



Innovative Parks for Resurgent

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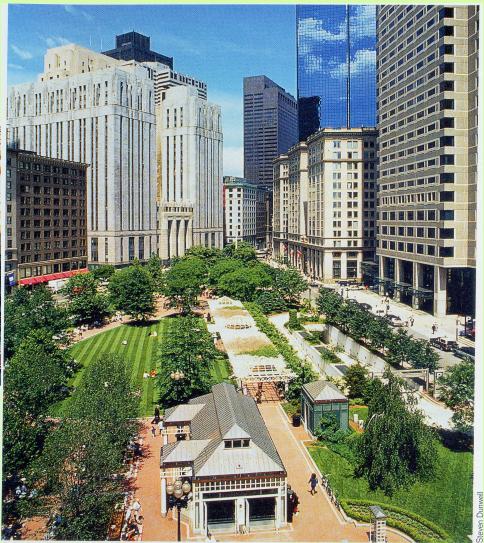
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14 Ways to Create
New Parks
In Crowded,

'Built-Out' Cities

1. Buy the Land









3. Turn Part-Time Schoolyards



... Into Full-Time Parks



4. Turn Filled-Up Landfills



... Into Brand New Parks



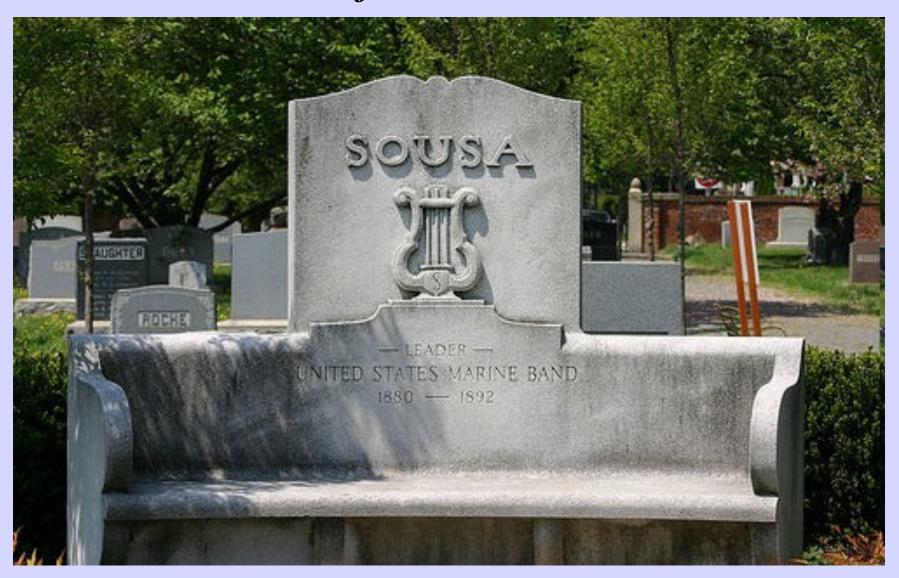
5. Make Double Use of Storm Water Retention Ponds...



From Seattle . . . to Staten Island



6. Turn Cemeteries for the Dead...



...into Parks for the Living...



