

Session 2.1

Modern Times: Promoting innovation, new technologies and future visions for inclusive urban forests

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Modern Times

Living Infrastructure Field Kit: An Open-Source Community Engagement Tool for Urban Forestry Management



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We Activate Communities, Organizations, and Governments to Expedite Climate Resilience

What is Living Infrastructure?

- •Integrates built, natural, and social systems to help communities thrive
- •Involves communities through visioning, implementation, and maintenance
 - •Takes a whole-systems perspective to achieve diverse benefits







What's In the Field Kit?

Living Infrastructure



An educational platform including short videos, interactive tours, and other resources to help people understand and recognize living infrastructure in their environments

Visioning Tool



A collaborative mapping tool for understanding the stressors and potentials facing a community, collecting community stories, and co-designing sketches of projects



What Project Types Are Supported?

Urban Forestry



Stormwater



Green Streets



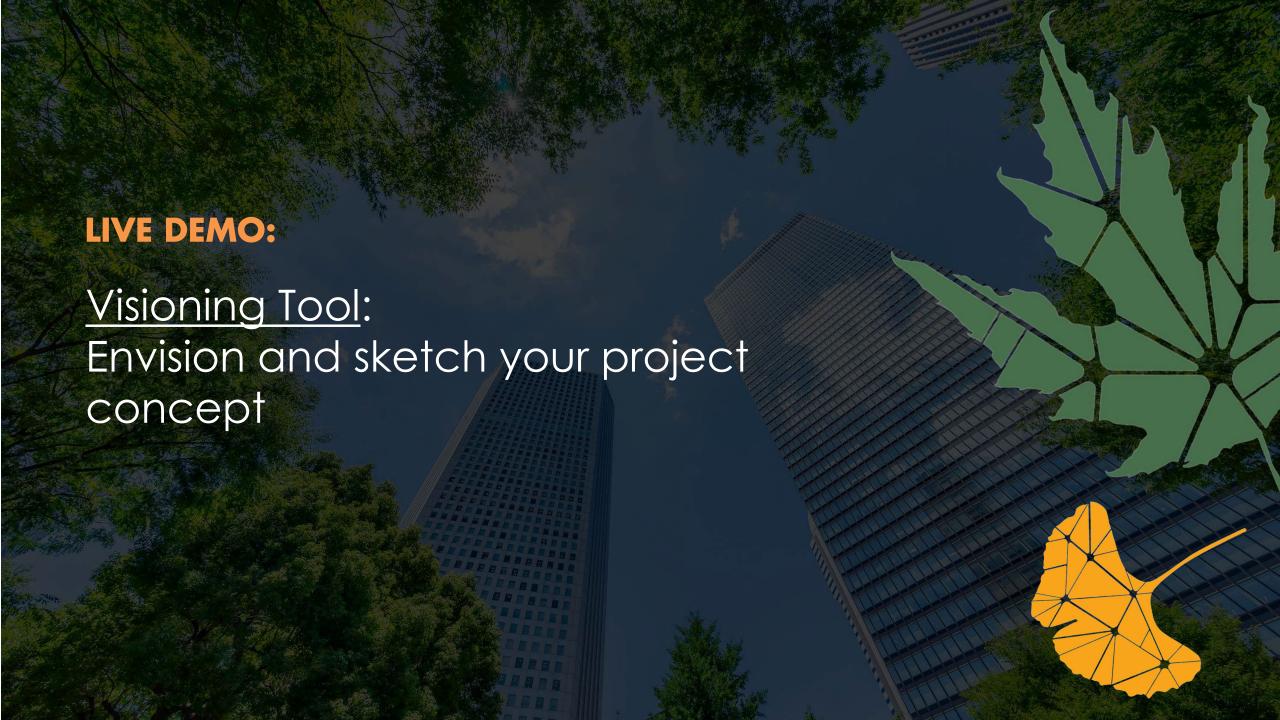
Parks



Schoolyards









Project Fact Sheets

PROJECT SKETCH

This sketch provides a high-level vision for what the project might look like. It is not intended to be a vetted design proposal and is subject to feasibility analysis and detailed design.



PROJECT REMEDIES



SUFFER TREE



SHADE TREE



FRUIT TREE







VEGETABLE GARDEN



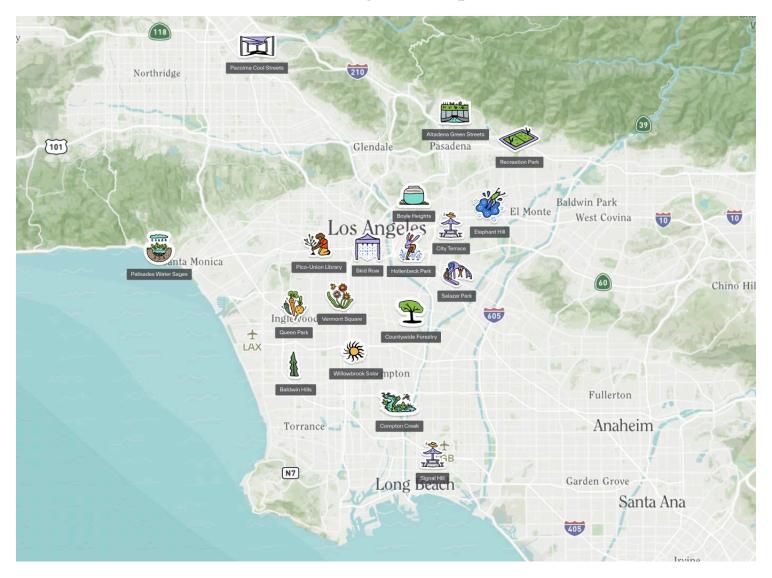
LOCATION

Footprint (sqft)	530,963
Assessor Parcel Numbers	5180014003, 5180014004, 5180014012, 5180014009, 5180014900, 5180014011, 5180014010
and Use Type	Commercial, Government, Multi-Unit Residential
and Ownership	Private, L A Unified School Dist
Neighborhood	Boyle Heights
Vlunicipality	Los Angeles
Supervisorial District	District 1
Natershed	[LA River] > [Upper Los Angeles River] > [WMG_1_348523]
Census Tract	06037204300
Disadvantaged Community? Using CalEnviroScreen designation	Yes
Coordinates	34.04066395439879, -118.2051974285982





Existing Projects





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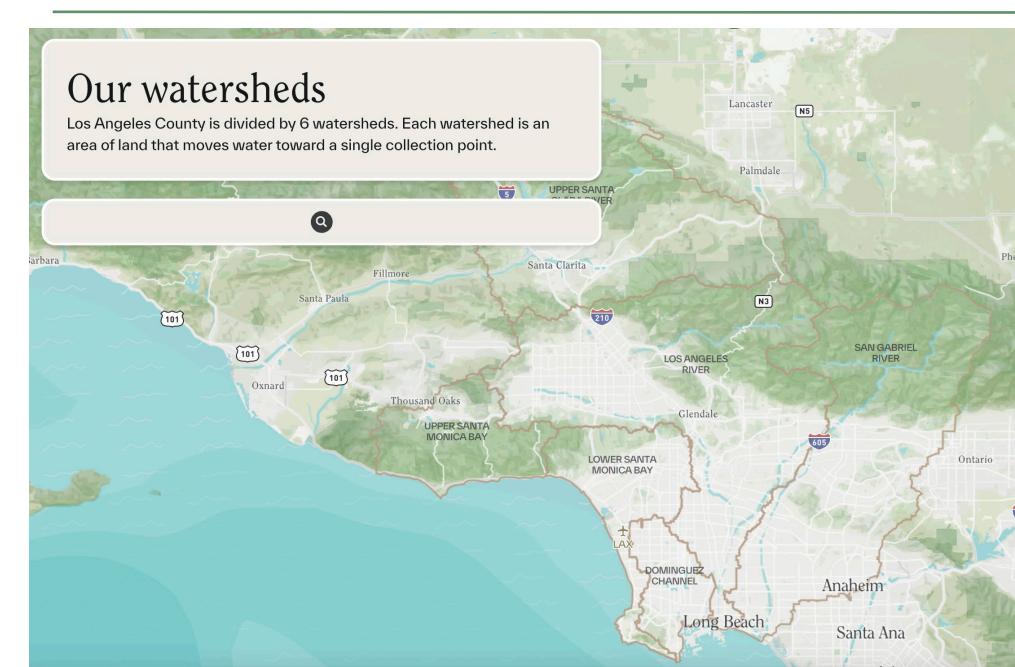


