

# **Assessing green space connectivity amid land cover changes: A case study of Delta State, Nigeria**

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