

“Forests: Lungs of Our Planet and Cities”

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“The Importance of Trees”

1. *I would be interested in hearing about the mental and physical benefits of people being in forests. --Karen Roof*
2. *Why do we take trees for granted?...our property feels like it's more important. What would you say about "changing the conservation paradigm?"--Looking at whole systems across boundaries?... and species? --Sally Palmer*
3. *Richard Powers' book “The Overstory” taught me a lot about trees and their vital importance to our planet. Have you read that book? I wonder if you think its science was helpful as part of a more complex novel about individuals. --Jean Hodges*

“Tree Health vs. Soils and Conditions Below Ground”

4. *I have heard . . . that tree health is primarily dependent on air quality, but trees are anchored in soil that gets polluted, eroded, etc.* --Kathleen Knaus

5. *A discussion on the underground network of a forest, AKA the "wood wide web," would be helpful.* – Larry Strawser

6. *Trees are the anchor barometers of life, and how they get water below ground and root stability basically reflects life potential above ground. Canopy (aligned with good tree health) is a major factor in good planning and infrastructure success. However, geospatial mapping of this tree architecture sucks (pun intended).* – Pete Baston

“Planting Trees”

7. *I'd like to know how much each of these organizations promote planting native trees.*
--Janet Manning
8. *What is the status of the plan to plant 1 billion trees? That many would make a difference.* --Jonathan Ormes
9. *I am curious if native trees are prioritized/promoted through urban and suburban reforestation programs.* --Lisa Olsen

“Urban Forest Management”

10. Who typically enforces deforestation policies in urban areas? – Susan March

11. What do the panelists think of Denver's deficit of open space? – Gerard Frank

“Carbon Offsets”

12. Are carbon offsets and protection forests going to be discussed? --Irene McCahill

13. Are you willing to endorse, support, and encourage legislation that puts a price on carbon emissions? It's a popular and fast way to drive down emissions. Unlike regulatory solutions, the ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT is fast and effective. --Lesley LeFevre

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Many thanks to our speakers!**



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