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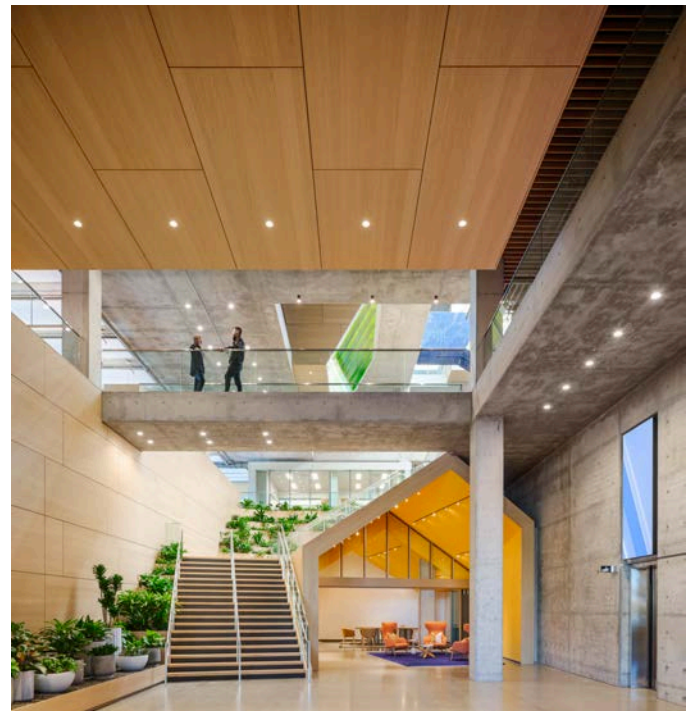
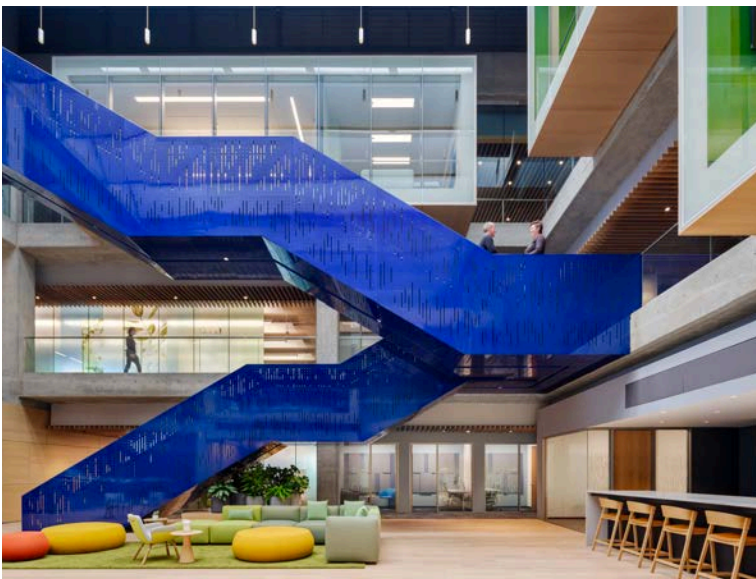
What Are The Real Drivers Of Deforestation





## Intuit Reimagines The Office

The Intuit Bayshore Building is the second ground-up office building on the software company's Mountain View campus. Designed by WRNS Studios and Clive Wilkinson Architects pre-pandemic, the interiors were subsequently redesigned by the architects to reflect the shift towards a post-pandemic hybrid work model.

