Oaks in the Urban Landscape

Oaks are highly valued in urban areas for their aesthetic, environmental, economic and cultural benefits. However, urban encroachment has resulted in significant impacts to the health and structural stability of oaks. Changes in environment, incompatible cultural practices and pest problems can all lead to their early demise.

This beautifully illustrated new book by Laurence R. Costello, Bruce W. Hagen and Katherine S. Jones focuses on how to effectively manage and protect oaks in urban areas — existing oaks as well as the planting of new oaks. The three key areas addressed are selection, care and preservation. Chapters include cultural practices, pest management, risk management, preservation during development, genetic diversity and tree protection ordinances. The guide is an invaluable reference for arborists, urban foresters, landscape architects, planners and designers, golf course superintendents, academics, Master Gardeners and anyone interested in the preservation of urban oaks.

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