...and even for their Dogs

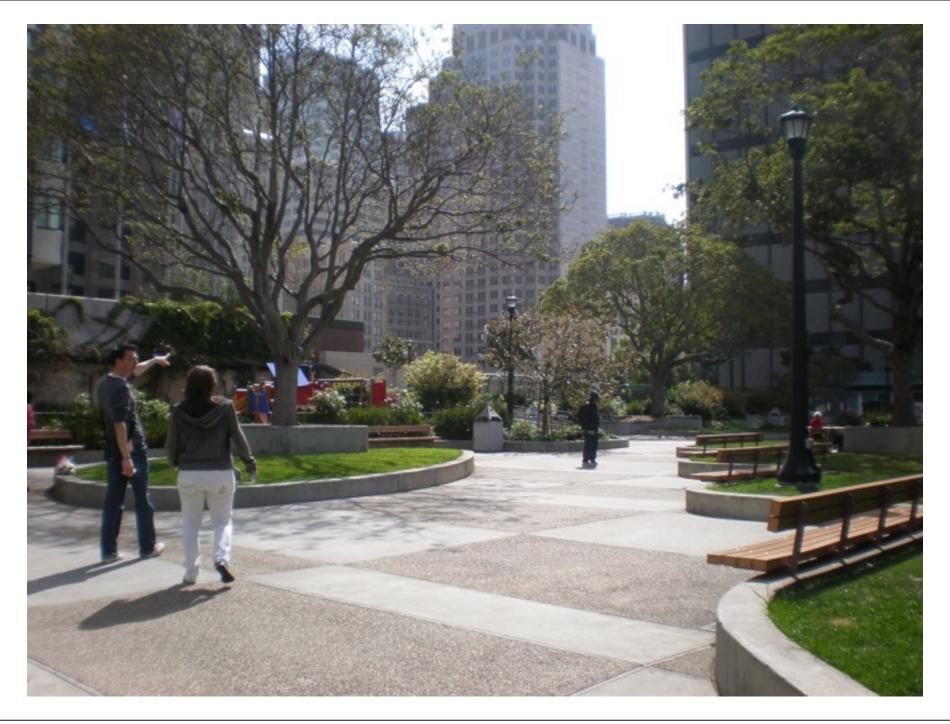






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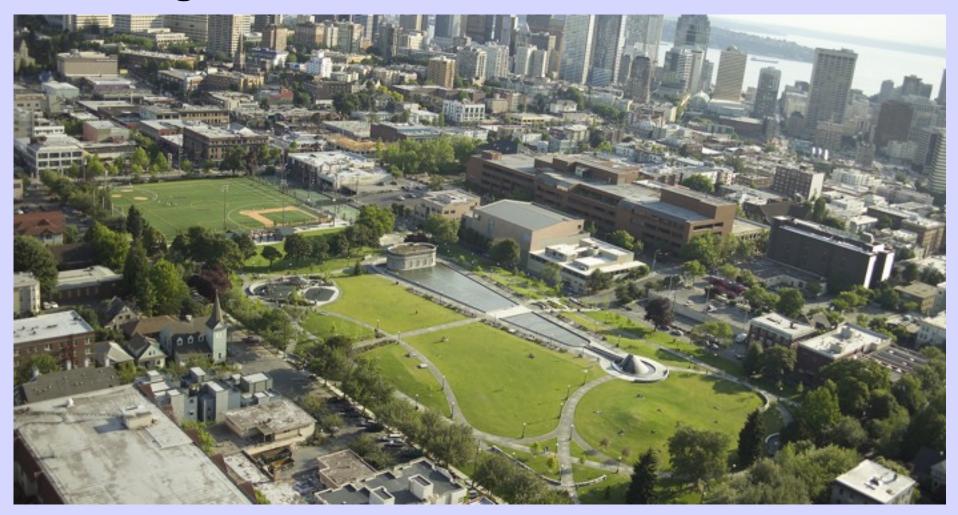






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8. Decking Reservoirs with Parkland

