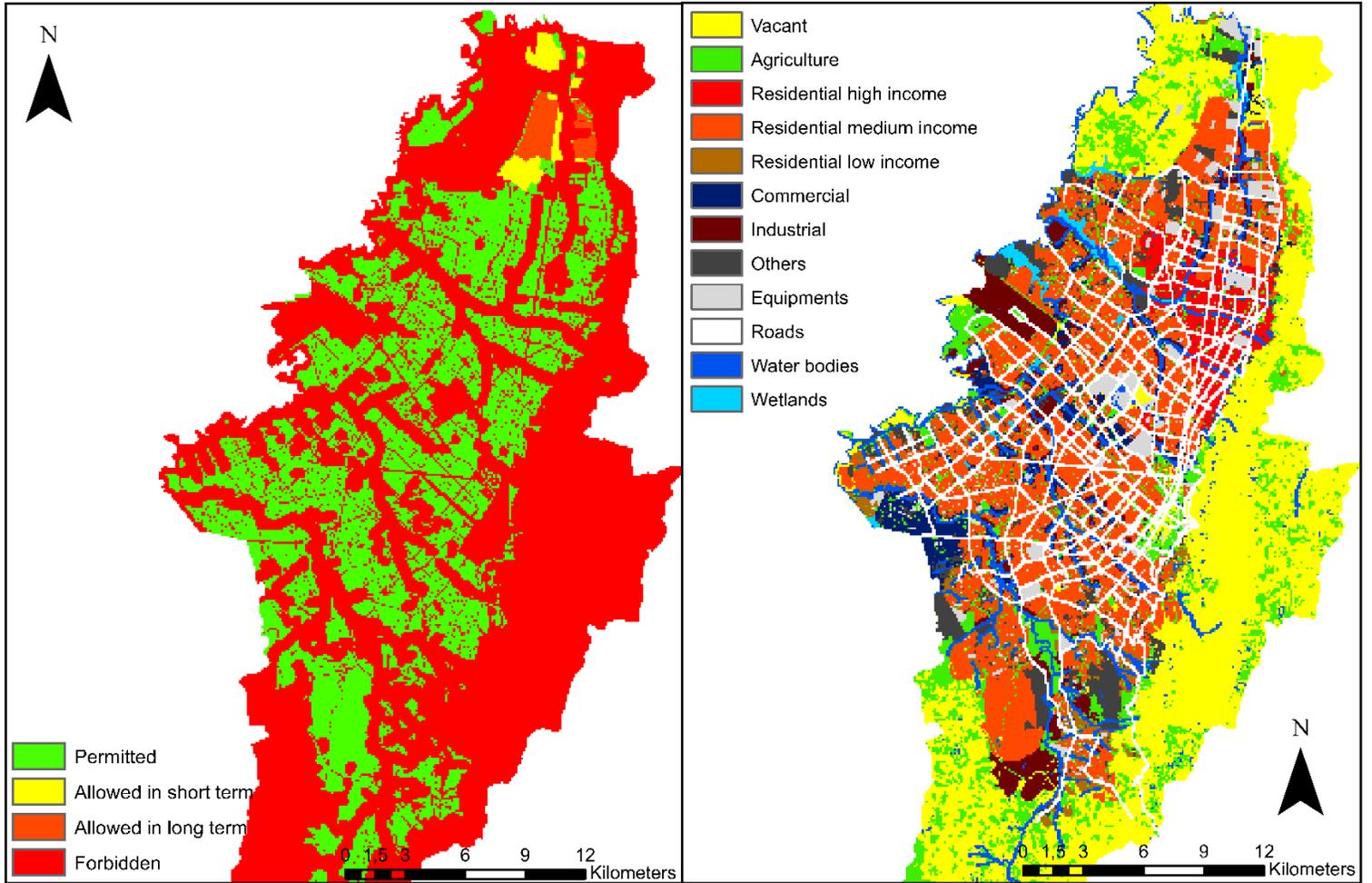
