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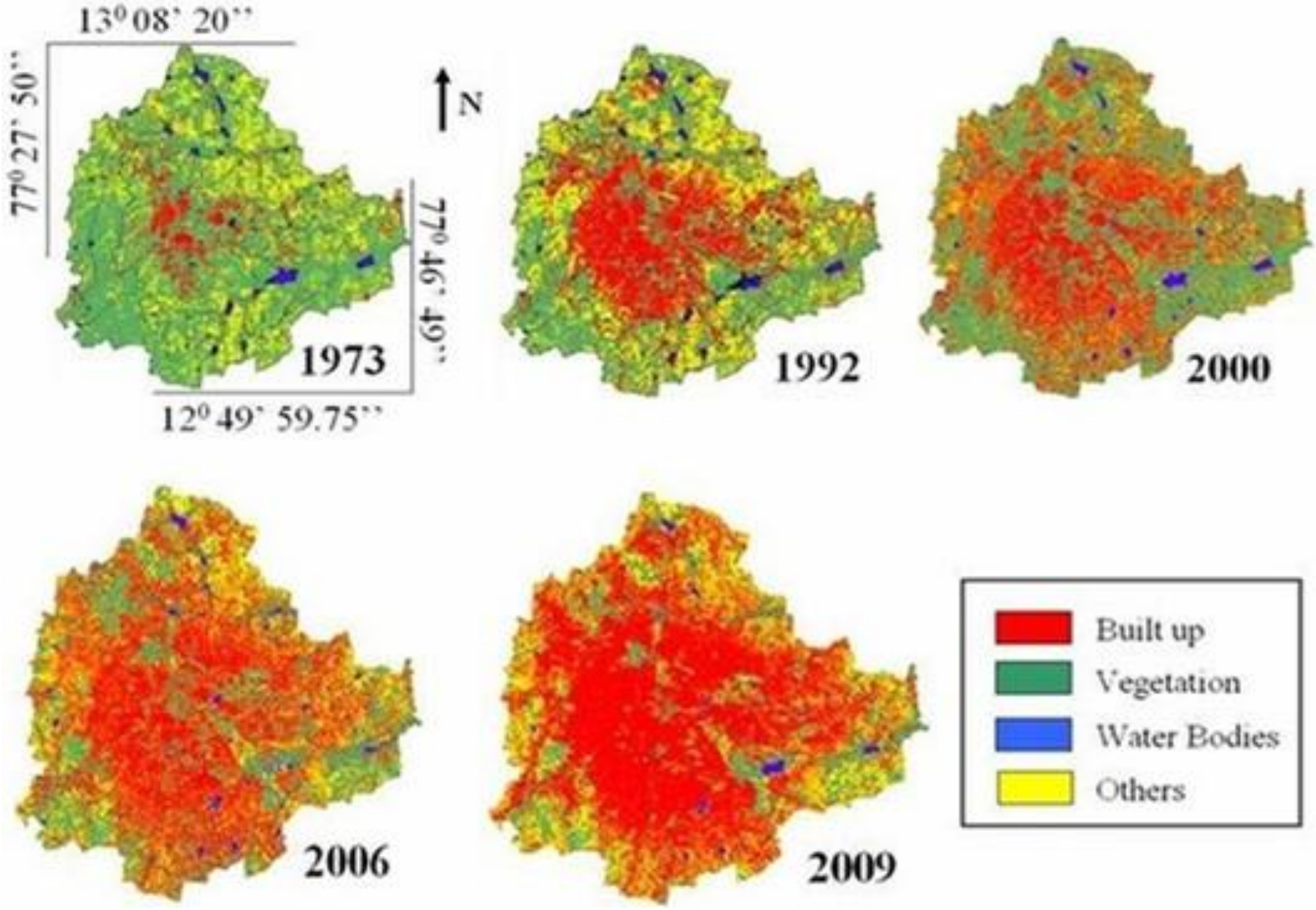
A regulation to manage and maintain the open public spaces in collaboration with the citizens/community

Indian cities are becoming bigger and denser day by day.



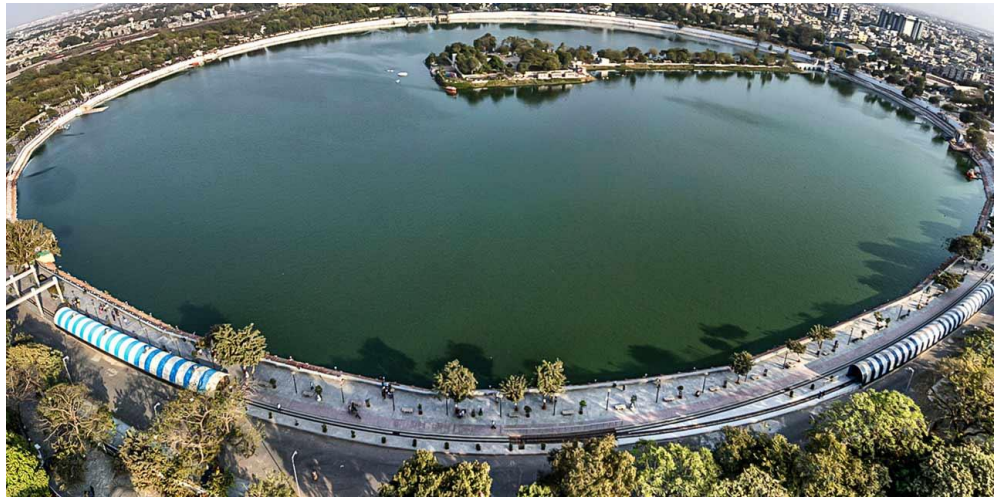
Bangalore growth map ,Source :Citizen matters

In this process, urban lakes, rivers,urban forests, streams, and other open spaces are the most affected.