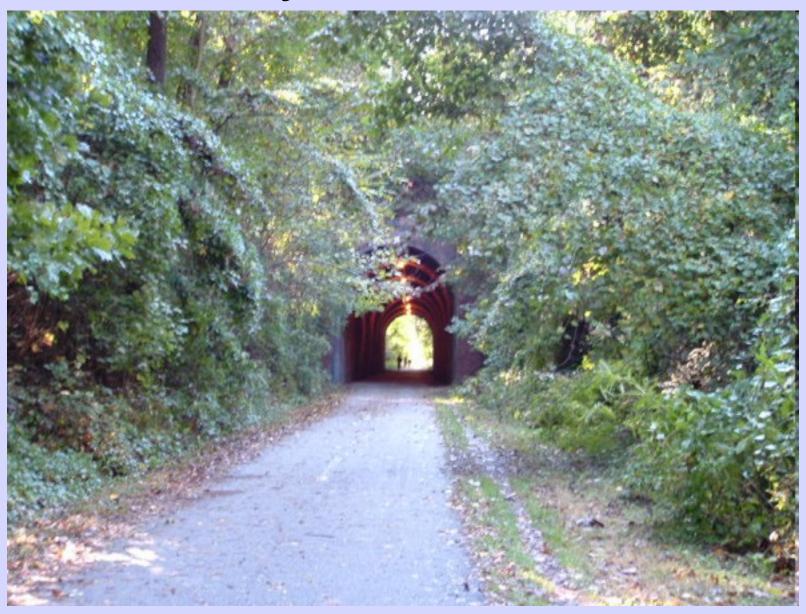


9. Community Gardens



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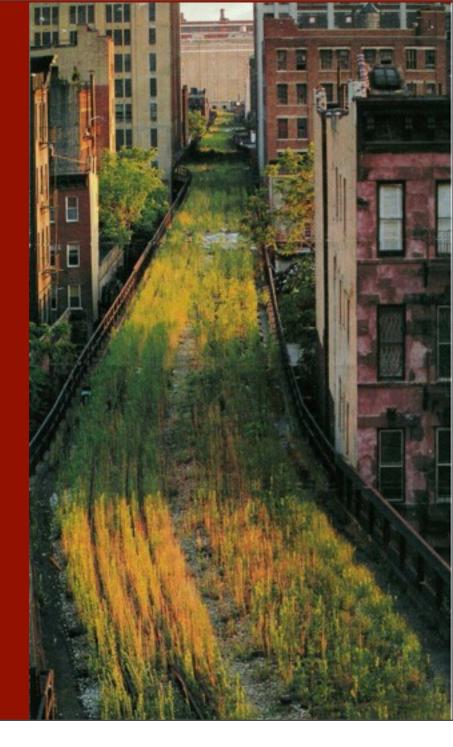
10. Rail-Trails, from D.C....