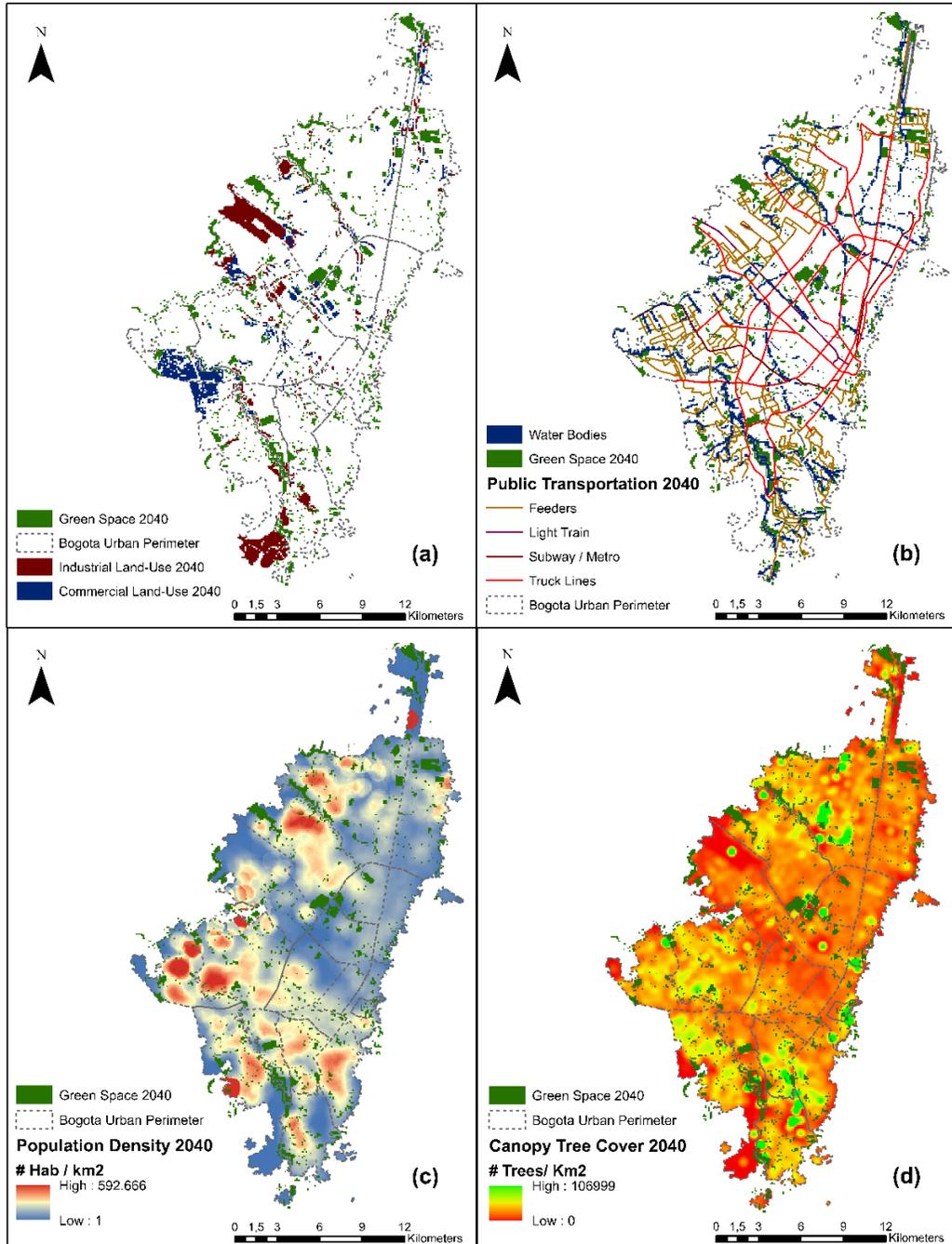


