

DEVELOPMENT, STRUCTURE, AND SUSTAINABILITY OF SACRAMENTO'S URBAN FOREST (PART I): INTRODUCTION

This special issue of the *Journal of Arboriculture* contains a series of papers that summarize the results of an extensive study of the development, structure, and sustainability of the Sacramento, California, urban forest. Scientists from the USDA Forest Service, University of California, and the private sector collaborated on a series of research projects to provide an in-depth analysis of the Sacramento area from an ecosystem perspective utilizing the physical, biological, and social science disciplines. As is policy for the *Journal*, each paper was sent to two members of the Editorial Committee; publication was based on their review and recommendations. A second issue later this year will include the remainder of the papers from this project.

Historically, the *Journal* has published papers from a variety of disciplines on a variety of topics in each issue, so this is a departure from the norm. However, it is unusual to have a series of papers that are as interrelated as these; thus, the Editorial Committee felt it was appropriate to place them all in two issues.

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