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Urban forest community planting workshop in Fairfield

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What is an urban forest?

Come find out from 9 a.m.-noon today at Mission Solano, 310 Beck Ave. in Fairfield.

The homeless shelter will be the site of the hands-on project and the community is invited to take part.

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Thanks to funding from the California ReLeaf Social Equity Tree Planting Program and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the California Climate Investments Program, Sustainable Solano will be able to create the county's first-ever urban forest, to include up to 60 carbon-sequestering trees. Mission Solano's 3.5 acre campus "will be converted into a resilient, mixed-canopy urban forest complete with California Native drought-tolerant trees and fruit trees," organizers advised in a press statement. "These trees will be fed through secondary water sources such as a laundry-to-landscape greywater system, rain barrels and roof water where possible."

The project is slated to reduce greenhouse gases, provide an abundance of "zero-carbon" produce and offer educational and job training opportunities for shelter resident. Also, the "forest" will be a beautiful greenspace for the community.

Today's workshop is one of several to be held through next December.

Up to 20 carbon-sequestering trees will be planted today. Attendees will learn the benefits of urban tree planting and help build healthy soil by adding organic matter, reducing water evaporation and creating conditions for thriving trees.

Long-term benefits include soil restoration, water and energy conservation and groundwater recharge.

For more information or to register, visit www.sustainablesolano.org/events.



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