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Hello Urban Forestry friends,

Here's what's happening in urban and community forestry:

- [Top 10 urban planning, design, and development books published in 2012](#)
- [Healthy Soil Leads to Healthy Trees](#)
- [New Study finds: Forests absorb much more greenhouse gas than previously thought!](#)

Don't forget March 7-14th is California Arbor Week. Check [arborweek.org](http://arborweek.org) to find a local events, download event planning tools and templates, web banners, and other resources.

Thanks for all you do for urban forestry and our communities!

Regards,



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### Top 10 urban planning, design, and development books published in 2012

If you are like me, you are always looking for an interesting book. You'll want to be sure to check out Planetizen [eleventh annual list of the ten best books](#) in urban planning, design, and development published in 2012.

Selections include:

- "Straphanger" - What people around the world are doing to create more sustainable and civil communities built around transit.
- "Nature Wars: The Incredible Story of How Wildlife Comebacks Turned Backyards into Battlegrounds" - An examination of humankind's disconnect from nature.
- "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" - A toolkit to help municipalities design safer streets that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

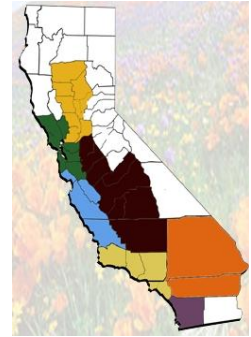


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## Healthy Soil Leads to Healthy Trees

For trees at the bottom up approach is critical and healthy soil makes a big difference in nurturing healthy trees. Not much thought goes into soil, but it's a complicated and complex ecosystem that must be maintained.



Tips for healthy soil include:

- [Mulching](#)
- [Composting](#)
- [Mycorrhizae treatments](#)
- Root biostimulants and fertilizer

Read more on healthy soil, by [clicking here](#).

## New Study finds: Forests absorb much more greenhouse gas than previously thought!

As tree advocates we appreciate the many benefits of trees and it seems that the value we get from our trees is constantly found to be increasing.

A recent study found that trees store much more greenhouse gases than previously thought -- proving that forests (natural and urban) play a large large role in climate change implications.

According to Yude Pan, a US Forest Service scientist and a lead author of the study, "The new information suggests forests alone account for the most significant terrestrial carbon sink, and that non-forest lands collectively cannot be considered a major carbon absorption sink."

[Read more here](#)

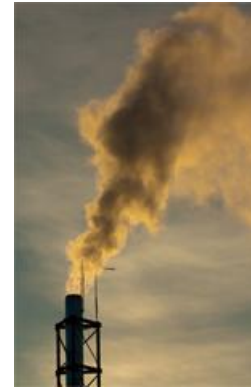
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[California Air Resource Board \(CARB\) Cap & Trade Plan](#)

Now's your chance to get involved: The CARB is soliciting public input on the development of an investment plan for the auction proceeds from the greenhouse gas reduction Cap-and-Trade program.

There are 3 opportunities to get share your opinion: Fresno, Sacramento and LA. Click [here](#) for details on date/time/location.



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