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sustainability is needed if we are to achieve a healthful and sustainable environment for the long term. The authors examine the uses, misuses,

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