Supplementary Information

Table S1. Soil properties (bulk density, water content, Fe concentrations and total C and N) measured for soils from valley and slope position in wet tropical forest in Puerto Rico. An asterisk (*) designates statistically significant differences between soils (p<0.01).

| Soil | Bulk Density (g cm ⁻³) | Water content (%) | | Fe (II) (µg Fe²+g soil⁻¹) | Fe (III) + Fe (II) (µg Feg soil-1) | Total C (%) | Total N (%) |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Slope | 0.54 ±0.1 | 30.1±4.2 | 5.2±0.15 | 53.3±9 | 1100±90 | 3.81±0.2 | 0.3±0.0 |
| Valley | 0.63 ±0.1 | *55.2±8.3 | 5.0±0.11 | *340±10 | *5700±270 | 4.17±0.2 | 0.4±0.1 |

Figure S1. Soil Fe (II) concentrations (μ g Fe g soil⁻¹) measured after to oxic and anoxic preincubations for soils from valley (up) and slope (bottom) positions in wet tropical forest in Puerto Rico. An asterisk (*) designates statistically significant differences between treatments (p<0.01).

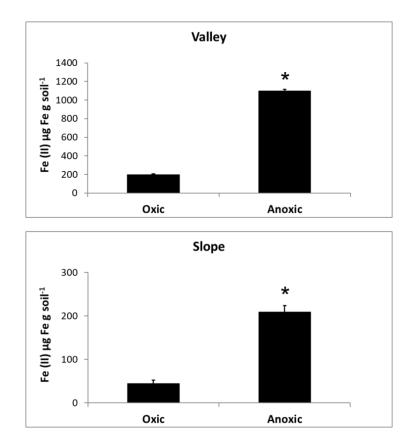


Table S2. P concentrations in different soil P fractions (μ g P g soil⁻¹) and soil CO₂ production (μ g C g soil⁻¹ day⁻¹) measured for soil from valley and slope positions in wet tropical forest in Puerto Rico, pre-incubated under oxic (O+) or anoxic (O-) headspace and amended with P and C or DI water (control). * designates statistically significant differences between samples (p<0.01).

| Soil | Treatment | Resin P | Microbial P | Inorganic P | Organic P | Respired CO ₂ |
|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Valley | P+C, O+ | 1.8±1.8 | 26.6±0.1 | 49±12.3 | 173.2±25.0 | 8.1±2.0 |
| Valley | P+C, O- | 4.7±0.5 | 25.2±0.5 | 38.0±4.3 | 197.1±20.7 | *5.0±1.1 |
| Valley | DI only, O+ | 0.1±0.0 | 15.8±1.0 | 25.2±6.0 | 179.9±12.2 | 1.8±0.4 |
| Valley | DI only, O- | 0.3±0.1 | 12.9±0.8 | 17.9±3.4 | 169.6±36.3 | 1.1±0.3 |
| Slope | P+C, O+ | 37.1±16.0 | 133.4±10.0 | 148.4±20.2 | 59.1±11.2 | 122.5±16.2 |
| Slope | P+C, O- | 37.4±10.0 | *102.0±7.0 | *73.9±30.5 | *188.3±24.7 | *80.1±9.7 |
| Slope | DI Only, O+ | 0.1±0.0 | 82.1±4.0* | 52.2±9.6* | 44.6±7.2 | 32.6±3.7 |
| Slope | DI Only, O- | 0.1±0.0 | *49.2±7.0* | *31±2.2 | *119.8±37.1 | 24.7±1.5 |

| Fe (II) | | CO2 | |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| Factor | Р | Factor | P |
| Soil type | <0.001 | Soil type | < 0.001 |
| Headspace | <0.001 | Headspace | < 0.238 |
| Substrate | NA | Substrate | < 0.001 |
| Soil type/Headspace | <0.321 | Soil type/Headspace | < 0.001 |
| Soil type/Substrate | NA | Soil type/Substrate | < 0.001 |
| Headspace/Substrate | NA | Headspace/Substrate | <0.214 |
| Soil type/Headspace/Subsrate | NA | Soil type/Headspace/Subsrate | < 0.135 |

| Pmic | | NaOH Pi | | NaOH Po | |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| Factor | Р | Factor | Р | Factor | Р |
| Soil type | <0.001 | Soil type | <0.125 | Soil type | < 0.001 |
| Headspace | <0.169 | Headspace | <0.001 | Headspace | <0.001 |
| Substrate | < 0.001 | Substrate | <0.001 | Substrate | <0.242 |
| Soil type/Headspace | <0.001 | Soil type/Headspace | <0.001 | Soil type/Headspace | <0.001 |
| Soil type/Substrate | < 0.001 | Soil type/Substrate | <0.118 | Soil type/Substrate | <0.187 |
| Headspace/Substrate | <0.197 | Headspace/Substrate | <0.434 | Headspace/Substrate | <0.115 |
| Soil type/Headspace/Subsrate | <0.187 | Soil type/Headspace/Subsrate | < 0.356 | Soil type/Headspace/Subsrate | <0.254 |

Table S3. Three-way ANOVA test was preformed, in which soil type, headspace treatment and substrate addition were included as independent variables and Fe (II) concentrations, soil CO_2 production, microbial P, NaOH Pi and NaOH Po were included as dependent variables. Substrate addition was not included as an independent variable for Fe (II) variable.