Fig 3. The new zoning and land-use map obtained for these greener scenario in 2040



*(a): Commercial and Industrial Land-use (b): Public transportation network (c): Population Density (d): Canopy tree cover*

Fig 4. (Figure 1 continuation)

For this last variable the procedure that was carried out was the following:

- Under the international literature, several cities aim to reach an index of 0.30 - 0.50 canopy tree density per inhabitant (MIT, 2017)
- For the present study it was considered that in 2040 Bogotá would be at 0.25.

- By 2014 Bogota had 1,253,533 trees; considering the previous indicator, in 2040 this would rise to 2,549,055 trees.
- However, growth would not be uniform. In 2014, 28 was the average number of trees per square km; so in the future it was decided that all zones above these value will represent 50% of the additional trees; meanwhile, all the zones below the average, that it's almost all the city, will be the other half of the increase.
- So with this method, the average number of trees per km<sup>2</sup> would be 57 by 2040, as opposed to a uniform extrapolation with an average of only 39 trees per km<sup>2</sup>.

For this scenery, an OLS regression model was tested again, in which the expected result was a significant improve compared to previous years. The model was once again ran with the previous six variables. Once ran it, four of the six variables met all the criteria. Although it was a greener scenario, two variables were unable to explain the location and distribution of the GS per capita, they were: canopy tree coverage and commercial distance measured from the residential land use. In Table 4 and Table 5 it is presented the general diagnosis of the OLS model with main four representative variables.

Variable	Year 2040				
	Coefficient	StdError	t-Statistics	Probability (P-Value)	Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)
Intercept	34,1552	7,8534	2,6082	0,0092*	----
Population density	-0,0005	0,0001	-3,1001	0,0019*	1,0559
Water bodies network density	6,9905	2,3383	2,4536	0,0143*	1,0006
Public transport network coverage	1,0146	0,7896	-2,0854	0,0172*	1,0742
Industrial area distance	-0,0140	0,0046	-2,6420	0,0083*	1,0389

Table 4. Estimate OLS results for the representative variables for 2040

Year	2040	Criteria
Statistic	Value	
Multiple R-Squared	0,028	
Join F-Statistic	8,141	Prob(>F), (4,1140) degrees of freedom: 0,000002*
Joint Wald Statistic	12,832	Prob(>chi-squared), (4) degrees of freedom: 0,024362*
Koenker (BP) Statistic	9,579	Prob(>chi-squared), (4) degrees of freedom: 0,0,048156
Jarque-Ver Statistic	4518628,820	Prob(>chi-squared), (2) degrees of freedom: 0,000000*

Table 5. Descriptive statistics for the OLS regression model in 2040

With the results obtained within the OLS regression model, it is observed that the global model is significant, which allows the evaluation at the local level. In the local model, the variables will be evaluated at a cell resolution of 100m x 100m of residential land use. The results of the GWR regression model can be seen in Table 6 for each of the evaluated years. All the models were evaluated with the four significant variables, in which it was observed that at the local level the chosen variables have a greater significance; since the performance in the greener scenario the spatial pattern of these variables explains more than the 47% of the GS per capita for the year 2040, as can be seen in Fig.6 where the spatial distribution for the local R<sup>2</sup> of the model is shown over the time.

Variable	Value 2005	Value 2014	Value 2040
Number of Observations	1067	2423	1145
ResidualSquares	624080,208	5867983,300	9747857,192
EffectiveNumber	71,090	219,224	146,399
Sigma	25,033	51,601	61,887
AICc	9939,504	26099,742	13854,625
R2	0,297	0,405	0,562
R2Adjusted	0,248	0,347	0,469

