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"Z" Grabowski is a post-doctoral researcher at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies and the Urban Systems lab at the New School. His current research examines how cities operationalize green infrastructure concepts in planning, and how traditionally disparate infrastructure, community development, and green space planning are (or are not) being integrated to address interdependent environmental, social, and infrastructural challenges.

Is Green Infrastructure a Universal Good? Our team seeks to address this research question through a multi-faceted analysis of GI programs through mapping, interviews with practitioners and communities, and an extensive plan analysis across 20 US cities. Our plan analysis draws upon a wide array of planning documents pertaining to green infrastructure, and broadly examines the drivers of GI programs and how they consider the relationship between GI and community well being. In particular we are examining if plans take into account the perspectives, concerns, and desires of underserved communities in their framing of GI-equity concerns, and what targets and procedural safeguards they implement to address those concerns.

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