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enough open space to provide for the unforeseen auto accident.

I love the woodlands. I care about our environment. But each type of roadway — scenic, local farm-to-market, cross-country, etc. — has its own particular requirements. Any conservation or beautification plan must first maintain or enhance the safety of the roadway. After that prerequisite is met, innovative plans can be laid.

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Fuller foresight?

It is gratifying, but not too surprising, to see that science once again seems to be confirming predictions made by Buckminster Fuller in the mid-1970s and before. In "Building Matter From a Dozen Blocks" (SN: 10/21/89, p.260), researchers seem to be well on their way to concluding that there are three and only three families of fundamental particles out of which the stuff of the Universe (a word Fuller always capitalized) is made.

In 1975, Fuller wrote, "There are only three possible omnisymmetrical, omnitriangulated, least-effort structural systems in nature." He went on to describe the combinations, rotations and permutations of the tetrahedron, octahedron and icosahedron, which form the basis for the three-and-only-three structural systems. His descriptions begin to sound more and more like the families of quarks, leptons and neutrinos reported in SCIENCE NEWS.

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