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1 **Supplementary information**

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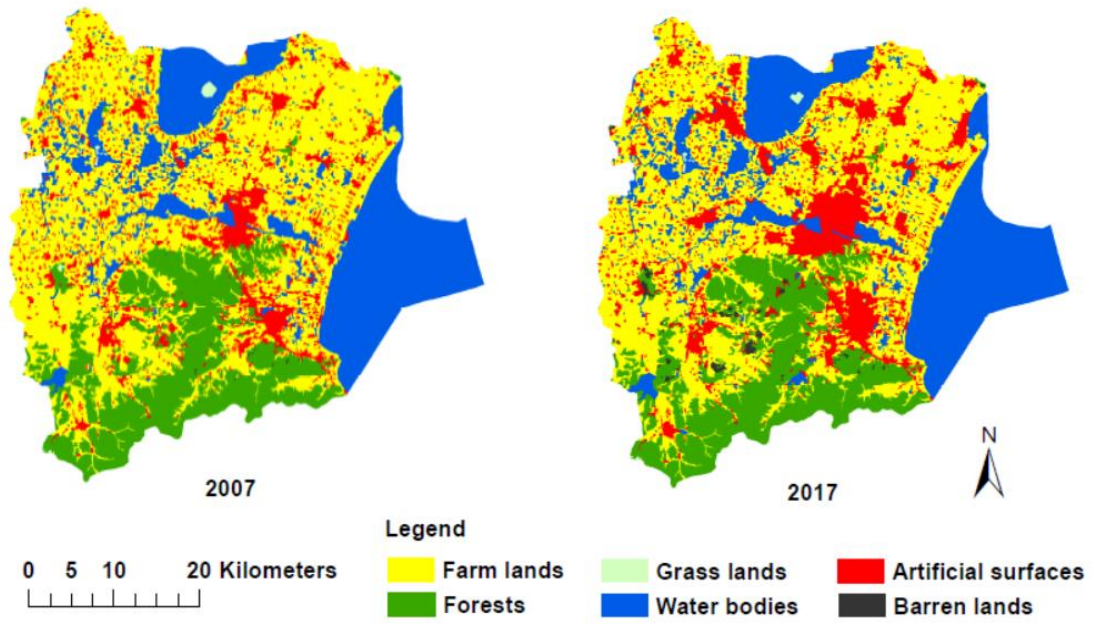
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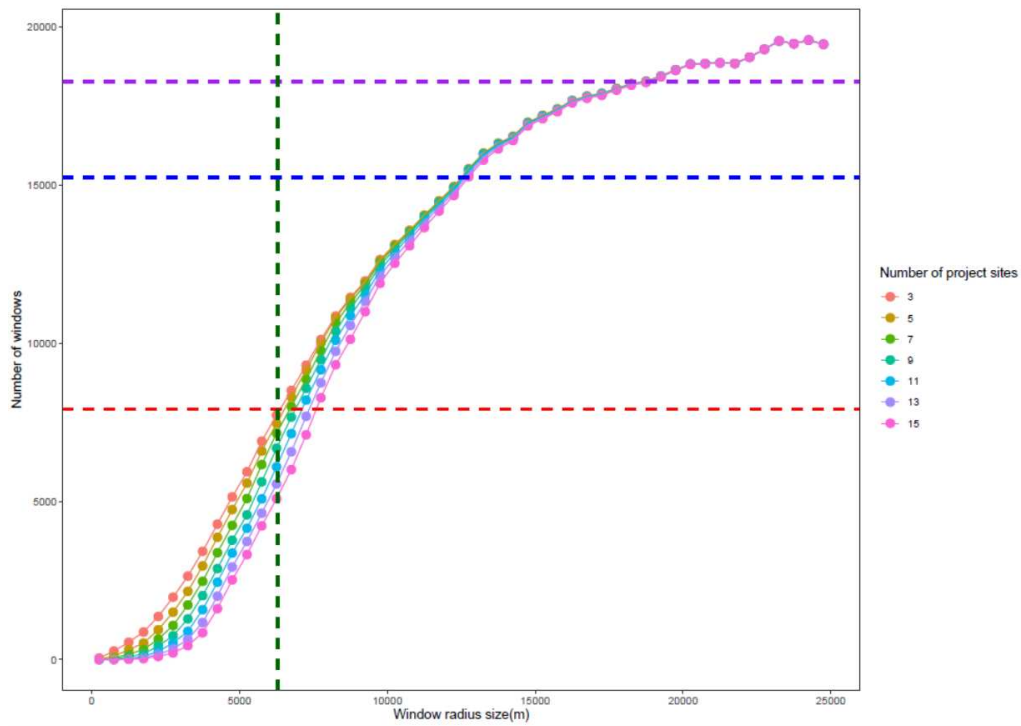
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7 **Figure S1.** Land use in Yixing in 2007 and 2017



9 **Figure S2** Number of windows containing at least 3 sampling sites and 3-15 restoration  
10 project sites. sites over increasing radius size of the region. Green dashed vertical line  
11 shows radius size retained for our study (6 km). Red, blue and purple horizontal lines  
12 show 25% percentile, 50% percentile, 75% percentile, respectively.