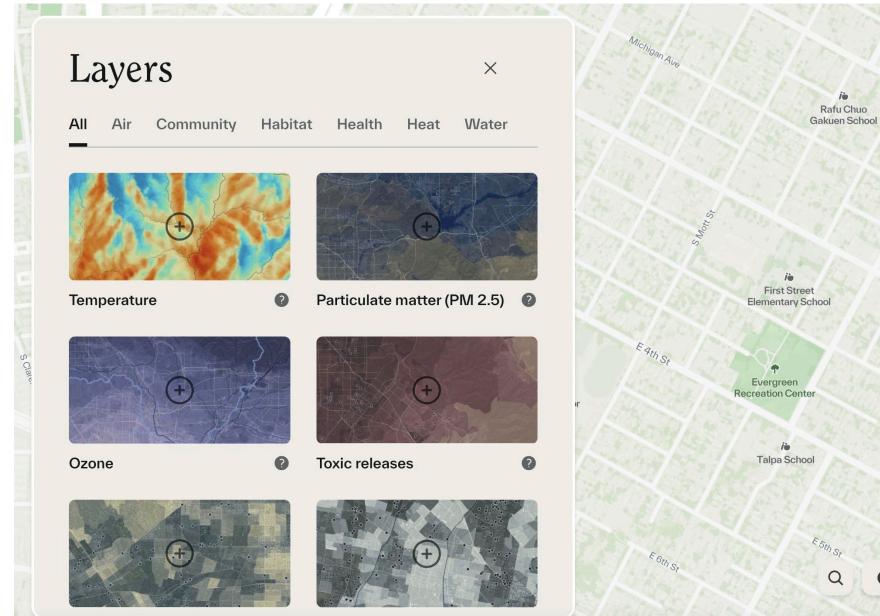












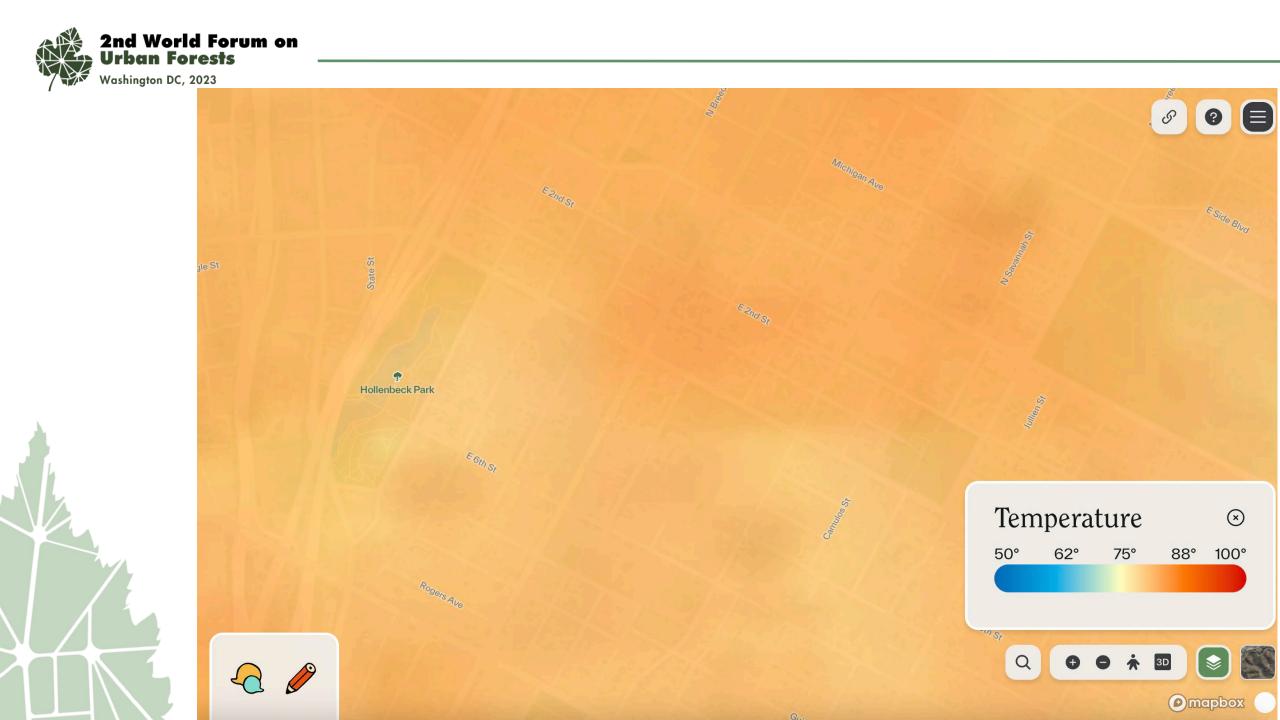
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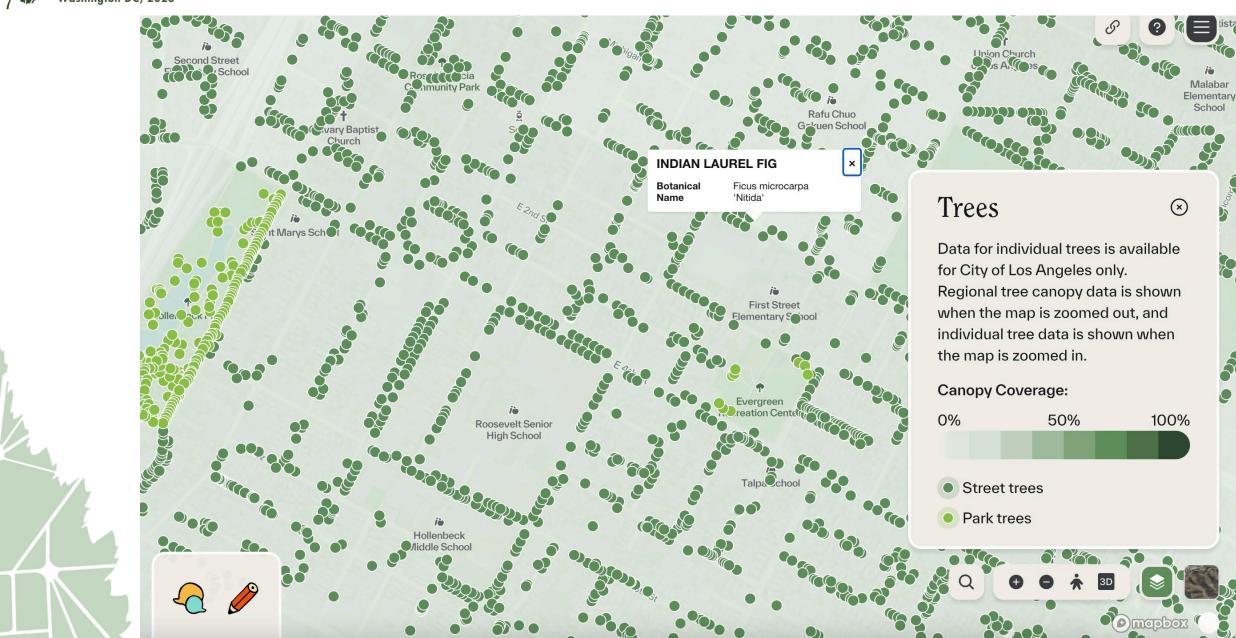
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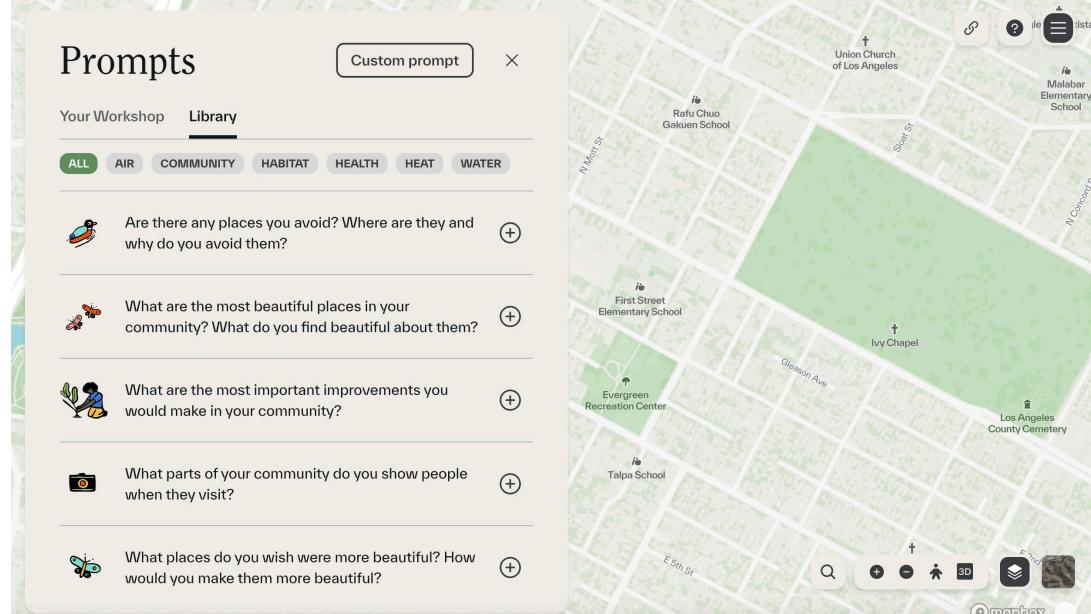
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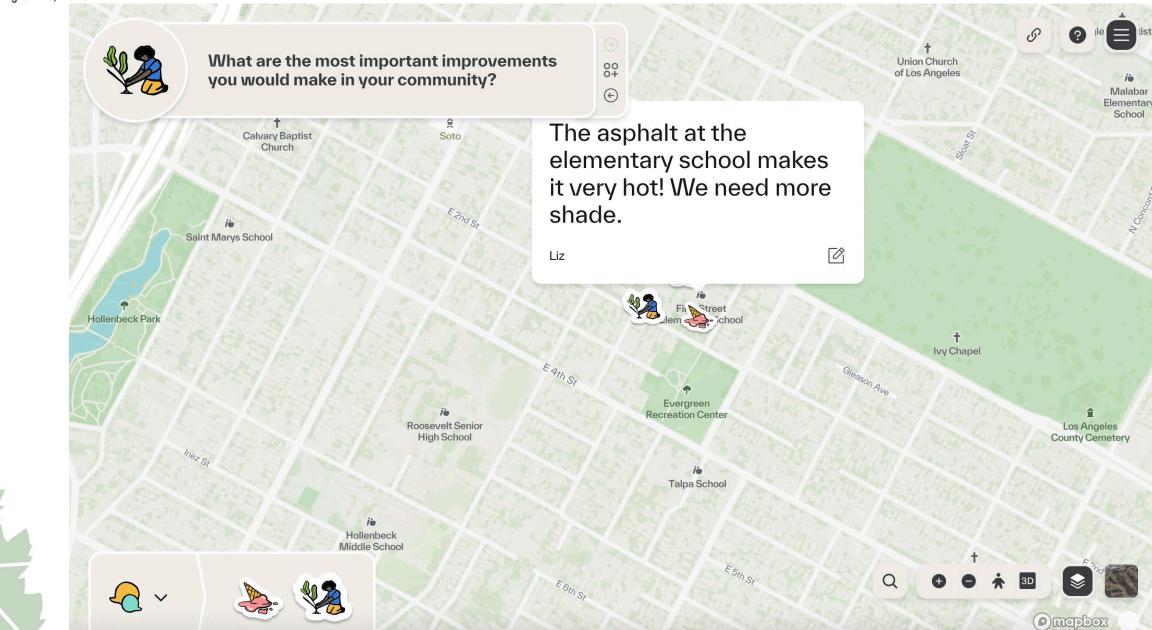