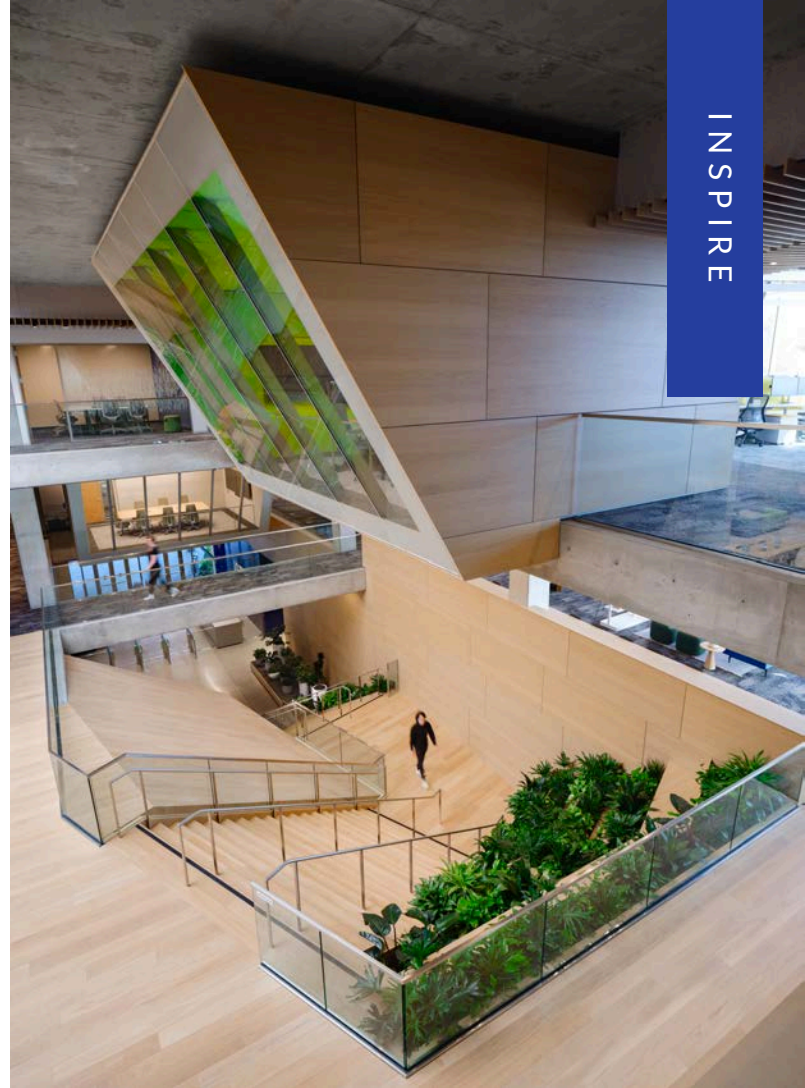


The four-story, 161,000sf LEED Platinum building supports 960 employees working in a hybrid approach. Large floor plates are organized into flexible, human-scaled neighborhoods that provide each team with space for collaboration, concentration, and socialization.



Upon entry, guests are greeted by a bright blue metal wall and seamless reception desk emerging from the polished concrete floor. Moving through the lobby, one encounters the jewel-box "Little House" hospitality space and the grand wood-clad stair fringed in greenery that ascends to the heart of the building - the airy three-story Shinnoki Ivory Oak wall panel clad atrium filled with natural light from large linear skylights. A metal-clad blue stair winds upward through the atrium, passing cantilevered meeting pods and balconies that project into the space. This vibrant hub creates a focal point for adjacent coworking areas, a coffee bar, game space and other lively amenities.

This project brings to life progressive workplace thinking by providing a wide variety of spaces to support the ever-evolving needs of employees and management post-pandemic. It serves as a living example of reimagining the office's role in a hybrid future.



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As a testament to Intuit's commitment to inclusivity and culture of prioritizing the employee experience, the new building offers a wide array of work environments to support an employee base with diverse needs. It offers spaces for collaboration, respite for mental health, personal connection, and culture building - including a reflection room, a music room, and quiet libraries. The Bayshore Building stands as a model of adaptive design, shaping the future of the workplace while honoring Intuit's enduring legacy.

**Project:** Intuit Bayshore

**Location:** Mountain View California

**Architect / Designer:** Clive Wilkinson / WRNS Studio

**Millworker:** Talon Millwork

**Location:** Niagara Falls, Ontario

**Products:** Echo Wood Veneer - color Champagne

**Application:** Lobby wall panels, library walls, cabinetry and elevator surrounds





## Embracing Resimercial Design: Where Comfort Meets Functionality in Modern Spaces

In the ever-evolving landscape of interior design, a fascinating trend has emerged, blurring the lines between the professional and the personal, the commercial and the residential. Welcome to the world of Resimercial Design—a concept that marries the comfort of home with the functionality of the workplace. This innovative approach is reshaping the way we perceive and experience spaces, creating environments that prioritize well-being, productivity, and aesthetic appeal.



With the remote work model still active since COVID, companies continue with this trend. Resimercial design is a response to the shifting dynamics of the modern workplace. As businesses strive to enhance employee satisfaction and productivity, traditional office spaces are undergoing a transformation. Gone are the days of sterile cubicles and monotonous decor. Instead, employers are embracing the principles of residential design to foster a more inviting and inspiring work environment.





At the heart of Resimercial design is the idea of creating spaces that feel like home. Soft, upholstered furniture replaces rigid office chairs, while warm lighting and natural materials evoke a sense of coziness. These elements are carefully curated to promote relaxation and comfort, encouraging employees to feel at ease in their surroundings. By creating environments that mimic the comfort of home, employers can help reduce stress and increase job satisfaction.



However, Resimercial design is not solely focused on aesthetics; it also prioritizes functionality and practicality. Versatile furniture pieces, such as modular seating and adjustable desks, allow for flexibility and customization, catering to the diverse needs of modern workspaces. Collaborative zones are interspersed with quiet nooks, providing employees with options for both teamwork and solo focus.

