



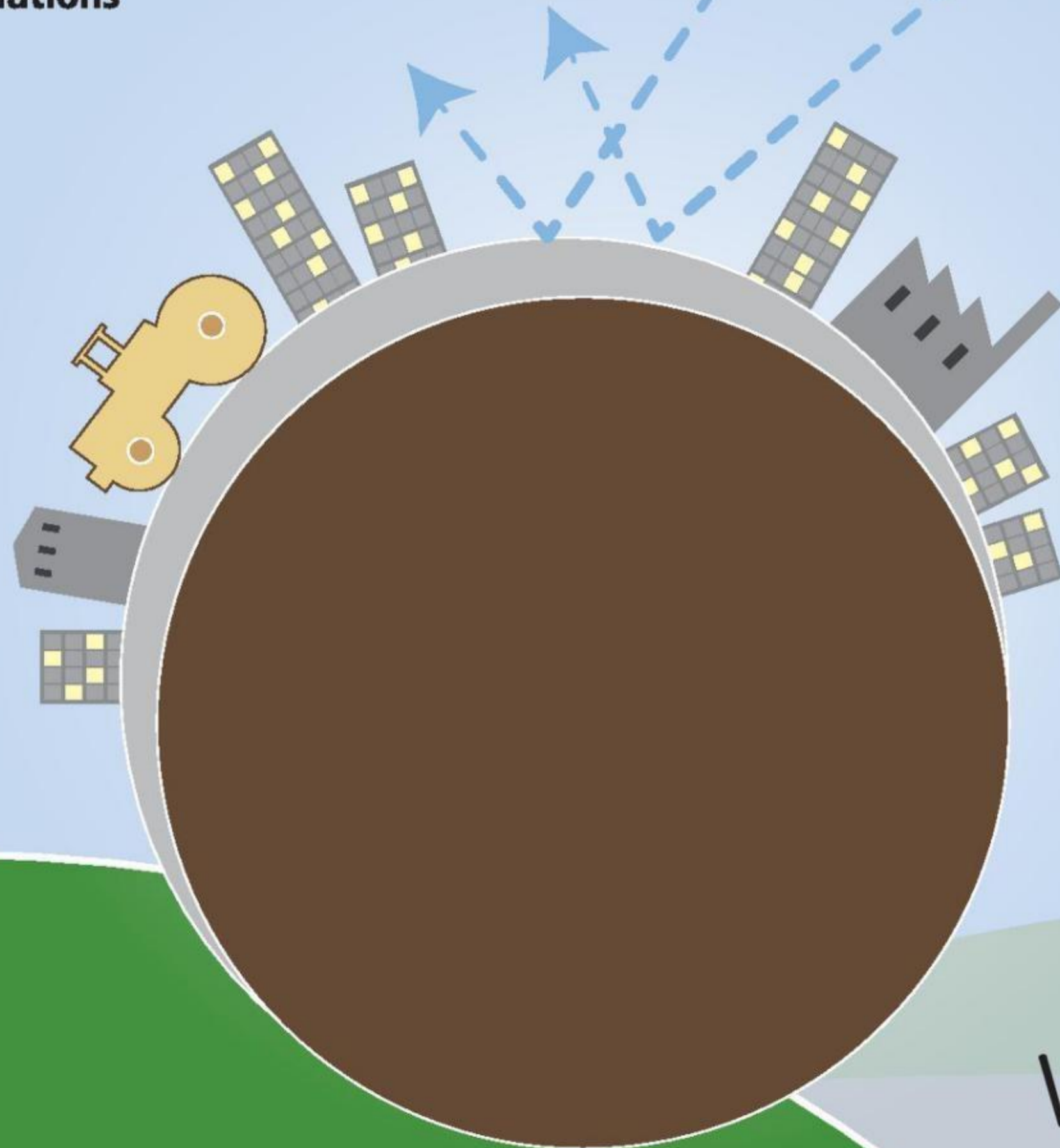
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Soil sealing

Permanent covering of the soil surface with impermeable artificial materials, leading to non-reversible loss of soil and most of its ecosystem services.

The main negative impacts on ecosystem services include losses of food and fibre production; significant decreases or total loss of the soil's water retention; reduced neutralization and purification capacities and reduction of carbon sequestration capacity.

SOURCE: STATUS OF THE WORLD'S SOIL RESOURCES - MAIN REPORT



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THE PROTECTION/CONSERVATION OF ESPECIALLY
SUITABLE AGRICULTURAL SOILS

Worldwide, 17 ha of soil
are sealed every minute
under expanding
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