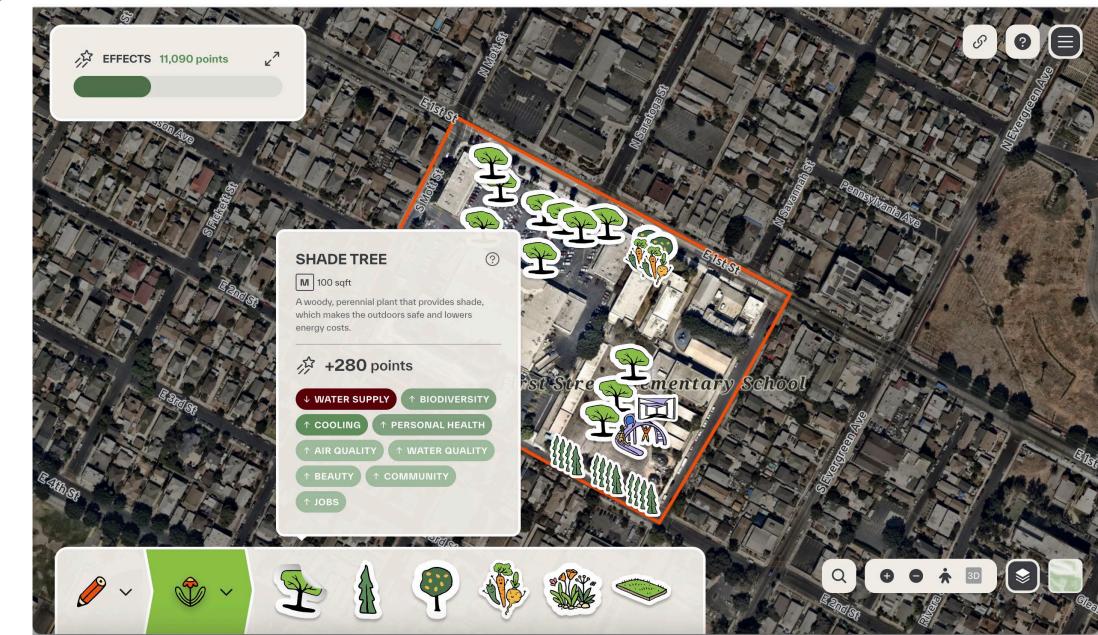


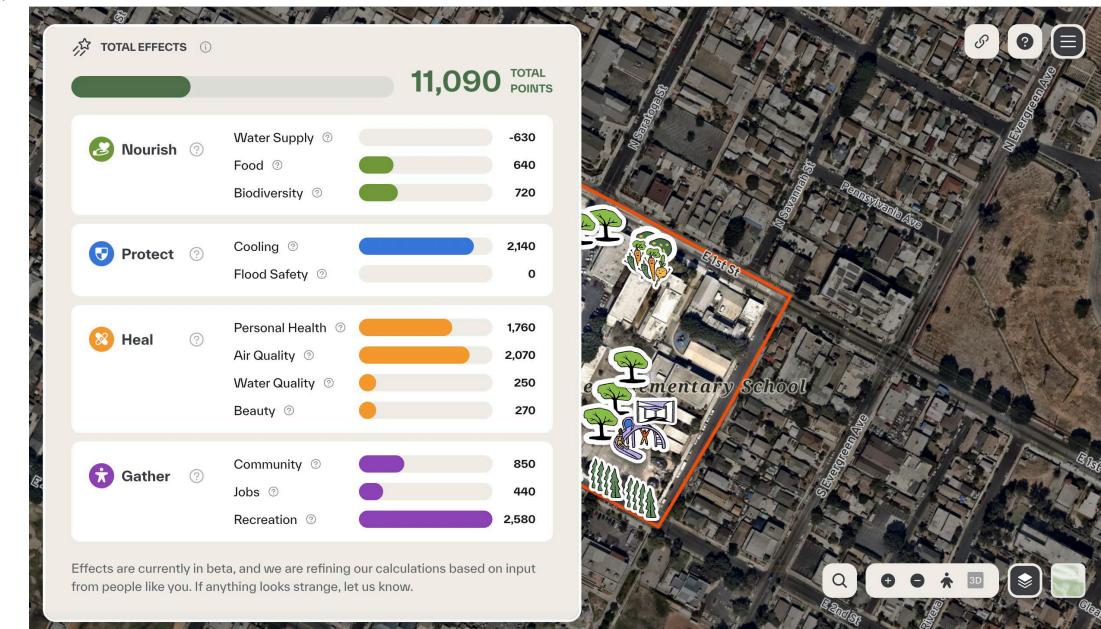












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From Pixels to Parklands: The role of satellite Data in Urban Green Spaces

Applying novel satellite technology to inform design and management of urban forests



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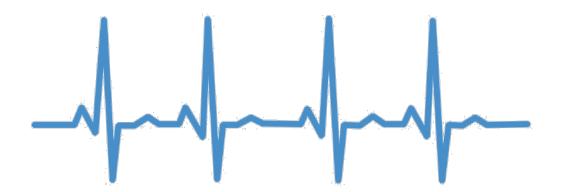
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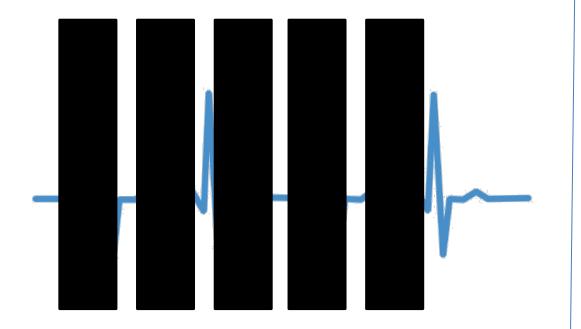








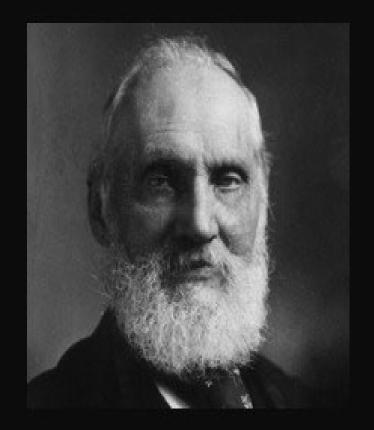












If you can not measure it, you can not improve it.

~ Lord Kelvin



DHI at a glance

Global advisory company with deep domain knowledge, strong technology

and continuous innovation



Independent, private, not-for-profit



Supports the UN sustainability agenda



1100+ employees, 80% with an MSc or PhD degree



Representing 50+ years of dedicated research and real-life experiences (over 2400 projects worldwide)

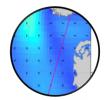






Providing a satellite perspective on water+ data for over 20 years

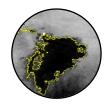




MetOcean data



Sea Surface Temperature



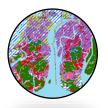
Oil Spill



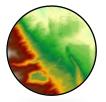
Marine Habitat Maps



Satellite Images



Coastal Vegetation



Digital Elevation



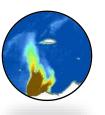
Urban Mapping



Vegetation Health



Sea Ice and Icebergs



Dredge Plumes



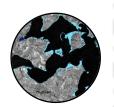
Water Quality



Bathymetry



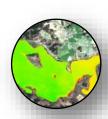
Coastal Dynamics



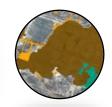
Flooding



ET and drought



Freshwater Monitoring



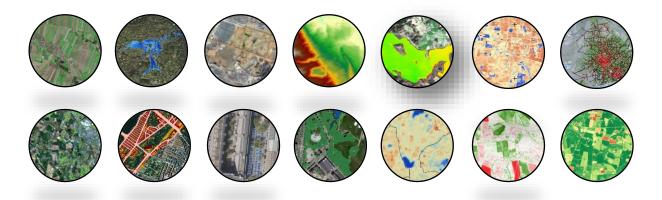
Land Cover -Land Use

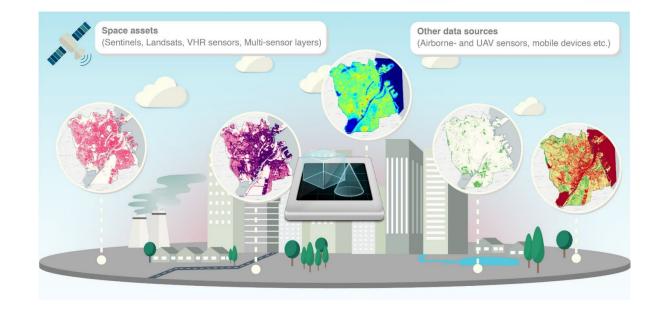
Offshore and Near shore

Coastal Zone

Onshore and inland









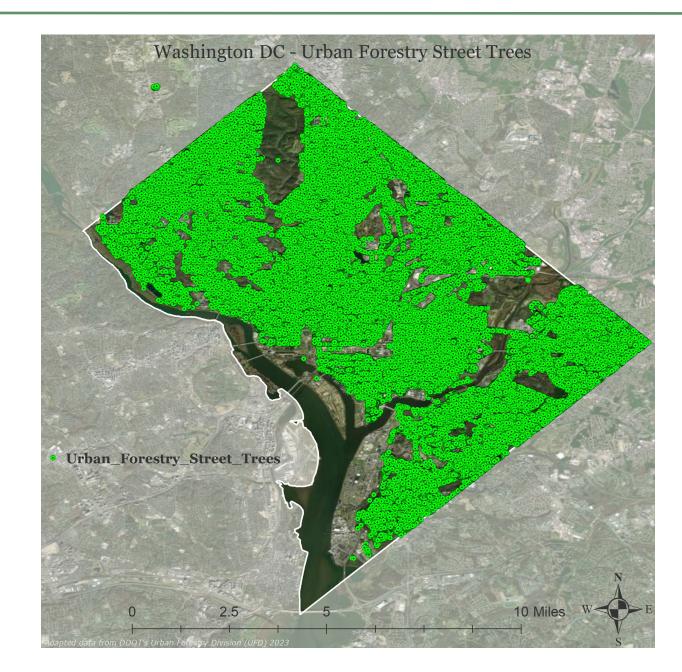
Why are urban tree inventories important:

- •Enable better urban planning and development.
- •Helps identify suitable areas for tree planting, green spaces, and infrastructure development.
- •Empowers city officials to make data-driven decisions about tree maintenance, removal, planting and urban heat island mitigation measures.
- •Ensures resources are allocated efficiently.
- •Sharing tree data with the public fosters transparency and community engagement.

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However the associated costs are high:

- Expenses related to the initial collection of tree data
 - The New York City 'TreesCount!2015' census reportedly cost 2.2 million \$ and involved thousands of volunteers and staff to complete.
- Provides just a snapshot in time as trees are always changing and tree inventory data loses value over time if it is not updated.

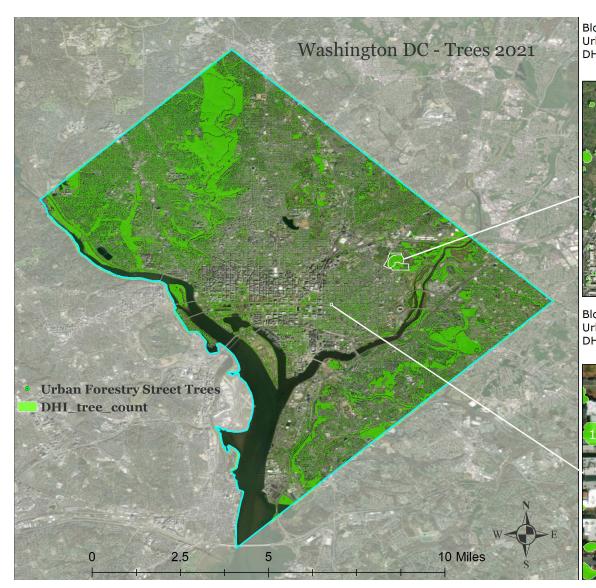


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Earth observation and AI technology is part of the answer



