

***Interactive comment on “Spatio-temporal analysis
of the urban-rural gradient structure: an
application in a Mediterranean mountainous
landscape (Serra San Bruno, Italy)” by G. Modica
et al.***

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Seemingly, the article is poised to make an important contribution to the literature on sustainable landscape planning with regards to fringe areas. It is indeed quite intriguing while much of the narrative is substantive in content with the appeal from Kevin McGarigal which, in 2009, has recalled the need for a new perspective and has pointed out the potentials offered by a shift towards surface metrics and landscape gradients. In that sense the paper comes to a compelling closure. A lot has to be done before surface metrics approach would gain a relative weight. However, waiting a sign from

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McGarigal's team, authors of present paper are on the right track through.

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