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Ann Arbor used to be known as "tree city". But that is changing. We seem to think we can have high rise buildings and trees, but the tall buildings block sunshine making it difficult for trees to thrive. Trees will thrive when they have adequate space, sunlight and water. Make small forests in the city.

The planning commission must make it a priority to set aside enough large areas where everyone in those high rises can experience a natural area made up of native plants: a forest. Let's keep the idea that Ann Arbor is not a concrete jungle, but a tree city.

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