Lakes in Bengaluru

The ones which have survived are under the public-private partnership.This approach may help in the survival of the public space but **does not remain accessible to all.**

This because, the approach used in the creation and the management of the public spaces in cities is mostly **top-down,** only state officials and urban designers are involved in this process of development with occasional consultation.



Kankaria Lake,Ahmedabad

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The current solution looks at the process as a **short term engagement** .It involves **the creation of the space and the daily maintenance of the public** space but doesn't focus on the long term management of the public space.

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Bisilu mariamma temple katte,Dodda mavalli,Bangalore; Source :Everyday City labs

What is that which will keep these public spaces working?

The answer can be found in the informal public spaces all over our cities.Many of these informal public spaces have been there for decades and are being properly maintained and managed.

Informal spaces like **Ashwath katte in the city of Bengaluru,India.**

Vinayaka temple katte ,Bangalore; Source :Everyday City labs

These spaces were never planned or designed but **the essence of the place was retained and enhanced.**

The place may have transformed over the years to meet the needs but the **genius loci of the place has remained the same** which brings people to the place.

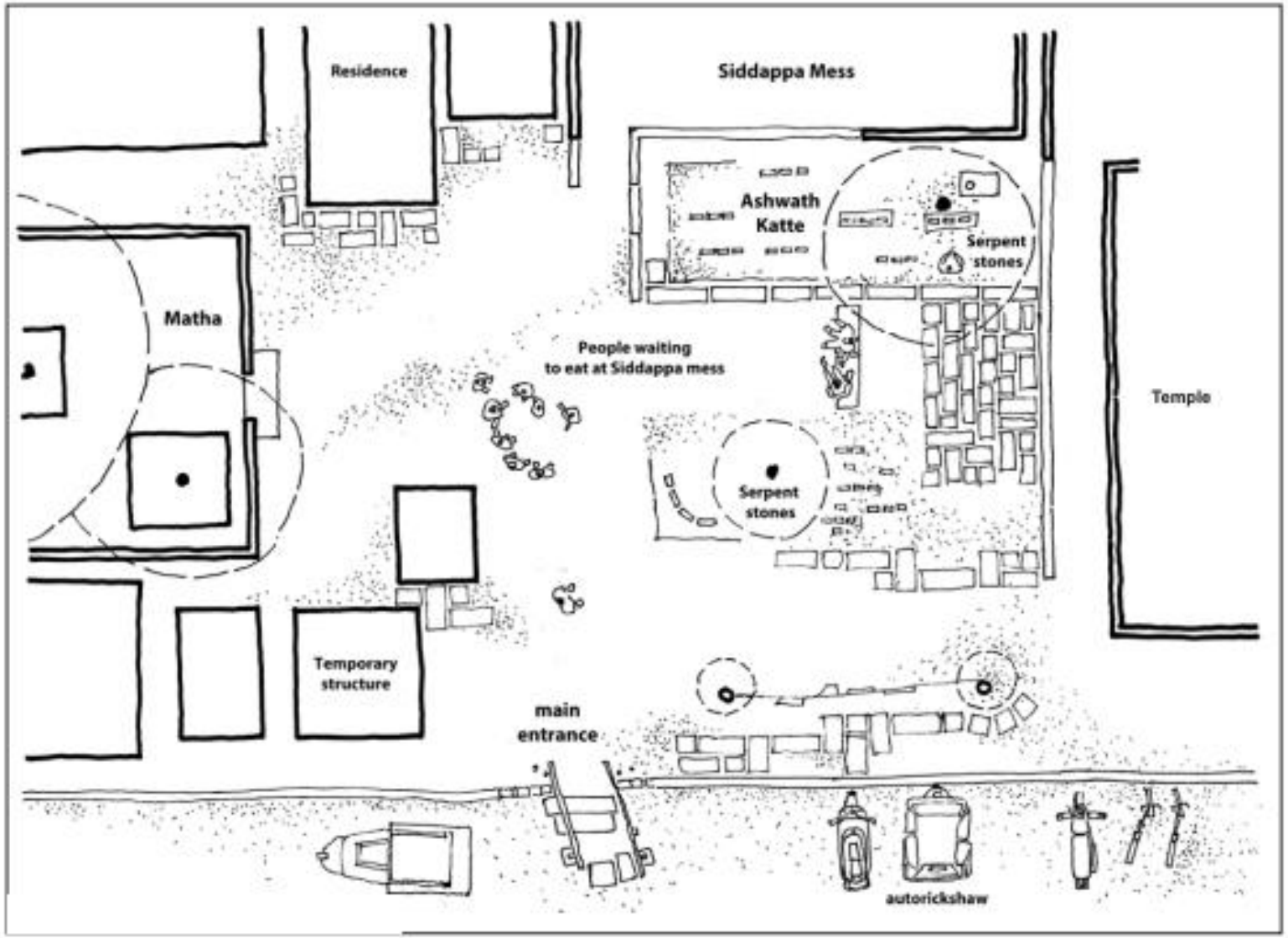
If the people have **a sense of belonging** towards the space then people will definitely come back.

Kuri maidan katte, Chamrajpet; Source :Everyday City labs

What can we do?

- Decentralizing the power.
- Involving the community in the development processes.

The community will also **be responsible for the development process** with the state and will also give people a **platform to voice their opinion against something which they feel is not a right.**



Siddappa mess katte ,Bangalore; Source :Everyday City labs

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