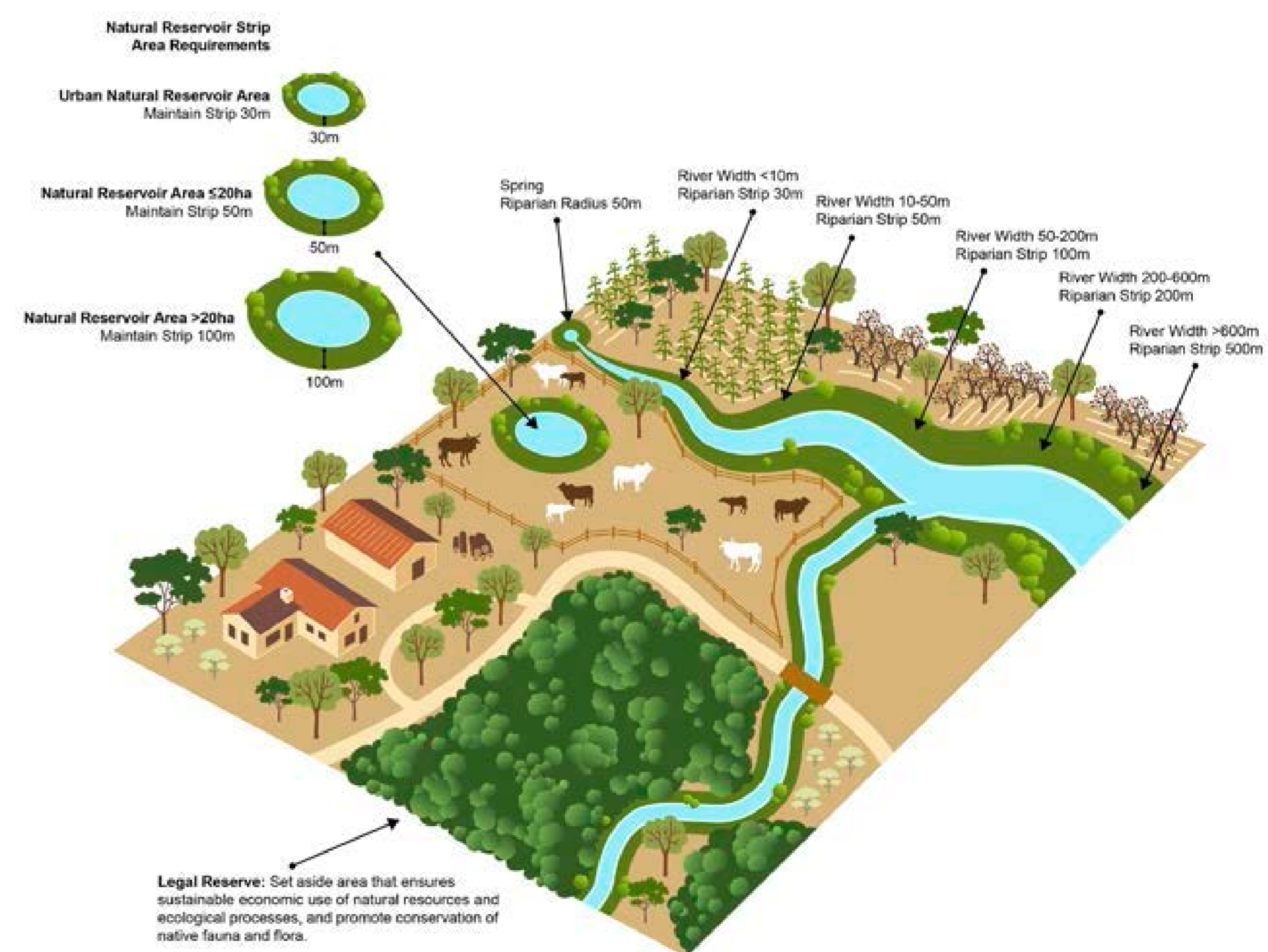


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Floods and the case of Teresópolis/RJ 2011: perspectives six years after the Brazilian Forest Code

The tragedy of State of Rio de Janeiro's mountainous region in 2011, one of the worst recent episodes concerning floods in Brazil displayed clearly the results of scarce urban planning, social vulnerabilities and not enforced environmental law along with extreme weather events. At the time, official and independent reports claimed that the compliance with the forest code (then Law 4.771/1965), specially the respect of the so called permanent protected areas (APPs) would have saved lives and reduced the damages attributed to the heavy rains of January 2011. On May of the following year, Brazil approved a new forest code (Law 12.651/2012) with considerable setbacks concerning APPs. Recently this law has been considered constitutional by the Brazilian Supreme Court (STF), except for a few dispositions that were declared not compatible with the Brazilian 1988's constitutional charter. How are the risks of another tragedy like that of 2011 (not) managed by the current Forest Code?



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