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CONSERVATION TIMBER WORKS: Georgetown’s “Forest Covers”

Like many cities, Georgetown has a challenge with its metal. Hundreds of iron manhole and drainage sewer covers have been ‘lost’ due to the scrap value of the metal itself. This has left dangerous holes in city sidewalks and streets.

Conservation Timber Works takes clues from Guyana’s greatest natural asset – its tropical forest – which produces some of the world’s most durable certified sustainable hardwoods.

Over one hundred “carbon-negative” Forest Covers will be locally produced to meet Georgetown’s needs and to train next-gen workers in carpentry and other green jobs.

***Conservation Timber Works* tells the story of cooperation between community forestry, a major city, and a national government – all committed to protecting tropical forests on behalf of the planet.**

Forest Covers will show that markets can be created for undervalued “shorts” – a critical component of sustainable wood sourcing.

This pilot is an example of public and private innovation being applied to improve urban wellbeing and address the climate crisis. It will showcase Georgetown’s future *Sustainable Wood for Cities* policy, which will guide city procurement in future projects using timber of any kind, species, or source.

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“Forest Covers”

Green Infrastructure for Georgetown, the Capital City of Guyana

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Our solution is to take clues from Guyana’s greatest natural asset – its tropical forests – which sustainably produce some of the world’s most durable hardwoods. Guyana is leading the world in forest conservation, while supporting an important industry in FSC-certified timber production. The Forest Covers project will use this timber in service of this unique piece of city infrastructure. The Forest Covers will show the world that markets can be created for undervalued “shorts” – a critical component of sustainable wood sourcing.

Over one hundred “carbon-negative” Forest Covers will be produced to meet Georgetown’s needs, with more produced as needs arise. These will be made by local fabricators, who will train workers in green construction and carpentry techniques to improve local skills and capacity.

The Forest Covers will also tell the story of cooperation between community forestry and a major city, and a National Government that is committed to protecting the tropical forests on behalf of the whole planet.

The Forest Covers project will be an example to the world of innovation and creative thinking applied to urban wellbeing and the climate crisis at the same time. Furthermore they will be an example of Georgetown’s future *Sustainable Wood for Cities* policy, which will guide procurement of future projects and products using timber of any kind, species, or source.

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