Resimercial design can also make a powerful statement about company culture and values. A thoughtfully designed workspace reflects an organization's commitment to employee welfare and creativity, helping to attract and retain top talent.

It sends a message that the company values its people and is invested in creating a positive work environment for them. Beyond the office, Resimercial design is also making its mark in other commercial spaces, such as hotels, restaurants, and retail stores. In an era where experiences matter as much as products or services, businesses are recognizing the importance of creating inviting and memorable environments for their customers. By incorporating elements of residential design, they can foster a sense of comfort and familiarity, enhancing the overall customer experience.







## Let's Talk Deforestation

*Is using wood veneer on your project causing deforestation? The answer is no.*

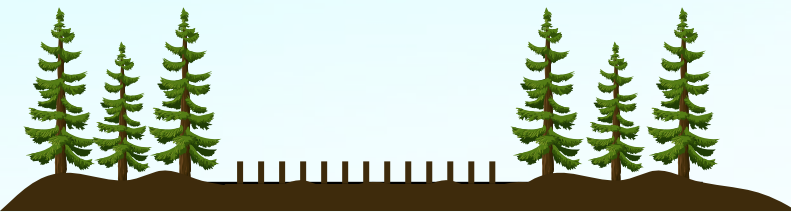
Deforestation is the removal and destruction of a forest or stand of trees from land that is then converted to non-forest use. Deforestation can involve conversion of forest land to farms, ranches, or urban use. Deforestation occurs for a number of reasons. The most common reason is agriculture, with 80% of deforestation resulting from extensive cattle ranching, and development.

Forestry practices have long been a subject of debate, particularly when it comes to choosing between clear cutting and selective harvesting methods. Each approach brings its own set of advantages and disadvantages, impacting not only the immediate environment but also the long-term sustainability of forests.

The aesthetic value of clear-cut areas is often diminished, affecting recreational and tourism opportunities. Clear cutting is often more economically viable due to its efficiency. After clear cutting, new growth can occur rapidly, often resulting in dense, uniform stands of trees. This can lead to quicker regeneration compared to selective harvesting methods as well as efficiently extract timber from large areas, maximizing yield in a relatively short timeframe.

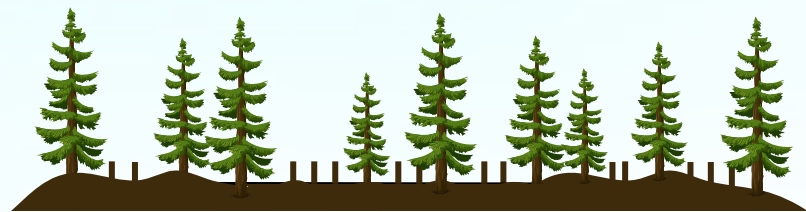






Clear Cutting

One significant drawback of clear cutting is its propensity to cause soil erosion. Without the protection of tree cover, rainwater can wash away topsoil, leading to nutrient depletion and decreased fertility. This practice also can remove habitats for various plant and animal species, leading to a decline in biodiversity. However, sustainable forestry practices aim to mitigate the effects clear cutting can have through replanting trees and only harvesting a set number of acres. Both timber and paper companies have it in their best interest to maintain forests because the sustainability of harvestable areas are crucial to their business model.



Selective Harvesting

Selective harvesting allows for the retention of diverse tree species and ages within a forest. By targeting specific trees for harvest, it preserves habitat complexity and supports a variety of wildlife. Selective harvesting minimizes soil disturbance and erosion by leaving trees intact. Selective harvesting tends to be more labor-intensive and time-consuming than clear cutting and yields less timber per acre. Species such as Oak and Walnut are examples of trees harvested using selective harvesting.

The fear of deforestation is real and valid. Forests and woodlands are considered one of the best forms of natural carbon sequestration. CO<sub>2</sub> binds to plants during photosynthesis, exchanging it for oxygen as a purifying emission. Forests then absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and once harvested, the CO<sub>2</sub> remains sequestered. Trees sequester carbon as they grow but slow down their CO<sub>2</sub> absorption as the tree ages. All trees have a life cycle and once the tree dies, it begins to release the sequestered carbon. Through forest management, the older trees are removed allowing younger trees the opportunity to absorb more nutrients, sunlight and CO<sub>2</sub>. This process is continued by harvesting old trees and planting new trees allowing the continuation of sequestered carbon.

Whether a wood veneer, high pressure laminate (HPL) or thermally fused laminate (TFL), is used in a project, it involves the harvesting of trees. Modern forestry practices and land management are designed to meet these demands responsibly. Efforts are focused on maintaining environmental biodiversity and enhancing carbon sequestration, ensuring a sustainable supply of materials while preserving ecological balance.



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