

XSKOOL SWEDEN 2017 - SOME BACKGROUND READING

With two weeks to go before we meet in person, here is some background reading before you arrive

BACK TO THE LAND 2.0 – A DESIGN AGENDA FOR BIOREGIONS (JOHN THACKARA)

about 4,000 words, a 20 minute read

<http://thackara.com/place-bioregion/back-to-the-land-2-0%e2%80%a8-a-design-agenda-for-bioregions>

STORYING OF PLACE: THE REGENERATIVE DEVELOPMENT MANIFESTO

By the Regenesi group (five minute read)

<http://regenesigroup.com/manifesto/>

MAPPING OJAI'S WATER SHORTAGE (CALIFORNIA)

How a design team is engaging with a complicated watershed. *(39 page pdf; dip into it)*

<https://www.academia.edu/30968737/>

28 WAYS IN WHICH FOOD SYSTEMS ARE A DESIGN OPPORTUNITY

Two page list of ideas

<http://www.doorsofperception.com/handouts/28-reasons-why-food-systems-are-a-design-opportunity/#sthash.ad28kEQd.dpuf>

IT STARTS WITH THE SOILS, BY JAMES MERRYWEATHER

Ninety-nine percent of all food comes from our soils. As home to an enormous variety of organisms – from bacteria, to mammals – soil health determines the metabolic health of all terrestrial ecosystems.

(Eight page pdf, ten minute read) [http://www.summerofsoil.se/forum/http://](http://www.summerofsoil.se/forum/http://www.stourvalleywildlifeactiongroup.org/secrets-soil.JAMES%20MERRYWEATHER1.pdf)

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AGROECOLOGY - THE NEW GREEN REVOLUTION by OLIVIER DE SCHUTTER

Agricultural strategies of the past century consistently substituted industrial inputs for biological processes. Underexploited ecological and social opportunities hold promise for a more broadly beneficent agriculture. *(11 pages, 15 minute read)*

<https://www.thesolutionsjournal.com/article/the-new-green-revolution-how-twenty-first-century-science-can-feed-the-world/>

AGROBIODIVERSE NEWSLETTER

A treasure trove of stories, edited by two biodiversity professionals, about the people and organizations that promote more agrobiodiversity. <http://agro.biodiver.se/seed-exchanges/>

FOOD SYSTEMS GLOSSARY

Go here if you are super-keen: It's a huge list.

<http://foodglossary.pbworks.com/w/page/48934391/Index>