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For these efforts James Urban has been honored with many awards and has been invited to make presentations at numerous conferences in the United States, Canada and Europe. His work has been published in the Journal of Arboriculture and Landscape Architecture Magazine. He is the recipient of the Professional Urban Forester Award from American Forest, a Merit Award from the ASLA for his research and has been made a Fellow in the ASLA in the area of contributions to the knowledge of the profession. He has taught courses and workshops at Harvard, the University of Virginia, the University of Pennsylvania and at many other institutions. Currently, he maintains a landscape architectural consulting practice specializing in the design of urban trees and soils.