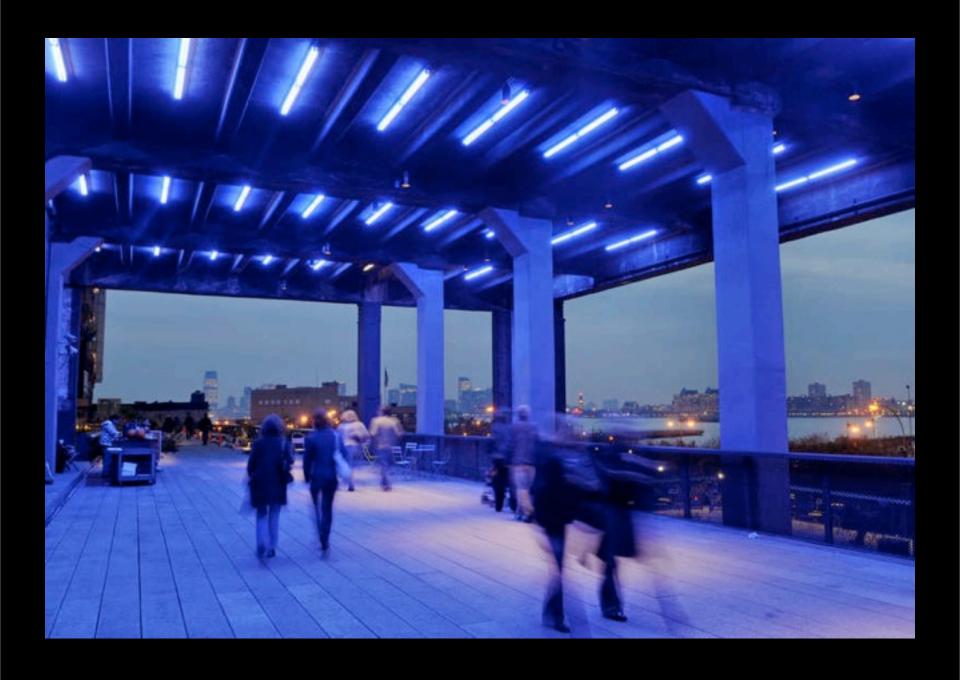
... to Minneapolis

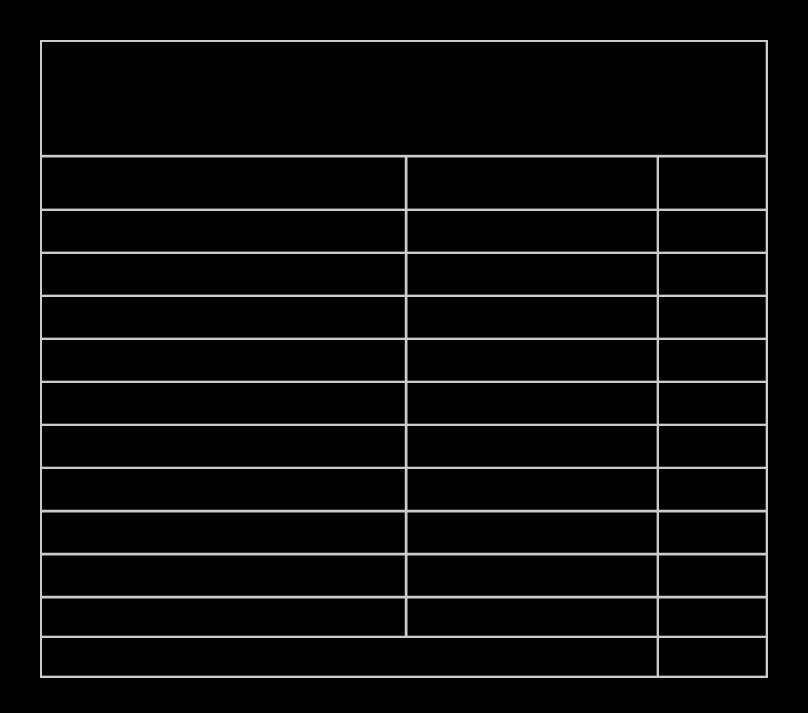


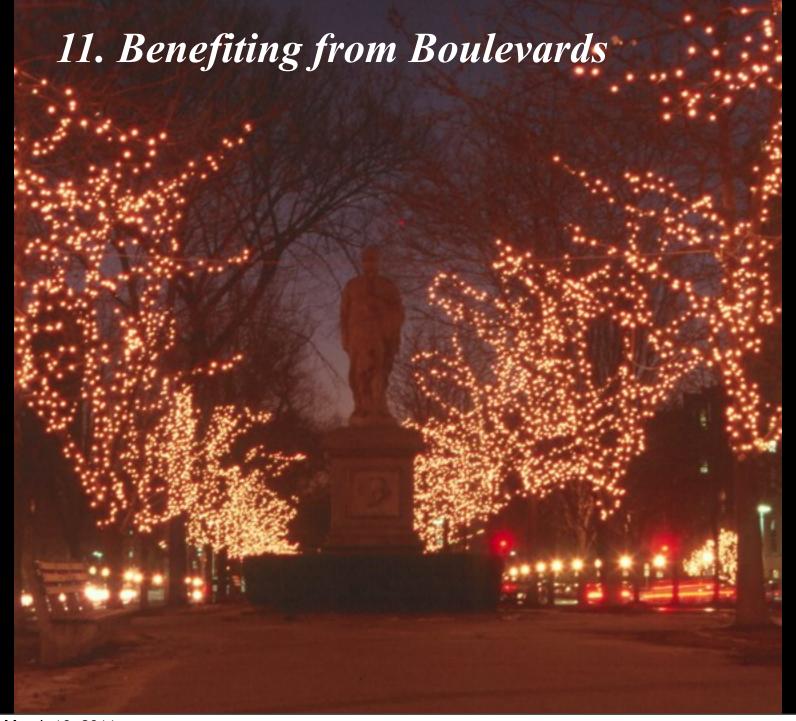
... to New York













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12. Closing Park Roads to Cars. . .



