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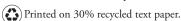
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**Front Cover:** Currently, most urban streets that abut the marine zone have concrete or steel safety barriers, not any expression or presence of coastal habitat life. New designs for coastal streets can incorporate and restore ecological functions as well as infrastructure needs, advancing the definition of bioengineering. Please turn to page 292 to read more. Image by W-Architecture and Landscape Architecture, LLC, of New York City.

**Back Cover:** The destruction of 98% of giant cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*) communities, a U.S. native bamboo, has severely impacted multiple wildlife species. Many obstacles to giant cane restoration exist, and Jon E. Schoonover and colleagues are researching the best ways to collect, propagate and plant this species. Turn to page 234 to read about their findings.

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