Table 6. GWR result for the three periods of time

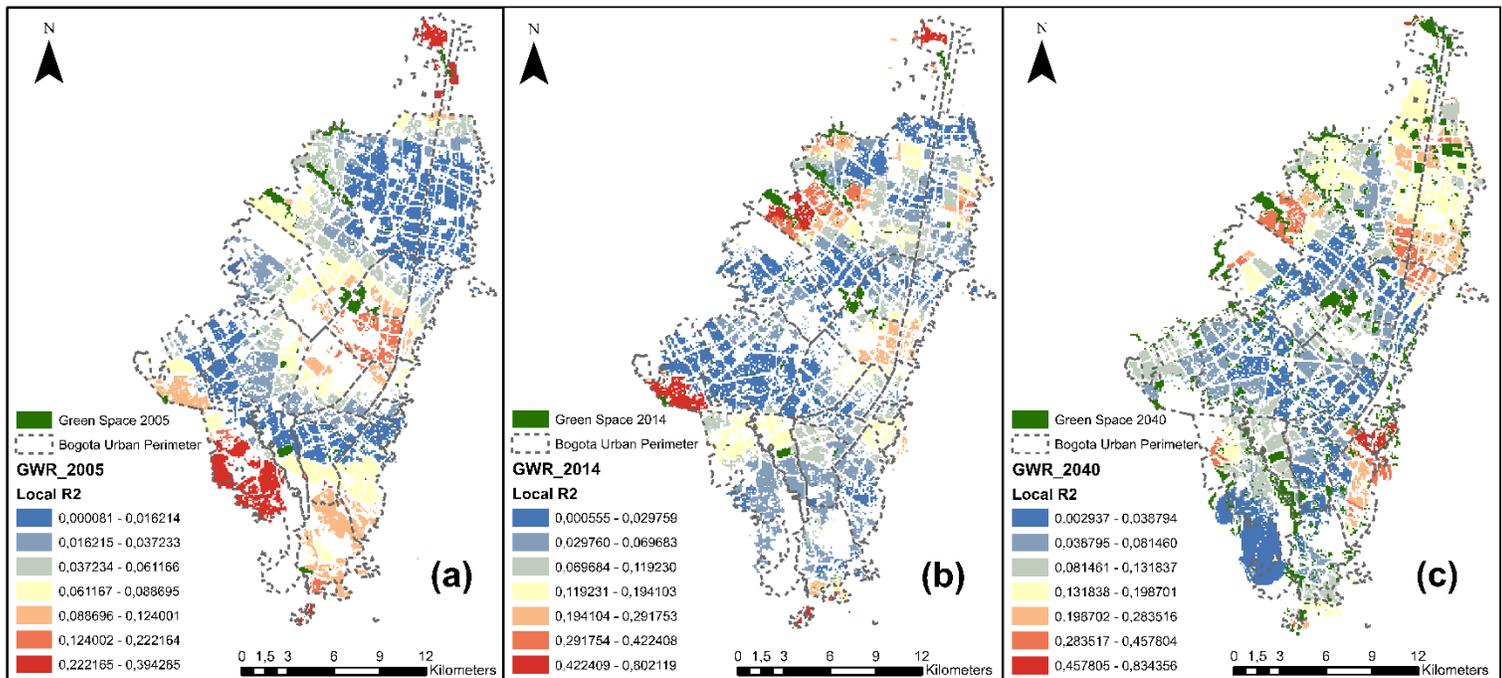


Fig 5. GWR Spatial distribution for the local  $R^2$  for the UGGI per Capita the three periods of study

The significance of the model at global and local level, allows to conclude that in the variables evaluated to quantify and measure GS per capita, coincide with those observed in the literature; in turn, it is observed that all the criteria for evaluating an indicator are met, since they are measurable and quantifiable over time. It should be noted that in the current context only two of the four variables can explain the distribution of the current GS; however, under a scenario where the normativity to protect ecosystems and UGS is enforced, the dynamics can change. This is reflected in the fact that in a much greener scenario, all the selected variables are statistically significant and explain in a considerable way the spatial distribution of the green areas; which allows to infer, that under the equations above, these variables can establish at any resolution how much GS per capita there will be in every residential cell in the future.

## 5. DISCUSSION

In Bogota since 2005, a master plan for the effective public space was established, in which goals were set for 2019. These goals stipulated that by 2015 Bogotá would have a per-capita public space of 6 m<sup>2</sup>; today this value is only 4.10 m<sup>2</sup>. In turn, the same plan stipulated that there would be continuous monitoring and updating of information on indices and GS, as well as increasing and improving afforestation and connectivity rates of urban ecosystems. All of the above would be done with a view to protecting, preserving and guaranteeing the enjoyment of these ecosystems for the community; however, not only does Bogotá currently lack effective GS at the physical level, but there is no political interest that generates clarity and continuity in this type of policy.