Airbus Pléiades Neo satellite image, 2021 30 cm resolution



Block: 3046 + 3047

Urban Forestry Street Trees: 204 trees

DHI EO method: 2508 trees



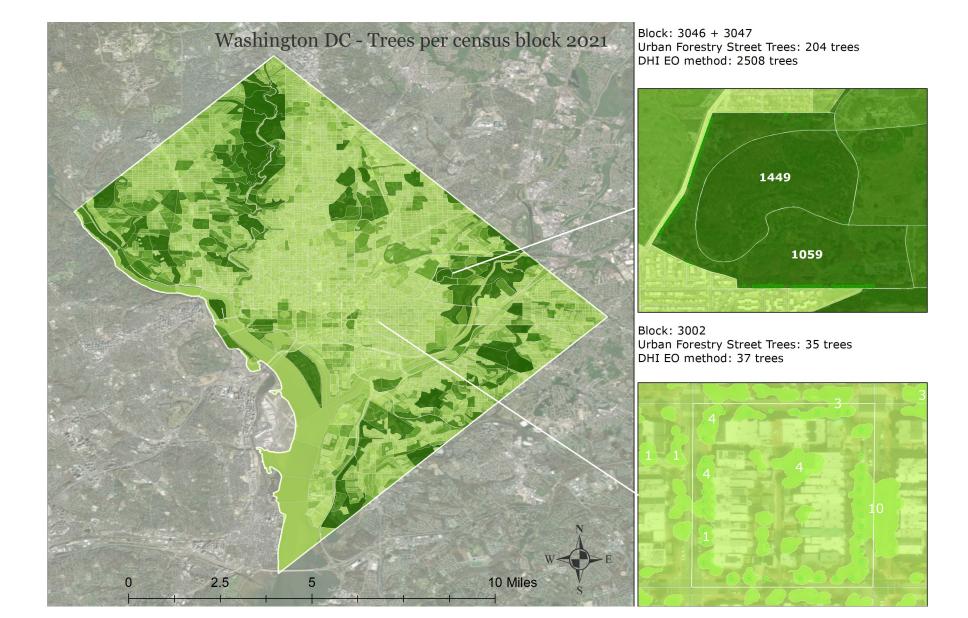
Block: 3002

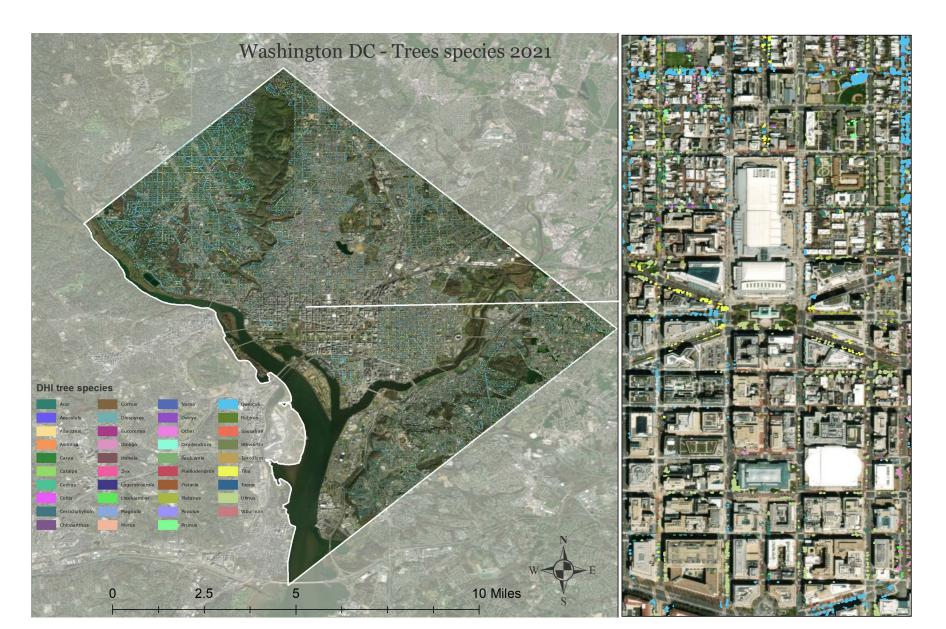
Urban Forestry Street Trees: 35 trees

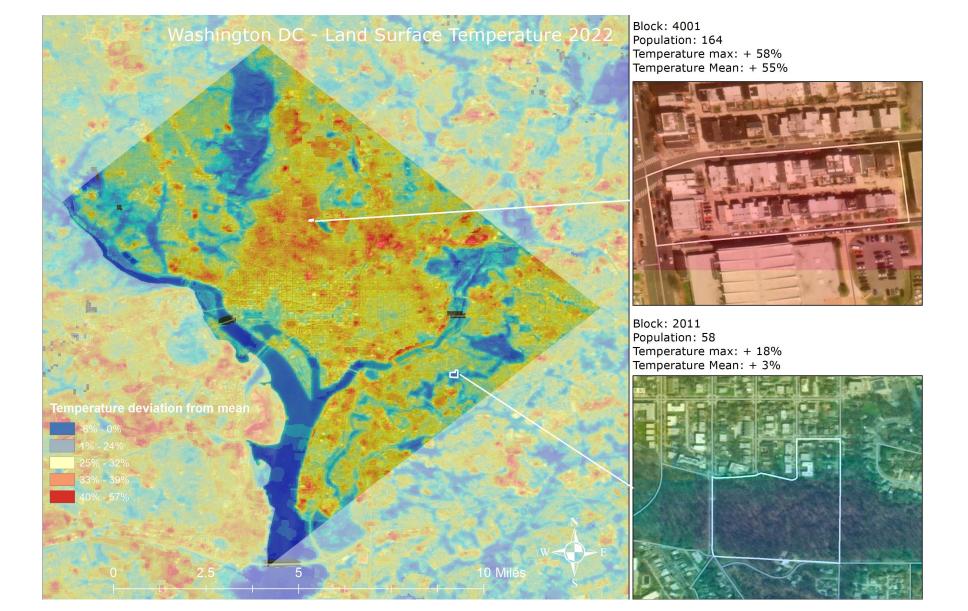
DHI EO method: 37 trees

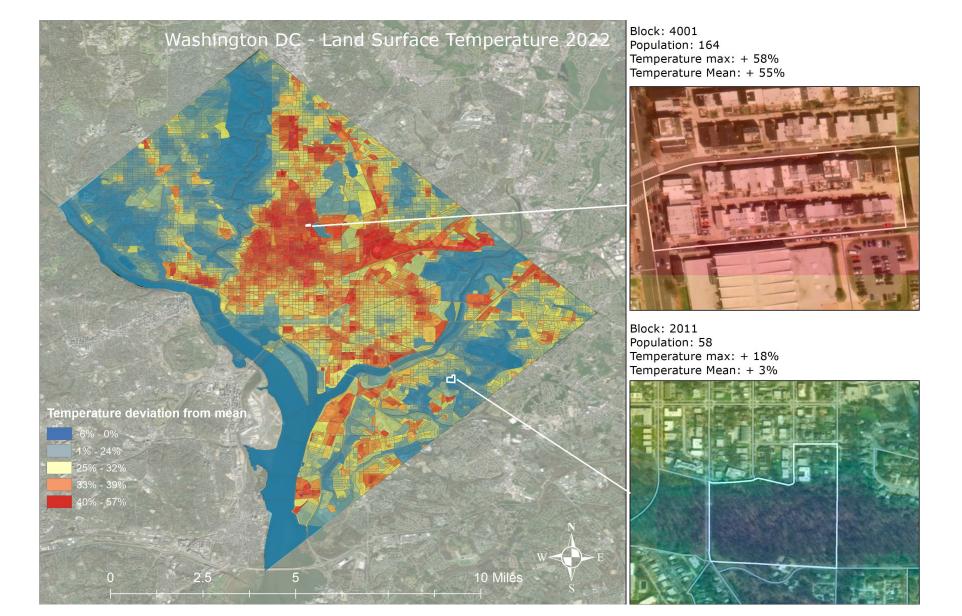


Aggregation of trees per census block





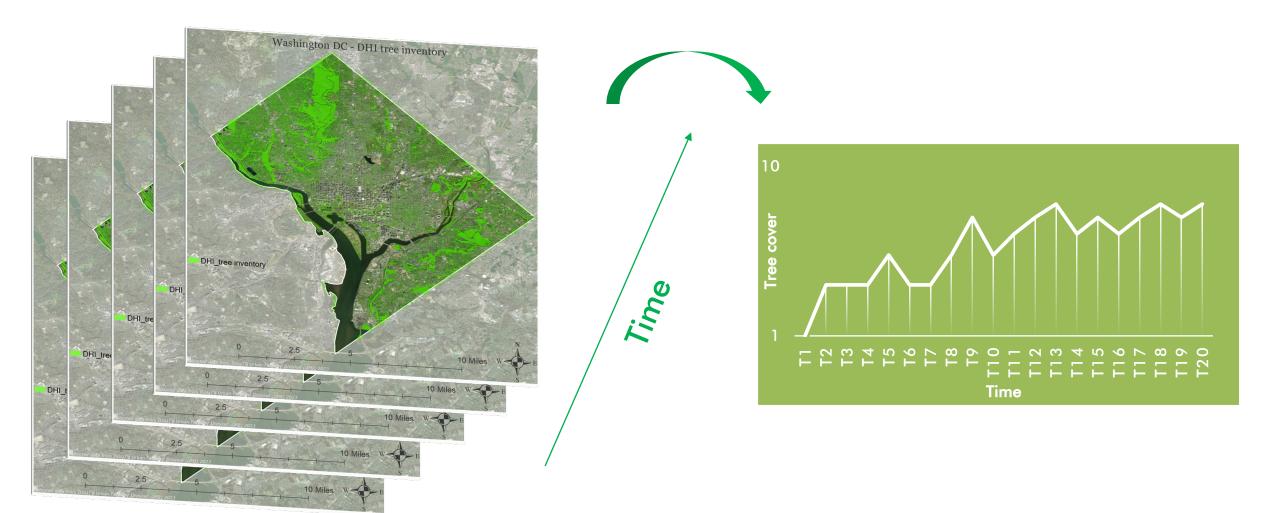








Dynamic urban monitoring - as often as needed

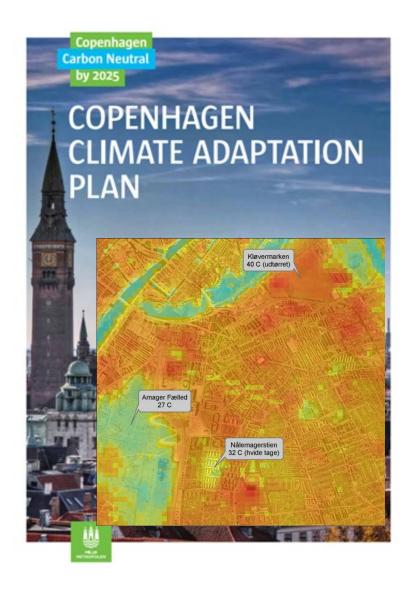




Planning city space "Urban Heat Islands"

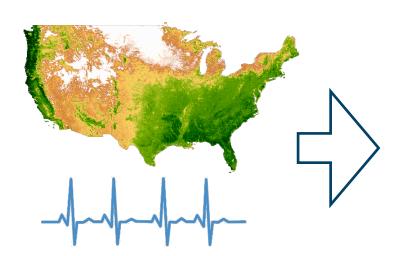
 Which areas in the city are exposed to urban heat? And what effect does green/blue infrastructure have?



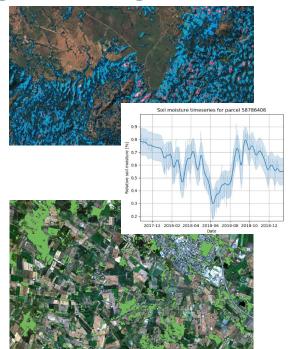




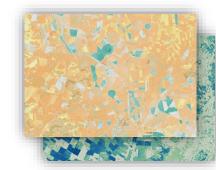
Dynamic monitoring at large











Surface water

- Dynamics (extent and volume)
- Frequency
- Flooding's extent and depth
- Drought
- ...

Land/soil

- Volumetric Soil moisture
- Actual Evapotranspiration
- Soil organic carbon
- Digital Elevation Models
- Land cover
- Land deformation and degradation
- ...

