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urban and peri-urban areas or developing countries, the increasing demand for food,

and the persistent desire to improve the livelihoods of small-scale farmers, the decisions faced by public officials will require careful analysis. To that end, we describe in this special issue the economics, finance, business opportunities, and methodological constraints that pertain to wastewater irrigation in developing countries.

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## Notes

1. Stream water, which often is more diluted, might be less risky than water in canals and drainage ditches.

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