Likewise, within this master plan of public space there was not distinction made between private, public, road separator and future GS; also, it is not clear in how must be interpreted the riparian

zones near water bodies. All of the above, generate a challenge in Bogotá when measure GS comes forward; since the benefit and quantification for each of these spaces is different from each other and should not be quantifiable as a whole. Furthermore, the lack of up-to-date information, clear GS plans and up-to-date information generates limitations within the micro-level model. This limitation occurs mainly when running statistical models, since the lack of reliable and updated information will generate more uncertainty within the model.

Each variable considered has a unique temporal change and spatial pattern. This implies that for each variable the past and current state was known; however, it was necessary to make an estimate, which is fundamental for land use change models and for decision makers. In the case of transport infrastructure, it should be considered that when looking at the area of influence of a transport network is not done for the entire network but, specifically for the access points, since they are in these where important changes occur; Likewise, for the case of the variable of population density, it must be based on the fact that the last official census that was carried out was in the year 2005. This implies that the spatial distribution of the population could present considerable changes compared to the year 2014, which would imply an important bias for the distribution that would be presented in the year 2040; however, not considering this variable had omitted the most representative and most important variable to measure the GS index in the city. Also, it is important to remember that the other variables that explain the model are mainly product of the future land policies and territorial planning, which can be change and present over time.

Although the estimation of each of these variables may present some weakness, calculating and predicting them are fundamental to validate and simulate changes in a LUCC. The predictive models are based on linear and spatial regressions, which allow us to evaluate their representatives over time. In the case of an OLS regression, the representability is determined not only by the p-value but also by the specificity of the variables, which means, that exploratory variables should describe the elasticity of the dependent variable. This indicates the percentage of change of the phenomena due the independent value (eg. an increase of population implies a reduction in the GS per capita, therefore the coefficient that is the numerical value of the change must be negative), as shown in Table 2 and Table 4. Also, it is important to always consider the standard deviation and the residual errors, since these indicate that the variables are consistent and the model is correct.

While a GWR model allows to evaluate the statistical and spatial impact of one variable over another in a local context, or cell size. This tool allow to find patterns such as areas where there is greater correlation, compared to areas where deviation and representability is negative. Which leads, to a new way of analyzing and understanding the reasons why these zones present this disjunction when explaining the phenomena. In the case of the present study, if a Hot - Cold Spot analysis was made, it would be observed that the areas with the lowest density of GS are those with the lowest  $R^2$  and lowest statistical representability, which generates a negative impact when evaluating the model in a global way. In the opposite case, when this raster analysis presents a high square  $R^2$ , it shows how explanatory the local model is and how there is incidence and correlation between variables and model in general. Finally the sum of this allow to bring a global model to a local context, which can change due the resolution of the model and the information available.

Finally, the proposed scenario for 2040 showed that having a preservation of the riparian zone, not only a greater GS was obtained but the intervention on the built area of the city was minimum. Also, considering the population growth, not only an overall increase of the GS was achieved, but in turn, it was observed that the standards of GS per capita in urban Bogotá was above of the suggested by the WHO. It is important to note that even when the "Bold" model includes seven

neighboring municipalities, these were not considered due to the lack of available information. The increase of green areas at the global level and the index of GS per capita for each cell are observed in the Table 7 and Fig. 7, respectively.

Year	Population (hab)	Total Green Space (m2)	Index GS per Capita (m2 / #hab)
2005	6.840.116	26.838.256	3,92
2014	7.776.845	29.440.838	3,79
2040	10.376.221	134.744.949	12,99

