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China is building a smog-eating 'forest city' filled with tree-covered skyscrapers



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A rendering of the upcoming "forest city" in Liuzhou, China.Stefano Boeri Architetti

The smog levels in the southern Chinese city of Liuzhou are not yet [dire](#), but if the city fails to deal with its pollution, it will only get worse over time.



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Italian design firm [Stefano Boeri Architetti](#) believes that building a neighborhood with plant-covered towers could help the city reduce its pollution levels. On June 26, Liuzhou [broke ground on](#) what Boeri calls a "forest city."

In April, the company also [announced](#) that it will build two skyscrapers, called Nanjing Green Towers, that will hold a total of 1,100 trees and 2,500 cascading shrubs on their rooftops and balconies. The design will be similar to that of a [two-tower complex](#) that Boeri designed in Milan. [Another tower](#) in Lausanne, Switzerland will follow a similar plan and is expected to open by early 2018.

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