Sustainable Cities

There are certain cities in the world which exemplify the concept of a 'sustainable' city. In this article, I will be placing emphasis on Curitiba in Brazil. Curitiba has been branded an 'ecocity' or 'green city' as a result of a variety of policies aimed at encouraging sustainability. Amongst those policies include a Bus Rapid Transit System, which attempts to discourage the usage of more individual cars, and reduce the carbon footprint of individuals in the population. Furthermore, it adopts the concept of viewing the city as a system where the inputs (energy, water, people, materials, products etc.) are recycled from the outputs (solid, waste, noise).In truth the sustainable policies provide a template for working towards more sustainable cities:

- Adopting a sustainable urban management strategy to improve the quality of life for all present and future urban dwellers,
- Promote and make available 'clean' public transport available λ Keep waste production to a minimum,
- Preserve green space,
- Involve community in decision making λ Conserve non-renewable's and use renewable's.

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