Table 7. Global GS per capita for Bogotá

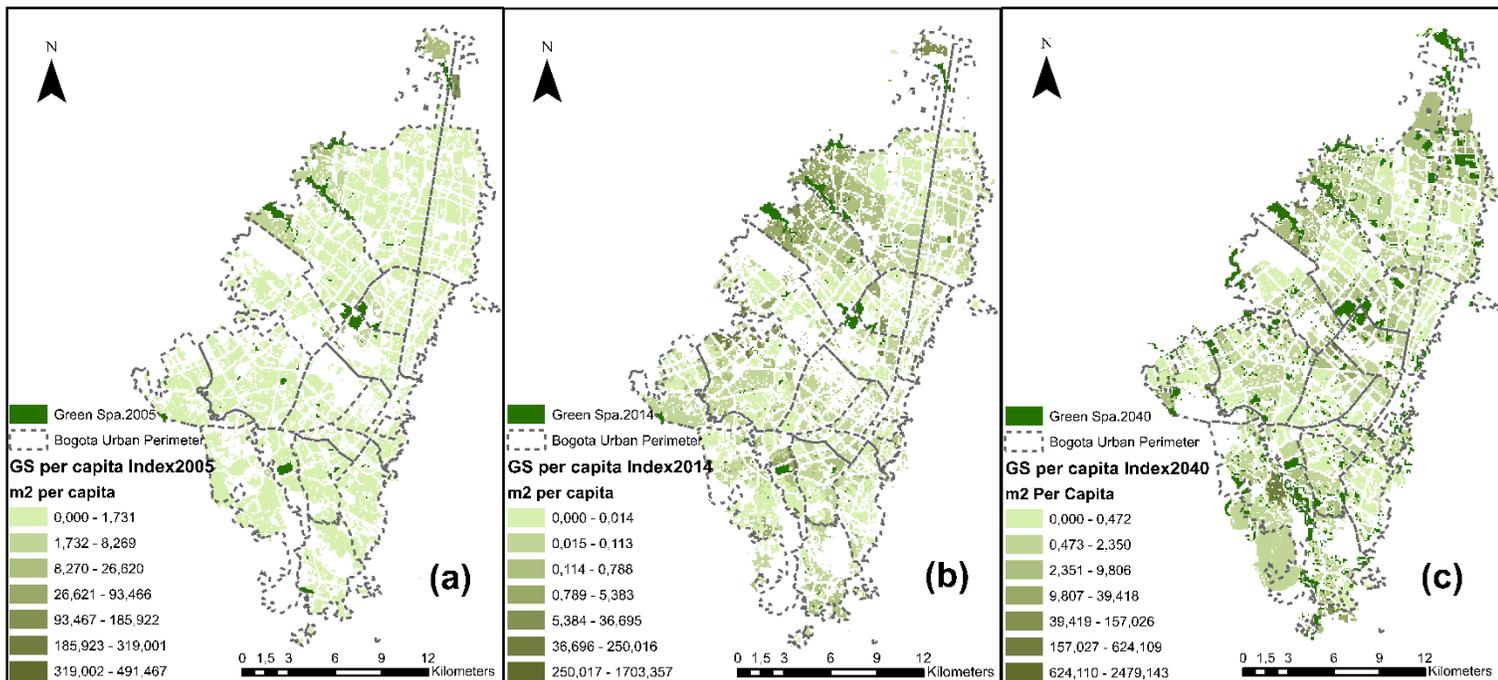


Fig 6. Change in UGS per capita over time

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

The lack of GS in the past and present in the city of Bogotá shows a problem that can still be reversed through clear and concrete actions. Among these actions, it is crucial that the future city plan has a more sustainable approach. That why the LUCC models are use, as it allows to establish greener scenarios with the current city policy. Likewise, the application of Local (GWR) and Global (OLS) regression models allows to propose a methodology to quantify and measure the future GS per capita, through present variables that are quantifiable and can be measure over time. It is important to reaffirm, that this methodology it is propose as a way to measure GS in CA models.

Within the research, it was took into account not only the international literature, but also the national and case studies in Bogotá; however, GS in Latin America and in, the Colombian case, are very low; as this is not yet a priority for governments. It is also important to highlight that there are variables that could be much more representative, however such as: housing price, crime rate, sustainable projects, land value, urban biodiversity and more; but the lack of updated and detailed information as well as the level of resolution represent an important challenge when estimating future scenarios.

Finally, further research must be done in order to quantify the GS in an integral way, since in compact cities the limiting of land is in conflict with the preservation of ecosystems. That is why, in the long term within these green areas should be counted new urban infrastructures as green roofs, new urban developments and tree canopy density as new GS, which can improve the quality of life of its inhabitants and make cities much more green in an unconventional way.

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