...Temporarily or Permanently



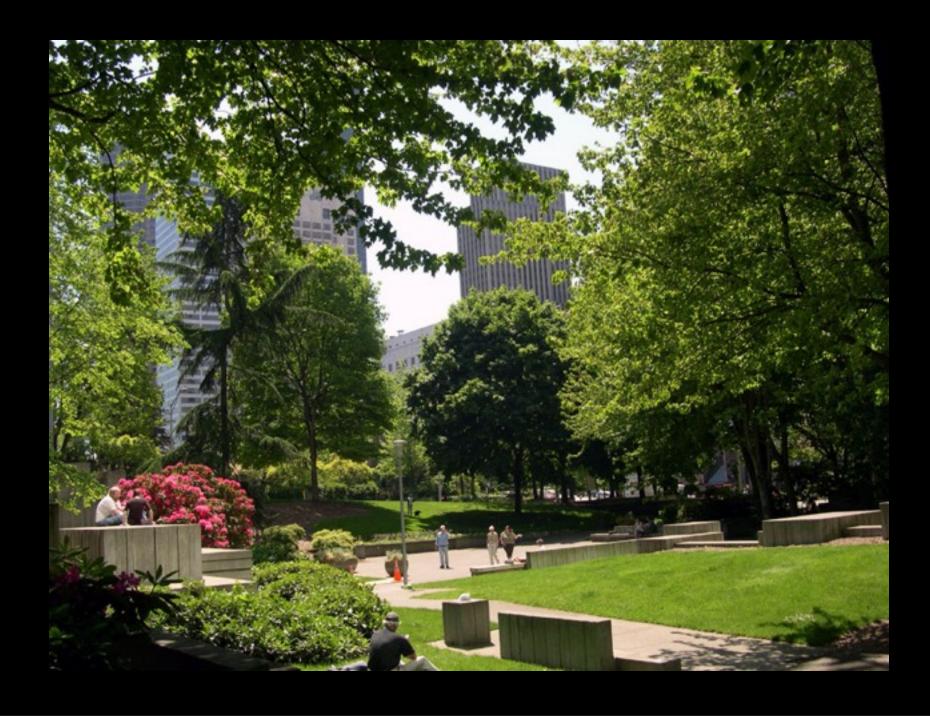
Some Park Road Closures								
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Park	City	Road Name		Part Time	Closed			
Central Park	N.Y.	Central Park Dr.	6	Р	1966			
Golden Gate Park	S.F.	John F. Kennedy Dr.	2	Р	1967			
Gwynns Falls Trail	Baltimore	Ellicott Drive	6	F	1972			
Rock Creek Park	D.C.	Beach Dr.	4	Р	1981			
Piedmont Park	Atlanta	Piedmont Park Drive	2.9	F	1983			
Griffith Park	L.A.	Mt. Hollywood Dr.	10	F	1991			
Memorial Park	Houston	Picnic Loop	1.2	P	1994			
Brackenridge Park	San Antonio	Wilderness Rd.	1	F	2004			
Kessler Park	K.C.	Cliff Drive	2.6	Р	2008			
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. . . or Removing Roads Entirely



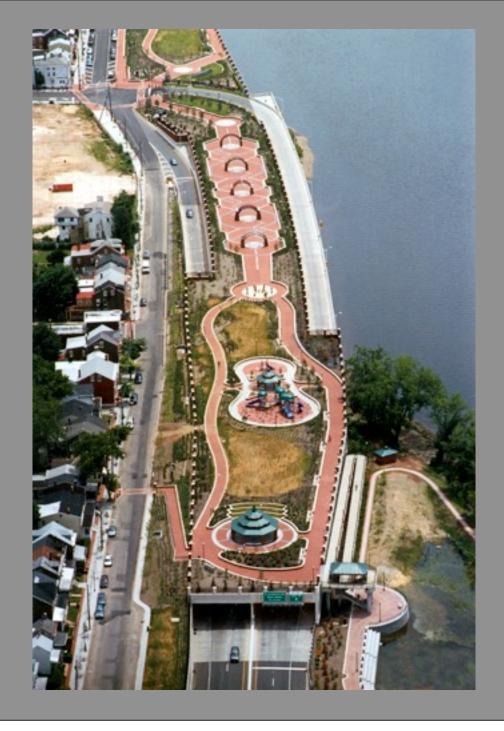
13. Decking Roads over with Parks

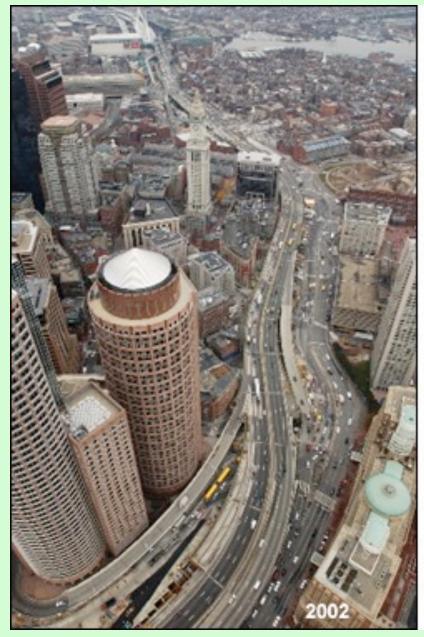




Some Parks Built Over Highways

Park	City	Park Size (acres)	Highway		
Lytle Park	Cincinnati	2.3	I-71		
Gateway Park	Arlington,Va.	3.7	I-66		
Capitol Reflecting Pool	Washington, D.C.	5.0	I-395		
Freeway Park	Seattle	5.2	I-5		
Sam Smith Park	Seattle	15.0	I-90		
Rose Kennedy Greenway	Boston	30.0	I-93		

