

A Science Program for Urban Natural Resource Planning and Management

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Summary

Green cities are more livable cities, and yet the urban natural resources we have are diminishing. Scientists are working with agencies, non-profit organizations, and universities to assess forest conditions, prioritize forest management programs, and better understand ecological stewardship activity. A set of Integrated Urban Forest Assessments are taking place as leading projects in this research. These projects represent scientific explorations directly supporting land management and stewardship organizations' goals and operations. These efforts together represent not only a major concerted program for urban forest research in the Pacific Northwest, but also an important source of urban ecosystem management resources.

Biography

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Weston Brinkley is the Stewardship Engagement Coordinator with Cascade Land Conservancy where he works conducting research with volunteer stewards and their experiences. Weston's research is centered on environmental stewardship and the exploration of its structure, benefits, and catalysts in urban areas. His projects include the roles of citizen participation in urban environmental stewardship, deriving a practitioner based definition of urban environmental stewardship, and conducting a census of stewardship organizations in the Seattle area. He also works on long-term research and development for urban environmental restoration efforts throughout the region.