Vegetation

- Trees and tree cover
- Small landscape features
- Irrigation support
- Parcel delineation
- Biomass
- Forest height and canopy cover

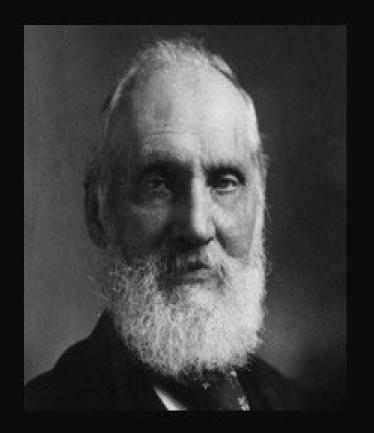


Automated and operational data infrastructure

A wide array of EO based data products and analytics

The pulse of land and water





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4-band, 50cm satellite image

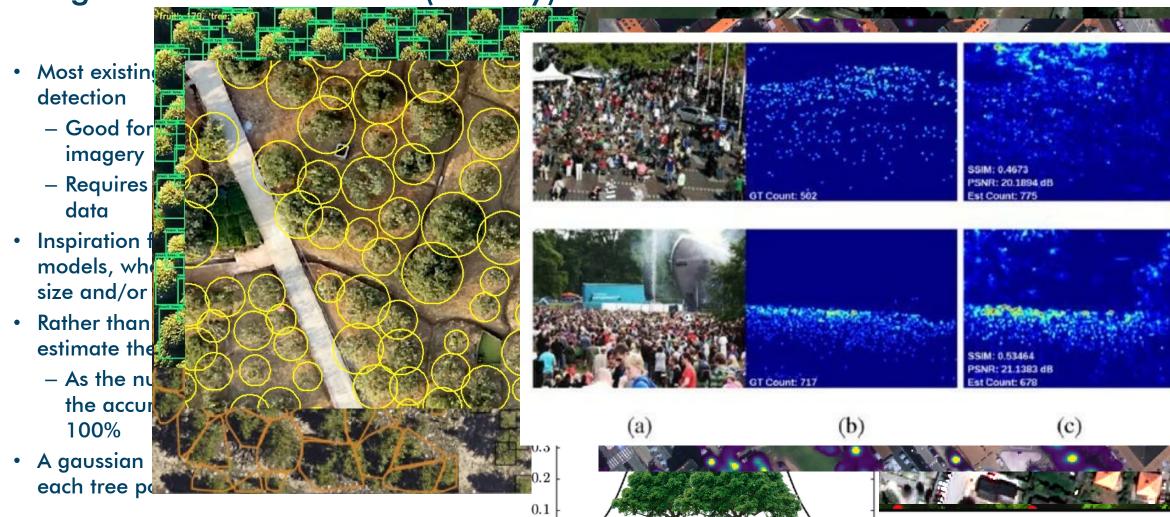
Density map prediction

Density thresholding, object delineation





Regression – Tree count (density)



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Treenet: Promoting and Leading Urban Forest Research, Knowledge, and Networks in Australia



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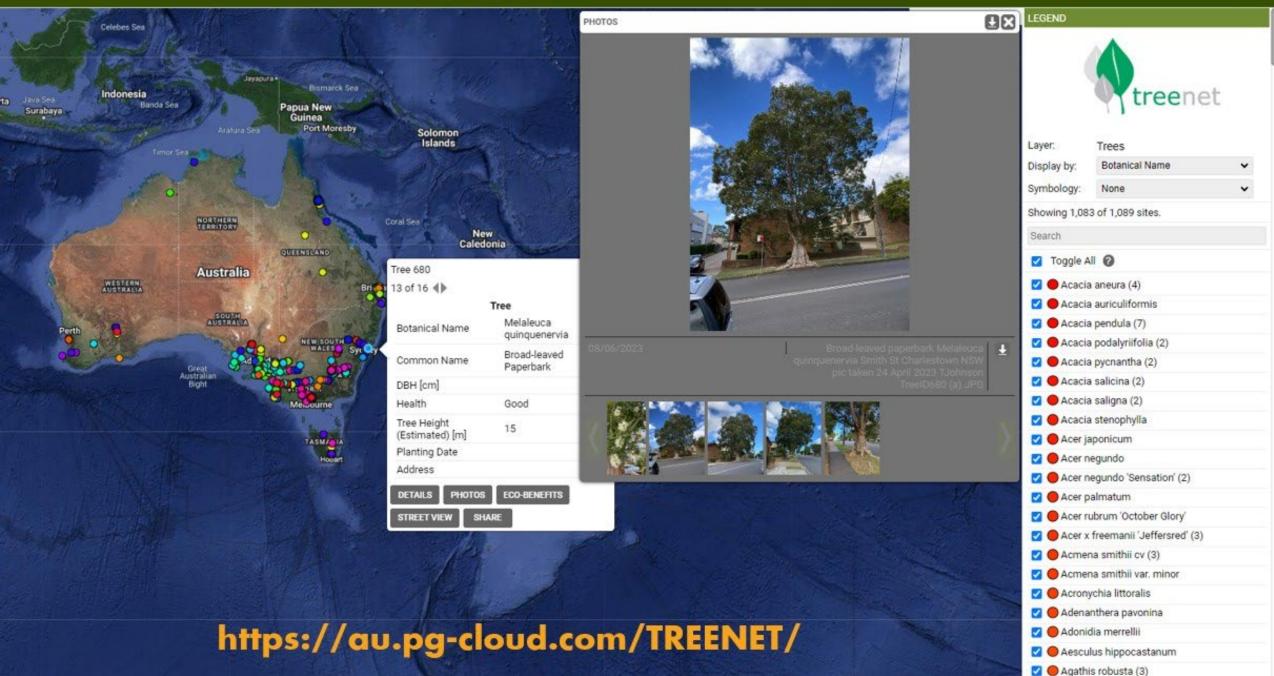
TREENET

- Tree and Roadway Experimental and Educational Network
- Non- profit, national organisation founded in 1997
- Funded by members, sponsors, donors and grants
- Dedicated to improving Australia's urban forests through
 - research and education
 - community support and engagement
 - projects, information and outreach







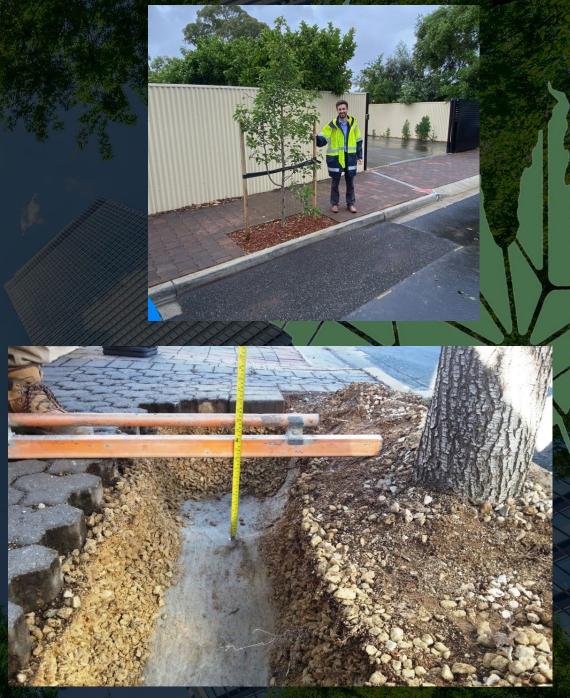


Projects

Engineered spaces for trees

- tree root management
- passive irrigation using stormwater
- enhanced urban heat island mitigation

























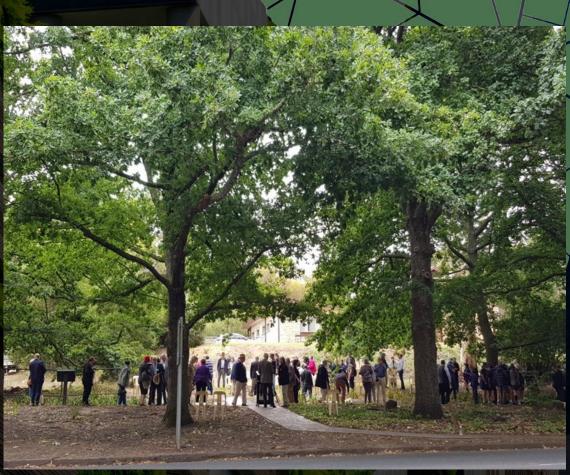


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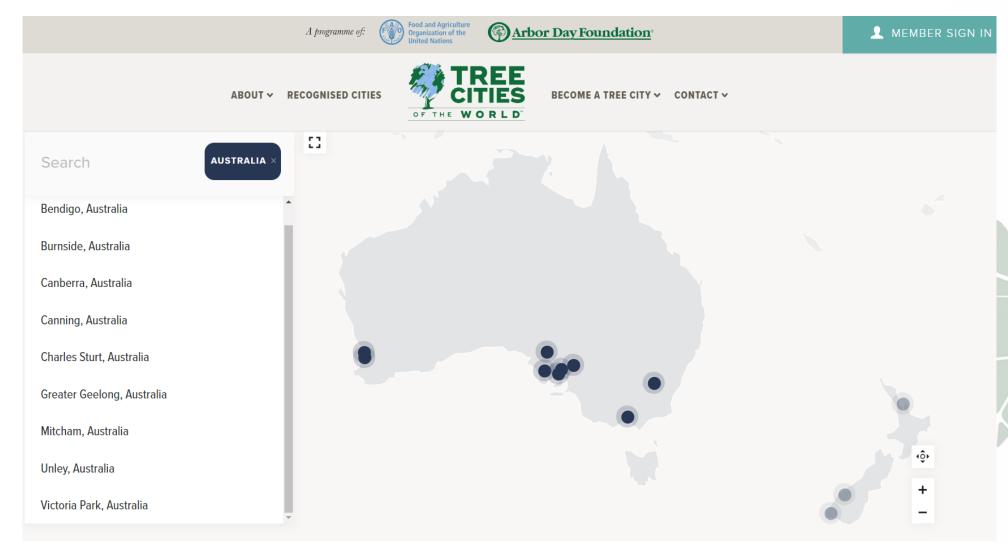
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https://treecitiesoftheworld.org



Australian Urban Forest Literature Database

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Membership not only supports a national, independent, environmental, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to research & education for urban arboriculture and liveable towns and cities.

