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Why Should We Build Wooden Skyscrapers

Building a skyscraper? Forget about steel and concrete, says architect Michael Green, and build it out of ... wood. As he details in this intriguing talk, it's not only possible to build safe wooden structures up to 30 stories tall (and, he hopes, higher), it's necessary.

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In the News

President Obama Calls for Shift in Wildfire Funding

APPLETON, Wis. (AP) — President Barack Obama has proposed using disaster funds to help fight wildfires to avoid draining forestry budgets, a move that could help boost Wisconsin's timber industry. More than half of the federal forestry budget is devoted to fighting wildfires, up from 20 percent decades ago. [Read More](#) **Changes to Wildfire Funding Could Help Firefighters With Prevention** [Read More](#)

Architect of State Natural Areas to be Inducted Into Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame

STEVENS POINT - An icon of natural area preservation in Wisconsin will be inducted into the prestigious Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in a May 3 ceremony in Stevens Point. Clifford E. Germain, 91, of Madison, is being honored for his distinguished career as the first ecologist and chief of the State Natural Areas program in the Department of Natural Resources. [Read More](#)

White House Throws its Support Behind Wooden Buildings

The White House Rural Council and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have announced a climate-driven initiative that would see architects, builders and engineers trained in the benefits of wood as a structural material. [Read More](#)

Frederick Weyerhaeuser Forged Strong Timber Roots

It was 1852, and he was one of a million German immigrants escaping the economic upheaval that followed a crushed bid for democracy in his homeland four years earlier. While some set out to find fame and fortune — think fellow emigre Adolphus Busch — Weyerhaeuser (1834-1914) steadfastly avoided the first to focus on the second. With spectacular results. [Read More](#)

Saving the Past: Restoring and Preserving Historic Covered Bridges

According to the article, titled Saving the Past, there are 800 covered bridges in the United States today, but taking care of the structures is challenging. Preserving their unique engineering and construction is historically important, but their designs cannot always handle modern traffic loadings. [Read More](#)

Smell of Forest Pine Can Limit Climate Change

New research suggests a strong link between the powerful smell of pine trees and climate change. Scientists say they've found a mechanism by which these scented vapors turn into aerosols above boreal forests. These particles promote cooling by reflecting sunlight back into space and helping clouds to form. [Read More](#)

The Canopy Project

As part of its mission to protect natural lands and preserve the environment for all people, Earth Day Network developed The Canopy Project. Rather than focusing on large scale forestry, The Canopy Project plants trees that help communities - especially the world's impoverished communities - sustain themselves and their local economies.. " [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
Maple Syrup Festival , celebrate the beginning of spring and a wonderful opportunity to learn about the sugar maple tree. All you can eat Pancake Breakfast and guided tours, demonstrations and talks.	MacKenzie Center W7303 County Highway CS Poynette, Wisconsin 53955	Saturday, April 5, 2014 8 a.m.—2 p.m. <i>Pancake Breakfast cost is \$7 for those 12 years and older and \$5 for people aged 3 to 11 years.</i>	For full details visit: Read More