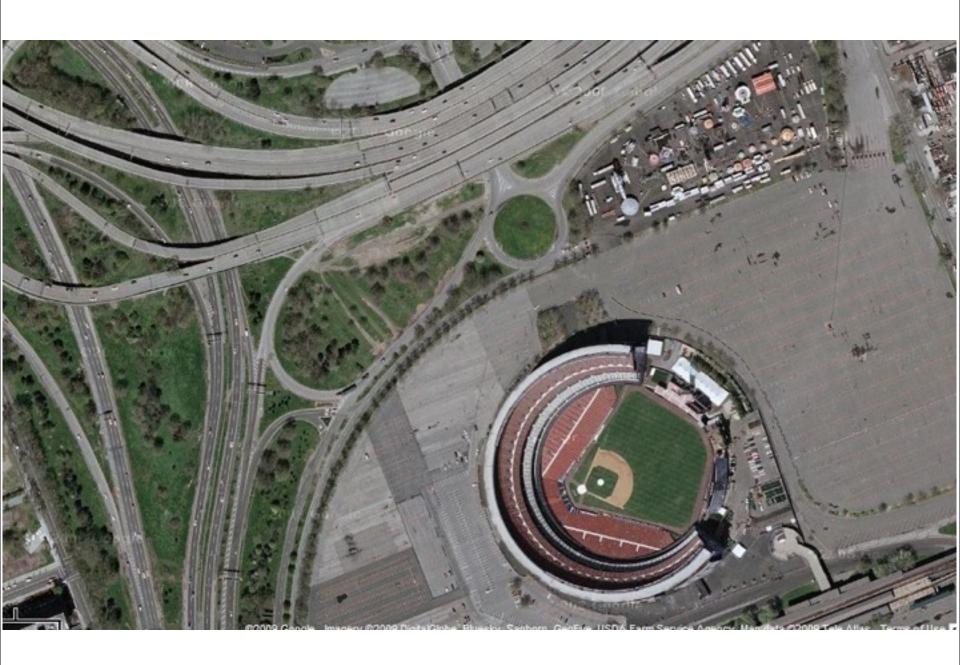






14. Removing Excessive Parking



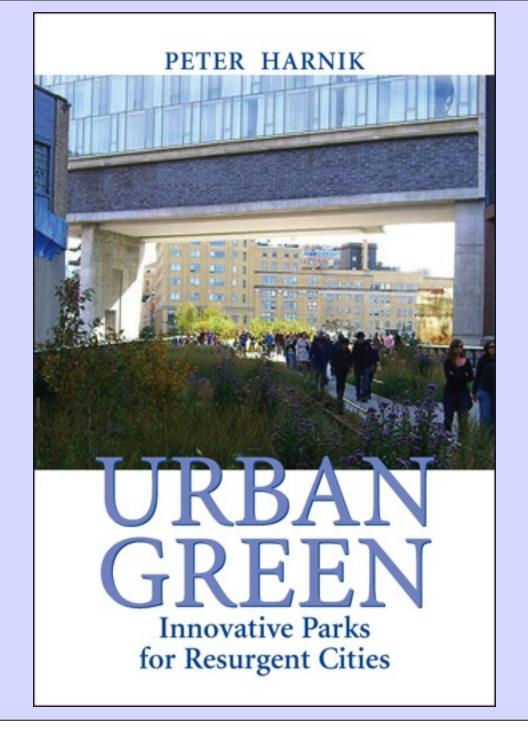


Parking versus the Park

Acres for Surface Auto Storage

			No. of	Acres for	
Park	City	Acres	Spaces	Cars	
Flushing Meadows	New York	1,255	10,000	75.8	
Lincoln Park	Chicago	1,212	6,051	45.8	
Griffith Park	Los Angeles	4,171	5,695	43.1	
Balboa Park	San Diego	1,091	3,778	28.6	
National Mall	Washington, D.C.	146	570	4.3	
Central Park	New York	840	130	1.0	
Prospect Park	Brooklyn, N.Y.	526	40	0.3	
Source: Center for City Park Excellence, The Trust for Public Land					





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