Vegetation under solar photovoltaic panels

How do photovoltaic panels affect plant species diversity?

Photovoltaic (PV) panels reduced plant species diversity. PV panels increased vegetation biomass. PV panels increased soil water content and decreased soil available phosphorus content. Soil water content affected plant species diversity on the PV farm. Soil available phosphorus content affected plant community distribution.

Do solar panels promote vegetation growth?

The greater amount of soil moisture under the panels can promote vegetation growth(Makaronidou 2020). Specifically,under rainfall conditions,PV panels concentrate rainfall along the lower edge,thus causing a heterogeneous spatial distribution of soil moisture.

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Similarly,the soil moisture content in the growing season was greater under PV panels and similar or only slightly different relative to the gap area outside of the growing season. The greater amount of soil moisture under the panels can promote vegetation growth(Makaronidou 2020).

Can solar photovoltaics be co-located with vegetation?

Co-locating solar photovoltaics with vegetation could provide a sustainable solution to meeting growing food and energy demands. However,studies quantifying multiple co-benefits resulting from maintaining vegetation at utility-scale solar power plants are limited.

Vegetation responses to solar farm installations are often attributed to the altered microclimates, but climate change also determines habitat changes and vegetation growth, ...

For example, despite the sun-shading issue, the integration of herbal plants under solar PV panels showed good growth progress [26], while the plant diversity and above-ground biomass of ...

The results showed that the soil temperature and moisture at sites under PV shading were significantly affected compared with those at sites without shading. PV panels increased the average ...

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The compounding effect of photovoltaic arrays and vegetation may homogenize soil moisture distribution and provide greater soil temperature buffer against extreme temperatures. The ...

Large-scale deployment of photovoltaic (PV) farms alters the surrounding microclimate. Microclimate changes and engineering buildings have caused significant changes in vegetation, ...

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These diverse vegetation restoration strategies exhibited potential advantages in improving soil fertility and promoting nutrient cycling at locations under PV panels. The soil quality ...

This study aimed to investigate the environmental impacts of photovoltaic power plants on local microclimates and soil conditions, with a specific foc...

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