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### RENEWABLE RESOURCE | THE URBAN WOOD MOVEMENT



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Paul Morrison, owner of The Wood Cycle of Wisconsin, shows logs stockpiled at the town of Oregon mill where he cuts, dries and builds with wood from urban trees that could otherwise be turned into mulch.

# Search for value, carbon

Irregular shapes of city trees won't stop advocates of reuse

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When architect David Rousseau designed a manufacturing facility for Promega Corp., he specified a unique material for the lobby stairs: Walnut trees from the biotech company's land.

Cut for various reasons over the preceding decades, the trees had been sawed and dried at a nearby mill and stored on the Fitchburg campus for just such a use.

Rousseau, who lives in British Columbia but has worked with Promega on multiple projects over the past three decades, designed the \$120 million Feynman Center to look more like a retreat than a factory, with soaring lam-



Generally seen as waste, wood from urban trees can be a valuable resource, but there are challenges to marketing an irregular material in a mass-production economy.

inated wood beams and floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook a restored prairie.

Incorporating local timber was

a way to honor the trees while making use of locally sourced materials.

"We love the quality of wood,

we love to work with wood," Rousseau said. "If we have to remove them, we like to see them reborn in place."

Most of the lumber used in U.S. construction comes from managed forests, where trees grow tall and straight, producing wood that can be efficiently harvested and milled into uniform products.

Trees cut from city streets and lots are generally considered waste to be ground into mulch for ground cover or thrown into landfills.

That urban wood could provide a valuable stream of locally sourced building materials that could lock up millions of tons of heat-trapping gases. The only problem is figuring out how to create markets for an irregular material in a mass-production economy.

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### FORT MCCOY 'TOXIC' WORKPLACE

# Chief hired despite abuses

Suicide occurs amid familiar case of lax oversight by military

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Officials at Fort McCoy hired a former police chief despite a history of bad behavior that had been investigated by the U.S. Army, which found he sexually harassed a subordinate and two other women while he was the acting police chief of an Army base in Alaska.

Ryan Cunningham, one of the top civilian employees at the Army base near Sparta, oversaw a "toxic" workplace environment that may have contributed to the suicide of another high-ranking civilian on the base, though what led to the man's death was inconclusive, according to an internal Army investigation obtained by the Wisconsin State Journal.



Cunningham

The investigation into Fort McCoy's civilian-led Directorate of Emergency Services, which includes an on-base police department, fire department and 911 communications system, found Cunningham routinely used slurs in referring to his officers, and uncovered mistreatment that prompted calls for other investigations into claims that Cunningham racially discriminated against officers and made death threats toward some employees.

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# 'Help line' hid sexual abuse in Mormon church

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BISBEE, Ariz. — MJ was a tiny, black-haired girl, just 5 years old, when her father admitted to his bishop that he was sexually abusing her.

The father, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and an admit-

ted pornography addict, was in counseling with his bishop when he revealed the abuse. The bishop, who was also a family physician, followed church policy and called what church officials have dubbed the "help line" for guidance.

But lawyers for the church, widely known as the Mormon

church, who staff the help line around the clock told Bishop John Herrod not to call police or child welfare officials. Instead, he kept the abuse secret.

"They said, 'You absolutely can do nothing,'" Herrod said in a recorded interview with law enforcement.

Herrod continued to counsel

MJ's father, Paul Douglas Adams, for another year, and brought in Adams' wife, Leizza Adams, in hopes she would do something to protect the children. She didn't.

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Herrod later told a second bishop, who also kept the matter secret after consulting with church officials who maintain that the bishops were excused from reporting the abuse to police under the state's so-called clergy-penitent privilege.

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