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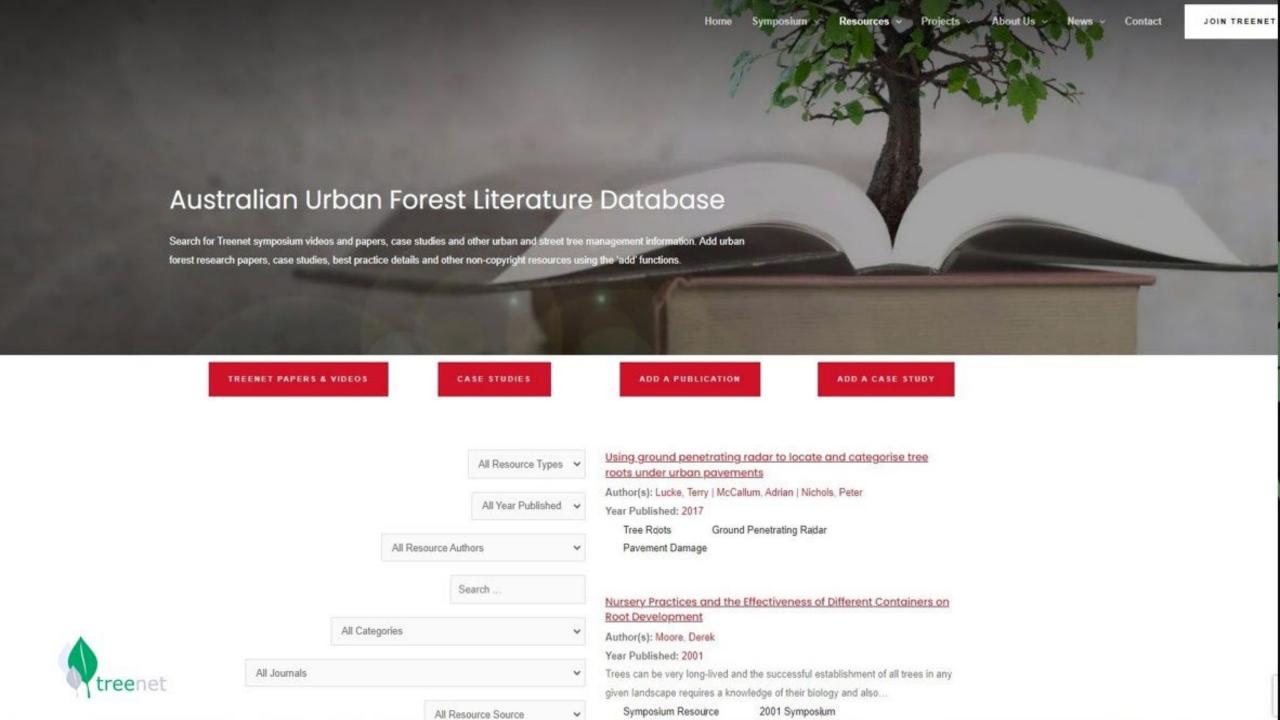


- held annually in September
- 2-day event, plenary and field-based
- papers and videos provided free online













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The Uforest project – providing training and education for urban forests as nature-based solutions



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The UFOREST project

Uforest is a Knowledge Alliance project co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

Bringing together universities, businesses, and public institutions, the Alliance has developed a 3-steps approach to foster innovation in the Urban Forestry sector







Challenges that have lead to initiating UFOREST

CHALLENGE 1

Many cities across the globe are setting challenging urban reforestation targets, but they are struggling with:

- high costs for planting and management
- the need for long-term citizen engagement
- lack of capacity with existing institutions to implement UF solutions.

CHALLENGE 2

Today, the demand for UF practitioners able to innovate urban areas is increasing,

but there is a lack of interdisciplinary training and support for innovative public-private UF initiatives.



Step 1. JOIN the UFOREST Alliance





Step 2. LEARN



REPORTS

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FACTSHEETS

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E-LEARNING COURSES

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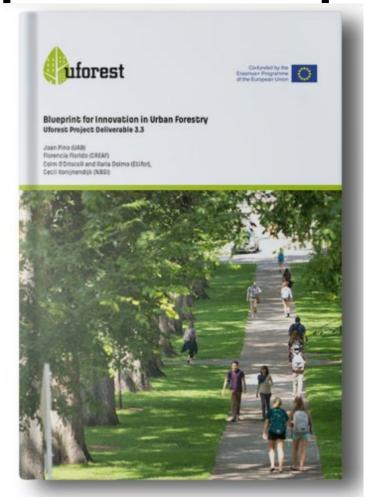




Step 2. LEARN - Reports



Training Needs
Assessment and
Stakeholder Analysis



Blueprint for Innovation in Urban Forestry



Unlocking th potential of UF. Developing a Local urban Forest Action Plan.



Challenges that hinder implementation of UF as NBS

- Based on online survey, in-depth interviews, literature review and 20 EU case studies
- Hindering challenges
 - Ecosystem disservices
 - Lack of appropriate growing conditions
 - Social inequity
 - Governance
 - Knowledge gaps (including on the use of technology)
 - Funding and economic development
 - Training gaps

Training needs regarding urban forestry

- Assessing forest management scenarios
- Estimating delivery of ecosystem services by urban forests
- Developing marketing strategies for urban forestry and/or the ecosystems they provide
- Connecting technology with urban nature
- Integrating strategically with transversal domains (pedagogy, AI, arts, storytelling ...)



LEARN - Uforest courses

online 1. NATURE IN THE **CITY: TURNING** KNOWLEDGE INTO + **URBAN FORESTRY PRACTICE**

FREE AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE

2. GREENING YOUR **CITY: DEVELOP YOUR URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT SPECIALIZED COURSE FOR PARTNER** UNIVERSITIES

the 20 best performing participants will be invited to

PROGRAMME **INTENSIVE 14-DAYS TRAINING** (1 WEEK IN MILAN, 1 WEEK IN BARCELONA)

Credits: 6 ECTS



In-person

Credits: 8 ECTS





online

1. NATURE IN THE CITY: TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO URBAN FORESTRY PRACTICE FREE AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE



From November 2022 to April 2023



6 modules, streamed lessons

(1)

Total workload: 50 hours

Participants will learn how to effectively apply the transdisciplinary principles of **Urban Forestry**, spanning from **urban design** to **forest ecology**, from **socioeconomics** to **information and communication technologies**. No specific background is required.

7 interdisciplinary weeks

- 1. History of urban forestry
- 2. Urban Forestry planning and design
- 3. Urban forest ecology
- 4. Socioeconomics Governance and community engagement
- 5. Entrepreneurship and innovation
- 6. Final assessment
- 7. Live events Urban Forest Case
 Studies

969 enrolled participants858 participated at least once



online / in person

2. GREENING YOUR CITY: DEVELOP YOUR URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT SPECIALIZED COURSE FOR STUDENTS OF PARTNER UNIVERSITIES













From February 2023 to June 2023



4 modules, streamed lessons



Total workload: 100 hours

This course is limited to **150 participants** to provide **specialised training in Urban Forestry** and is designed with a **project-based approach**, meaning that participants will have the opportunity to develop **their own project idea**.







Step 3. GREEN your city

3. INNOVATION PROGRAMME



September 2023



2 weeks, in person (1 week in Milan, 1 week in Barcelona)

U Total workload: 180 hours

The **20 best performing participants** of the e-learning course will be given the opportunity to participate in the Innovation Programme, an **intensive 14-days training delivered in person** (1 week in Milan, 1 week in Barcelona). Grants and financial aid are provided.

Urban Forestry WORKSHOPS





Step 3. Simultaneous planting campaign

- European SIMULTANEOUS PLANTING CAMPAIGN in 4 different - Milan, Brasov, Barcelona and Dublin
- Each campaign will implement an innovative Urban Forestry solution tailored to the needs of that specific urban context.



Outcomes

- Innovative MOOC with almost 1000 registered students
- 95 students attended the specialisation course
- Innovation Challenge for 20 international students
- Simultaneous tree planting in 4 European cities
- Facilitated peer learning between top UF-experts, students, professionals and decision-makers
- Reached more than 8000 people through conferences, webinars etc.
- 230 people registered as Alliance member
- 4 national launches + 1 European launh



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Under Cover:

Planting Priorities, Equitable Canopy, and Technology



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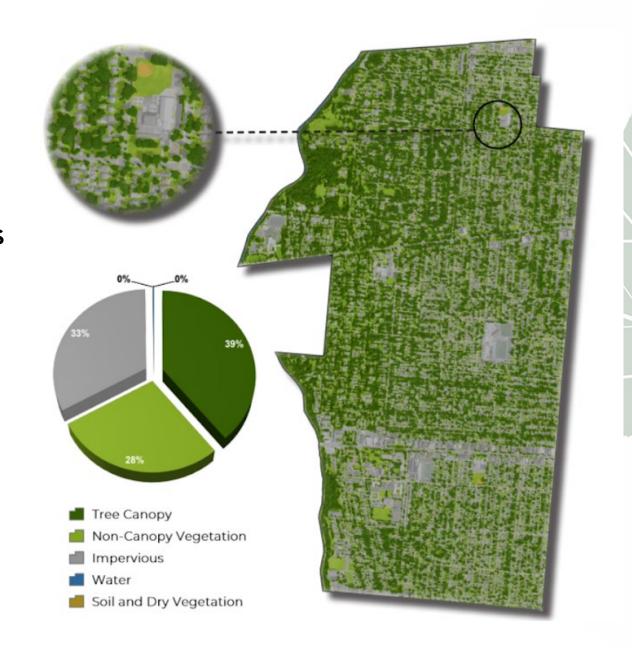






High Resolution Land Cover Mapping

- Remote sensing image classification uses high-resolution aerial imagery or satellite and elevation (LiDAR) data to create detailed land cover data
- Set benchmarks, create planting project areas, track progress and impacts
- Inform management/master plans, budgeting or grant requests, and leverage for greater support/funding





Big Data, Nationally, at High Resolution





A partnership between







Visual Workflow Examples

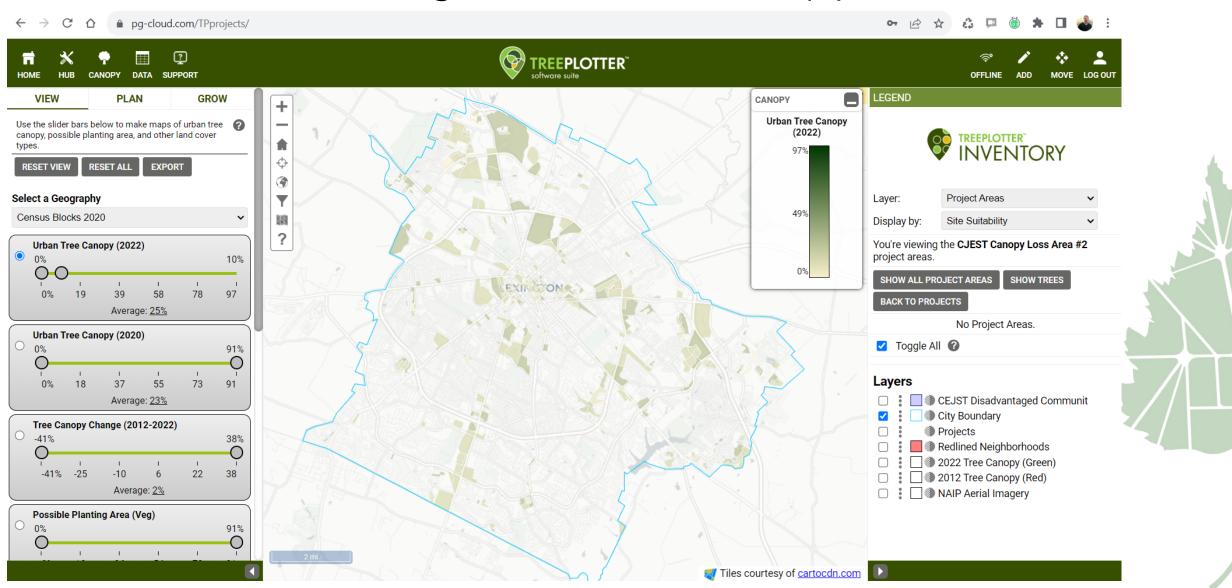
Needs

- Where is there low canopy and high planting availability in CEJST and redline boundaries as a starting point to identify impactful projects?
- What else can drive priorities using data?
 - Areas that have lost canopy recently
 - Vulnerable populations
 - High impervious surface area (heat, health, and runoff issues)
- How can metrics be tracked for funding and impact reporting?