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14 **Table S1** Restoration project data collected in Yixing from 2007 to 2017, including  
15 type of projects, starting and ending time of every project, the concrete measures,  
16 project scale and investments. (Data in grey were not used because there were not  
17 specific measures, project scale or those measures can't be calculated and converted  
18 into the removal quantity of nitrogen and phosphorus.) (provided as an Excel)

19 **Table S2** Inflation rate, GDP growth, and the real exchange rate of China, during the  
20 start year of the restoration projects.

Start year of restoration projects	China (Growth rate, %)		Yuan Real Exchange Rate (RER) (2007 = 100)
	GDP Deflator	Real GDP	
2007	7.8	14.2	100.0
2008	7.8	9.6	115.8
2009	-0.1	9.2	116.7
2011	8.1	9.5	138.1

21 Note: according to Imai (2018).

22 **Table S3** Land-use transformation matrix of Yixing from 2007 to 2017 (km<sup>2</sup>)

2007 2017	Farm lands	Forests	Grasslands	Water bodies	Artificial surfaces	Barren lands
Farm lands	849.043	1.482	0.000	0.665	5.643	0.000
Forests	1.380	338.081	0.000	0.003	0.597	0.004
Grasslands	0.000	0.000	2.755	0.006	0.002	0.000
Water bodies	3.115	2.007	0.934	464.320	2.744	0.000
Artificial surfaces	87.097	4.760	0.000	5.172	202.741	0.000
Barren lands	0.758	5.769	0.483	0.001	3.141	0.531

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24 **Table S4** Spearman rank (Rs) correlations between ecosystem indices ( $\Delta r\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ ,  
 25  $\Delta r\text{TN}$ ,  $\Delta r\text{TP}$ ) and project investments of different restoration project categories (\*\*\*,  
 26  $p < 0.001$ ).

<b>Project investments</b>	<b>Removal quantity of <math>\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}</math></b>	<b>Removal quantity of TN</b>	<b>Removal quantity of TP</b>
Pollution sources	0.62***	0.58***	0.56***
Pollution sinks	0.79***	0.83***	0.83***
Agricultural sewage	0.89***	0.89***	0.89***
Industry sewage	0.92***	0.95***	0.94***
Sanitary sewage	0.70***	0.68***	0.69***

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30 **Table S5** Results of the similarity percentage (SIMPER) analysis comparing the  
 31 composition of macroinvertebrate communities between restored (2017) and degraded  
 32 (2007). Only the top 8 species contributing the most to overall variation are included  
 33 (cumulative contribution up to 70%). *ava*, Average for the restored sites (2017); *avb*,  
 34 Average for the degraded sites (2007); *cumsum*, Ordered cumulative contribution.

<b>Species</b>	<b>average</b>	<b>sd</b>	<b>ratio</b>	<b>ava</b>	<b>avb</b>	<b>cumsum</b>
<i>Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri</i>	0.209	0.258	0.811	5.539	16.290	0.245
<i>Bellamyia aeruginosa</i>	0.149	0.145	1.027	6.211	2.556	0.419
<i>Corbicula fluminea</i>	0.069	0.101	0.678	1.804	1.617	0.499
<i>Branchiura sowerbyi</i>	0.059	0.078	0.750	1.760	2.363	0.567
<i>Parafossarulus eximius</i>	0.048	0.061	0.785	2.014	0.326	0.623
<i>Neocaridina denticulata</i>	0.030	0.053	0.573	1.531	0.000	0.659
<i>denticulata</i>						
<i>Exopalaemon modestus</i>	0.026	0.049	0.531	1.060	0.045	0.689
<i>Nephtys oligobranchia</i>	0.022	0.059	0.365	0.563	0.571	0.715

36 **Table S6** Results of GLMM and LMM for investment of different restoration project  
37 categories on each nutrient ( $\Delta r\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ ,  $\Delta r\text{TN}$  and  $\Delta r\text{TP}$ ), with the response ratio of  
38 impervious surface area (rISA) as a covariate. Variables are given when a correlation  
39 was significant ( $P < 0.05$ ). s\_Livst\_inv, investment targeting agricultural sewage;  
40 s\_san\_inv, investment targeting sanitary sewage; s\_ind\_inv, investment targeting  
41 industry waste water; sinkPinvstm, investment targeting pollution sink,  
42 sourcePinvstm, investment targeting pollution source.

