Green Gap Framework Applications in Policy & Planning, Practice, Research

Category		Applications
Policy & Planning	**Policy Development**	Promote holistic policies that consider and address all 4 framework domains. Target barriers to nature space use. Align urban planning and policies with health and environmental goals.
	Funding & Resource Prioritisation	Justify funding and resources for projects tackling low or non-use of nature settings. Support funding proposals and prioritise initiatives that consider multiple framework domains/factors and align with user needs.
	Planning Development	Ensure plans consider all domains and address all relevant factors. Develop flexible, adaptable, networked, multi-character (or targeted) nature spaces to suit different needs. Identify and prioritise areas for protection, enhancement, or new nature spaces.
Practice	**Community Engagement**	Inform public consultations, workshops, network discussions. Use hypothetical, targeted ~~personas~~ to explore absence/presence of varied factors. Develop targeted programmes in collaboration with communities.
	Collaboration & Awareness	Build cross-sector partnerships to address gaps/issues with researchers, planners, health officials, community groups, practitioners. Design campaigns targeting diverse user groups and domain-specific issues.
	Capacity Building	Educate practitioners on varied factors influencing use and non-use of nature spaces. Integrate Green Gap Framework with citizen science approaches.
	Evaluation	Develop Key Performance Indicators integrating domains and factors. Pilot and evaluate scalable interventions.
Research	**Study Design**	Develop testable hypotheses and guide study design across framework domains. Support comparative, longitudinal, and mixed-methods studies by identifying confounders, moderators, mediators and by identifying quantitative or qualitative measurable factors. Inform systematic review search parameters.
	Analysis	Support variable identification for predictive models of nature space use. Underpin systems mapping and causal loop diagram creation. Assess policy impacts on nature space utilisation.
	Interdisciplinary Perspectives	Highlight systemic approaches to understanding nature space use across disciplines, including urban planning, public health, environmental science. Examine origins of inequalities in nature space access and impacts. Inform Patient & Public Involvement & Engagement (PPIE) in research. Facilitate teaching about multi-level influences on nature space use.
	Validation & Development	Prompt validation, refinement and further development of the Green Gap Framework.