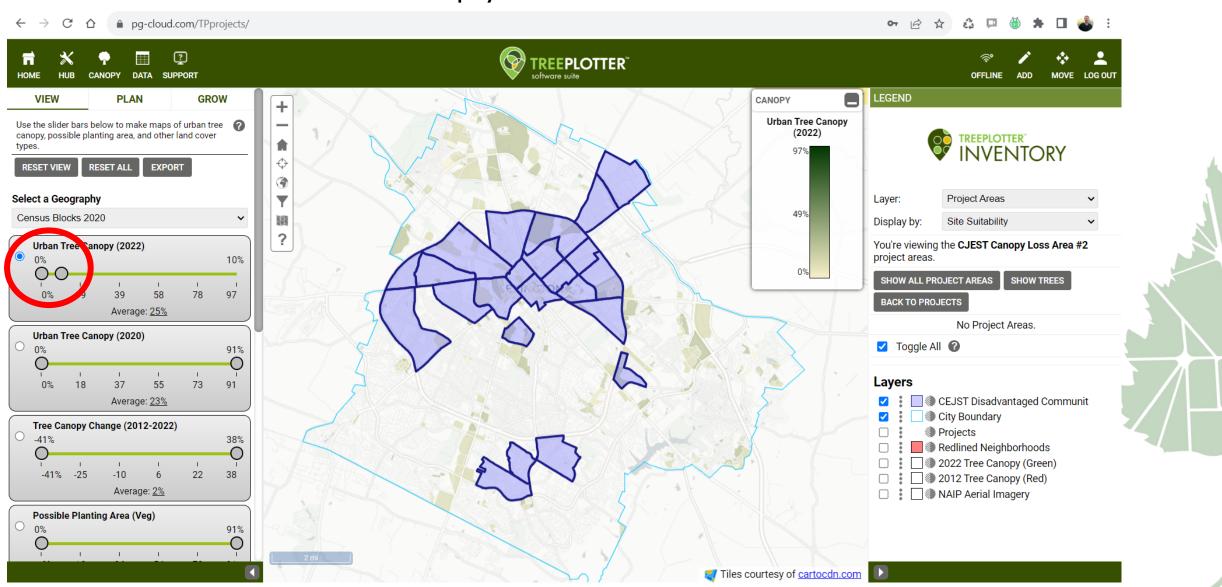


Lexington, KY: Tree Canopy < 10%



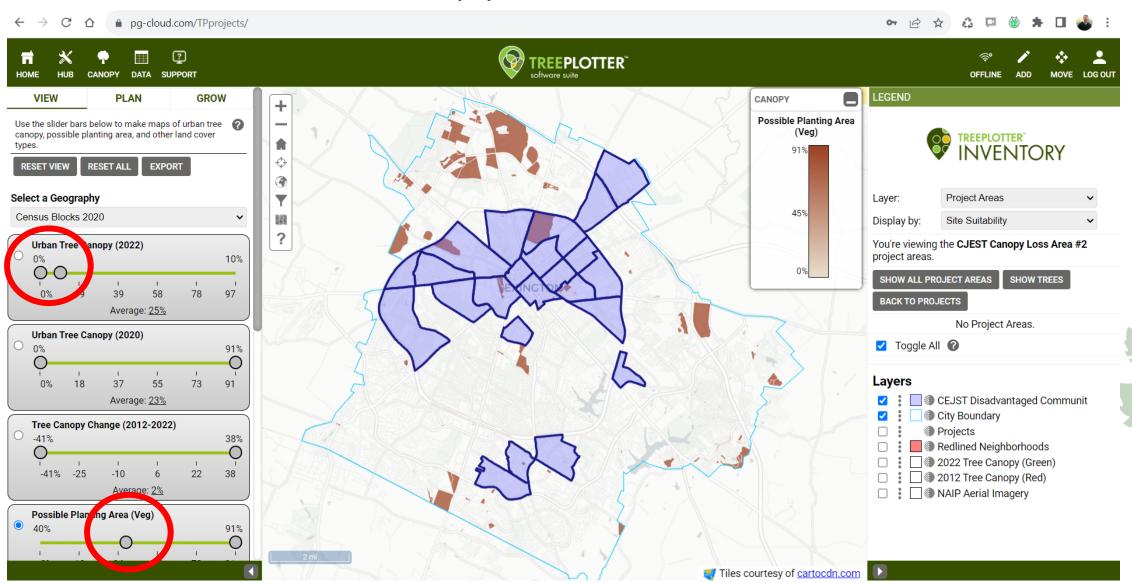


Tree Canopy <10% with CEJST Boundaries



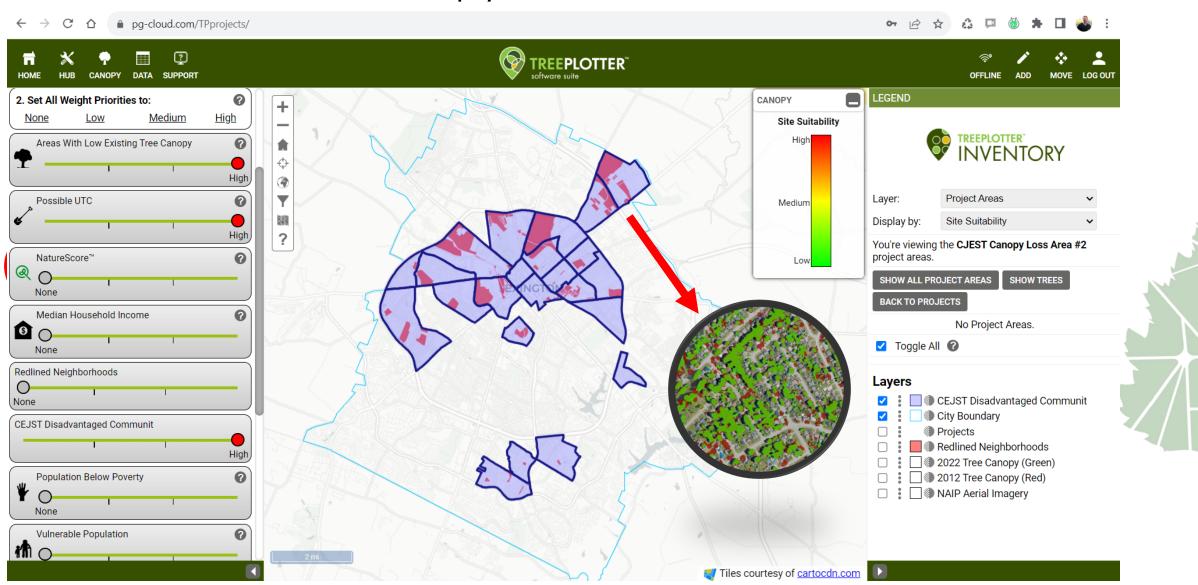


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Creating a Project: Canopy in Green