<b>NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N GLMM (Gamma, link="log"), N=3898, Marginal R<sup>2</sup>: 0.20</b>				
<b>Variables</b>	<b>Estimates</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>(Intercept)</b>	-0.72	0.06	-12.18	<0.001
<b>sourcePinvstm</b>	0.42	0.02	26.94	<0.001
<b>sinkPinvstm</b>	-0.12	0.01	-8.85	<0.001
<b>sourcePinvstm: rISA</b>	-0.29	0.02	-13.09	<0.001
<b>sinkPinvstm:rISA</b>	0.25	0.02	11.30	<0.001
<b>TN LMM, N=3898, Marginal R<sup>2</sup>: 0.21</b>				
<b>Variables</b>	<b>Estimates</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>sourcePinvstm</b>	0.03	0.01	2.55	<0.05
<b>sinkPinvstm</b>	0.28	0.01	22.88	<0.001
<b>rISA</b>	1.09	0.11	9.66	<0.001
<b>sinkPinvstm:rISA</b>	-0.45	0.02	-18.42	<0.001
<b>TP LMM, N=3898, Marginal R<sup>2</sup>: 0.19</b>				
<b>Variables</b>	<b>Estimates</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>(Intercept)</b>	-0.68	0.09	-7.18	<0.001
<b>sourcePinvstm</b>	0.47	0.02	25.57	<0.001
<b>sinkPinvstm</b>	-0.19	0.02	-9.22	<0.001
<b>rISA</b>	0.56	0.19	2.93	<0.01
<b>sourcePinvstm: rISA</b>	-0.57	0.04	-15.68	<0.001
<b>sinkPinvstm:rISA</b>	0.50	0.04	-15.68	<0.001
<b>NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N GLMM (Gamma, link="log"), N=3025, Marginal R<sup>2</sup>: 0.12</b>				
<b>Variables</b>	<b>Estimates</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>s_Agric_inv</b>	0.24	0.02	11.15	<0.001
<b>s_ind_inv</b>	-0.17	0.04	-4.40	<0.001
<b>s_san_inv</b>	0.12	0.02	7.28	<0.001
<b>rISA</b>	-2.35	2.28	-8.49	<0.001
<b>sinkPinvstm:rISA</b>	0.20	0.03	7.33	<0.001
<b>s_san_inv:rISA</b>	-0.38	0.03	-12.05	<0.001
<b>s_ind_inv:rISA</b>	1.05	0.09	11.93	<0.001

<b>TN</b>		<b>LMM, N=3025, Marginal R<sup>2</sup>: 0.30</b>			
<b>Variables</b>	Estimates	SE	t	P	
<b>(Intercept)</b>	0.28	0.06	4.45	<0.001	
<b>s_san_inv</b>	-0.09	0.01	-8.04	<0.001	
<b>sinkPinvstm</b>	0.27	0.01	18.76	<0.001	
<b>rISA</b>	0.61	0.16	3.80	<0.001	
<b>sinkPinvstm:rISA</b>	-0.43	0.03	-13.80	<0.001	
<b>s_san_inv:rISA</b>	0.11	0.02	4.87	<0.001	
<b>s_ind_inv:rISA</b>	-0.16	0.02	4.87	<0.001	

<b>TP</b>		<b>LMM, N=3025, Marginal R<sup>2</sup>: 0.19</b>			
<b>Variables</b>	Estimates	SE	t	P	
<b>(Intercept)</b>	0.87	0.01	5.53	<0.001	
<b>s_Agric_inv</b>	0.25	0.04	5.37	<0.001	
<b>s_ind_inv</b>	-0.69	0.04	-18.11	<0.001	
<b>s_san_inv</b>	0.26	0.02	14.24	<0.001	
<b>rISA</b>	-2.20	0.35	-6.33	<0.001	
<b>sinkPinvstm:rISA</b>	0.23	0.05	4.67	<0.001	
<b>s_san_inv:rISA</b>	-0.41	0.04	-11.36	<0.001	
<b>s_ind_inv:rISA</b>	1.35	0.09	15.39	<0.001	

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