

Subject: Comprehensive Plan - The Importance of Shade Trees

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Hello All working on the Comprehensive Plan.

New book coming on the 22nd on the importance of urban shade and the trees that provide it!

The book is entitled "Shade: The promise of a forgotten natural resource"

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/672379/shade-by-sam-bloch/#>

The author was interviewed on NPR. They talked about how trees and shade have been totally ignored by urban planning - the great value the trees offer - how redlined districts have less shade than wealthier places, etc etc - and why and how trees need to be reincorporated into urban planning and our urban fabric. Interestingly, discussed how the current trend to paint buildings white is keeping the buildings cooler but is reflecting the heat back into the immediate atmosphere and making it warmer.

Here is a link to the 1A program. You can either listen or scroll down for the transcript.

<https://share.google/DMpsTvixEU0JNR7pr>

So glad that someone actually did these studies and wrote a solid book!

There are some upsides to throwing shade :-)

Best wishes,

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"Consciously apply mystery to everything." - Tiokasin Ghosthorse, Lakota elder