• Parman has some serious doubts about plans to develop Saltworks: “The uphill battle to add density to Bay Area cities reflects widespread reservations about the smart-growth formula, especially when it’s imposed without any real sensitivity or imagination” (and despite being led by “smart growth’s founding father” Calthorpe).

• Waldheim named new consulting Curator of Landscape for Boston’s Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

• An enlightening video tour of NYC with “lighting urbanist” Schwendinger.

• Kamin revisits Stern’s “illuminating collection of essays” and ponders “which city is the center of America’s architectural universe?” His take: “Bye-bye, 1979...Hey, New York – start spreadin’ the news. It’s a multi-polar architectural world out there. Deal with it!” (ouch!).

• An enlightening video tour of NYC with “lighting urbanist” Schwendinger.

• Morgan marvels at St. Florian’s bridge pylons that could create a strong architectural identity for Charlotte, which “forever seems to be one of those Sun Belt skylines in search of a city.”

• A thoroughly amusing tour of Beekman Tower (yer, 8 Spruce St. now) with Gehry himself: “Look! You can see Connecticut. Sarah Palin could see Chinat.

• Call for presentations: ASLA 2011 Annual Meeting, “Landscape Architecture Rising” + Call for entries: ASLA 2011 Professional and Student Awards.

• We couldn’t resist bringing you The Happy Planet Index (serious info included).
Leadership...October 30-November 2 in San Diego; deadline: January 21, 2011 - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Call for entries: ASLA 2011 Professional and Student Awards; registration deadline: February 25, 2011, for Professional Awards; May 6, 2011, for Student Awards - The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Happiness Comes at a Price: Should we be measuring our world by something other than GDP and income levels? ...demographers have given it go...The results of several studies are gathered in The Happy Planet Index. By Cliff Kuang
[images]- Fast Company

Best Architecture Books of 2010; Ten books pointing the way to larger professional horizons. By Norman Weinstein -- Eric J. Cesar; Thomas Fisher; Mark Garcia; Philip Jodidio; Charles Jencks/Edwin Heathcote; Giovanni Curatoa; George Ranalli; James P. Cramer/Jane Paradise Wolford; etc. -- ArchNewsNow

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