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Singapore plans to plant 1 million trees by 2030, in a bid to boost biodiversity. It is predicted that around 90% of the mangroves in Singapore have been lost. As a small city-state, the nation has been in a long predicament torn between urban development and protecting nature.

In a Facebook post, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that "we need to ensure a Singapore for our future generations. All of us have to work together, and make Singapore a bright green spark for the world."



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It is estimated that nearly 13,000 trees could be removed in the next 15 years due to transport and housing projects; however, the Government has stated that for every tree removed they will replant another.

The greening of the nation could also hopefully mitigate the "heat island" effect created by the nations' numerous pavement and skyscrapers that absorb and radiate solar radiation and increase the temperature of the nation.



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The community is the key to the success of this movement by the One Million Trees project. Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat said that "I hope the Green Plan will catalyze a broader national movement to take action to secure a sustainable future for Singapore."

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