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## CHAPTER 2

# PERSONAL BONDING WITH NATURE IN A CITY

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### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter explores beyond the importance of nature to people who live in a city. It looks at the benefits and values of urban natural places to urban residents in which an appreciation of nature may develop into a personal bond. Researchers have termed this strong affiliation as *personal bonding*. Multidisciplinary studies have identified several research parameters that can be associated with personal bonding of people with environmental settings which include *place attachment* (e.g. Tuan, 1980; Altman and Low, 1992; Sime, 1995; William and Steward, 1998), *place bonding* (Hammit *et al.*, 2006), *sense of place* (Tuan, 1977) and *place dependence* (Stokol and Shumaker, 1981). According to Shumaker and Taylor (1983), place attachment is a person-place bond that evolves from specifiable conditions of place and characteristics of people<sup>1</sup>. It is a strong emotional tie, temporary or long lasting between a person and a particular physical location<sup>2</sup>.

This study reviews on bonding of residents living in a city that happens through their interactions with urban natural places, in this case bonding to urban green infrastructure. Urban green