Creating a Project: Canopy Loss in Red

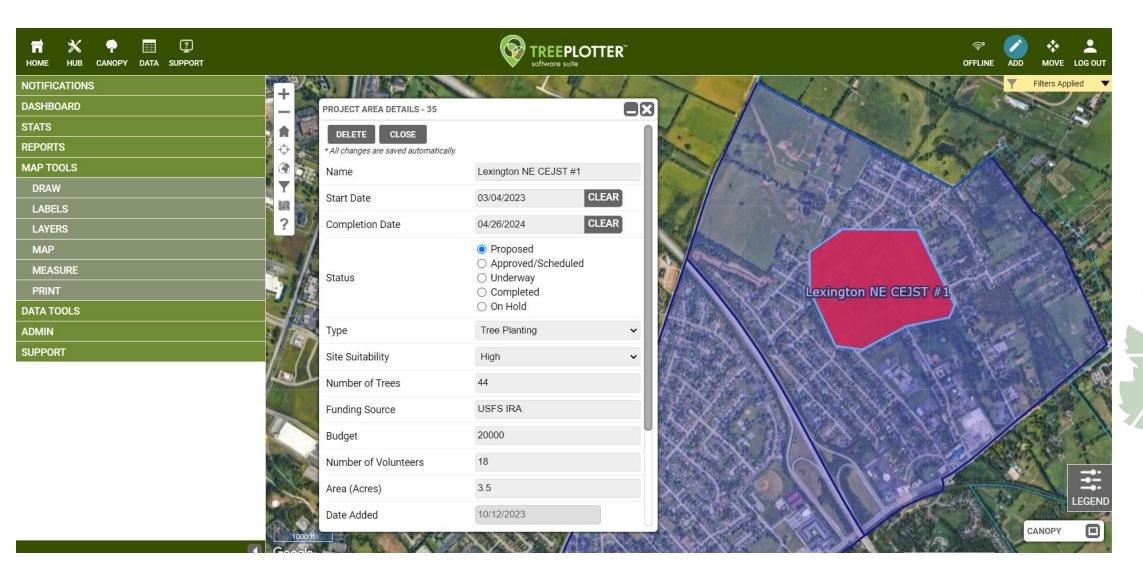


Creating a Project: Canopy Loss in Red



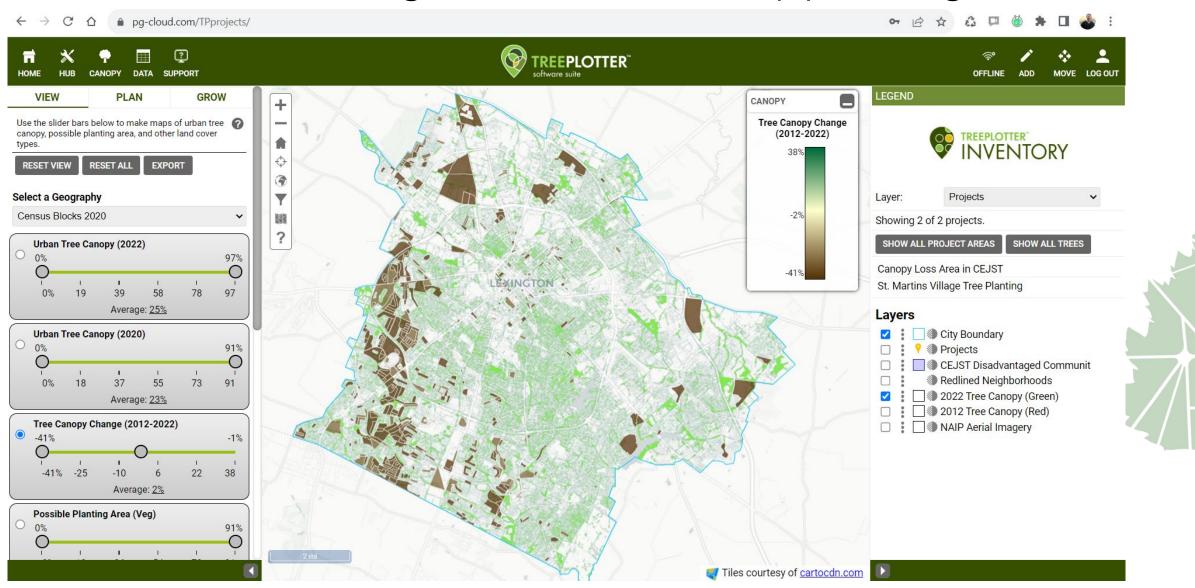


Creating a Project: Canopy Loss in Red



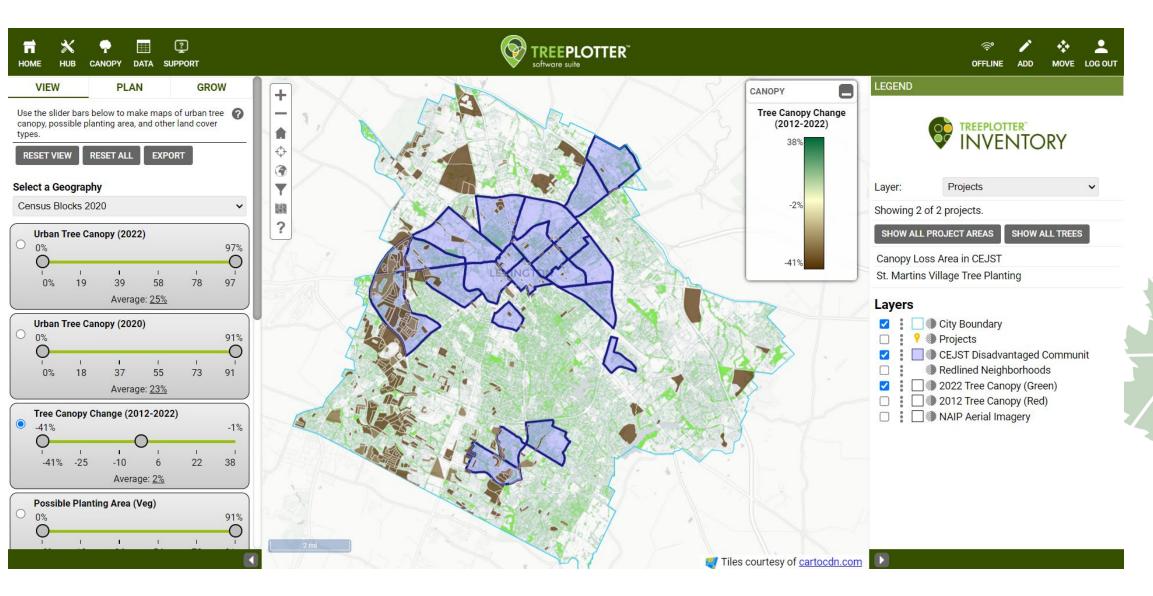


Lexington, KY: Tree Canopy Change



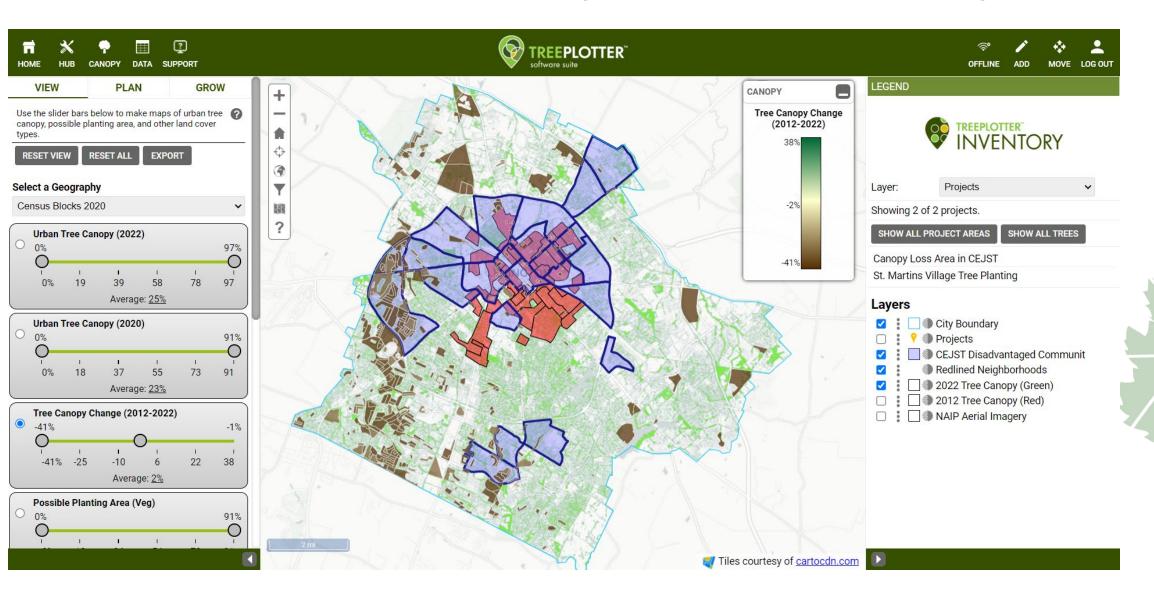


Tree Canopy Change + CEJST Boundaries



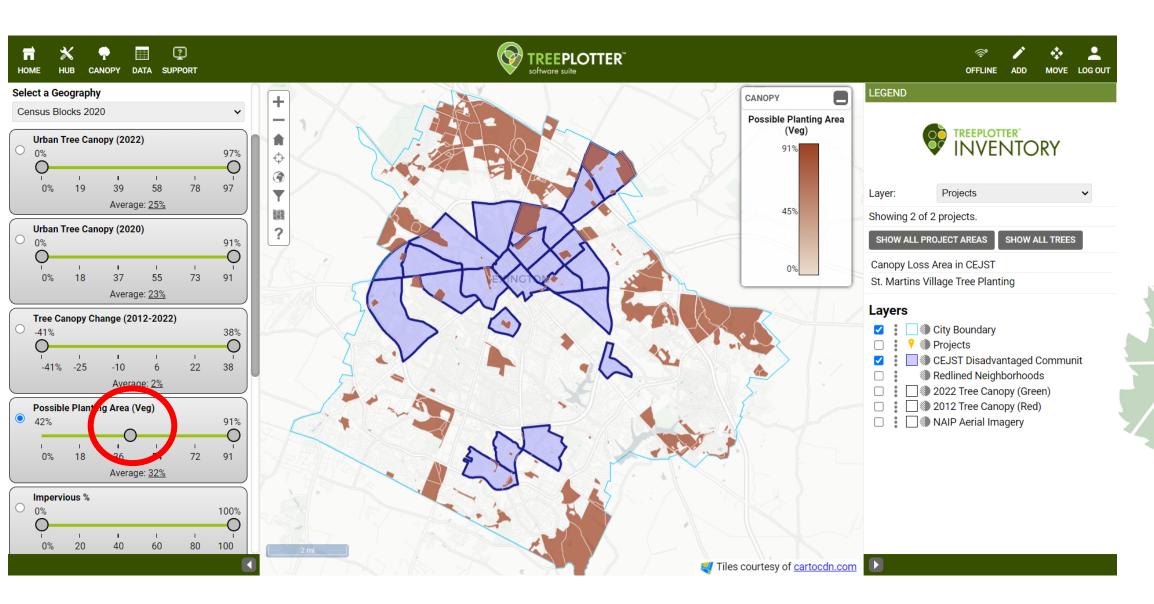


Canopy Change + CEJST + Redlining

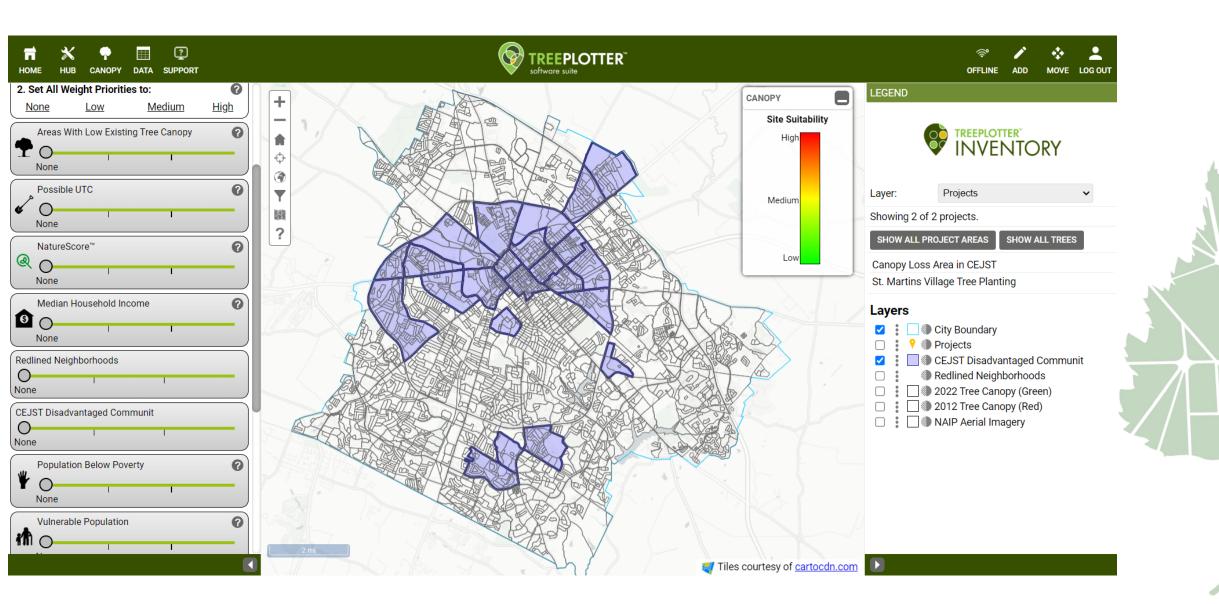




Most Plantable Area + CEJST

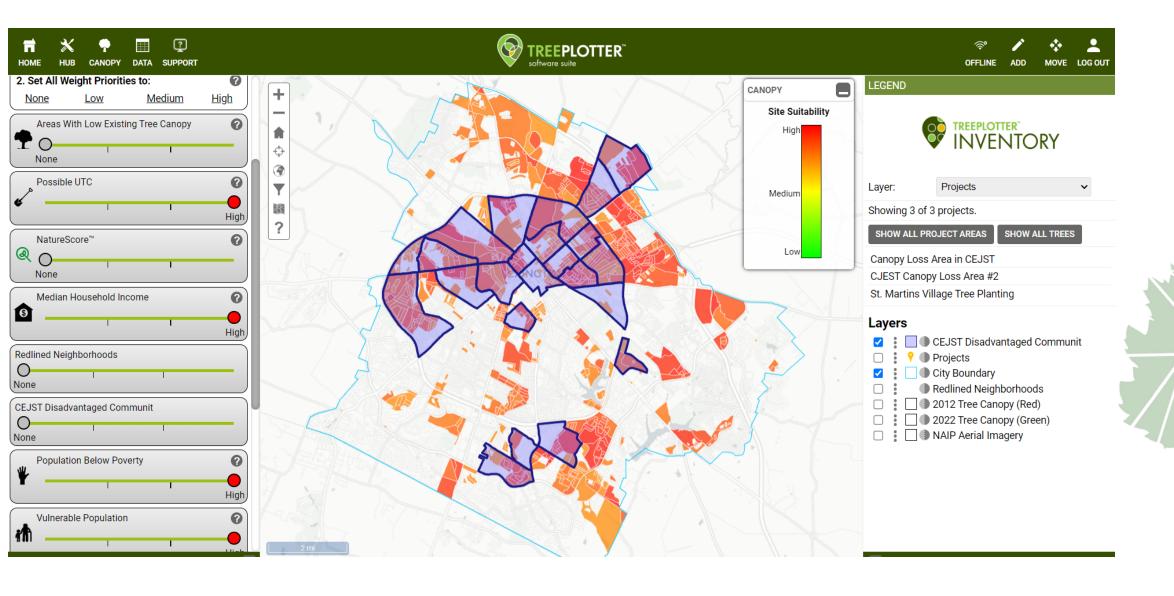


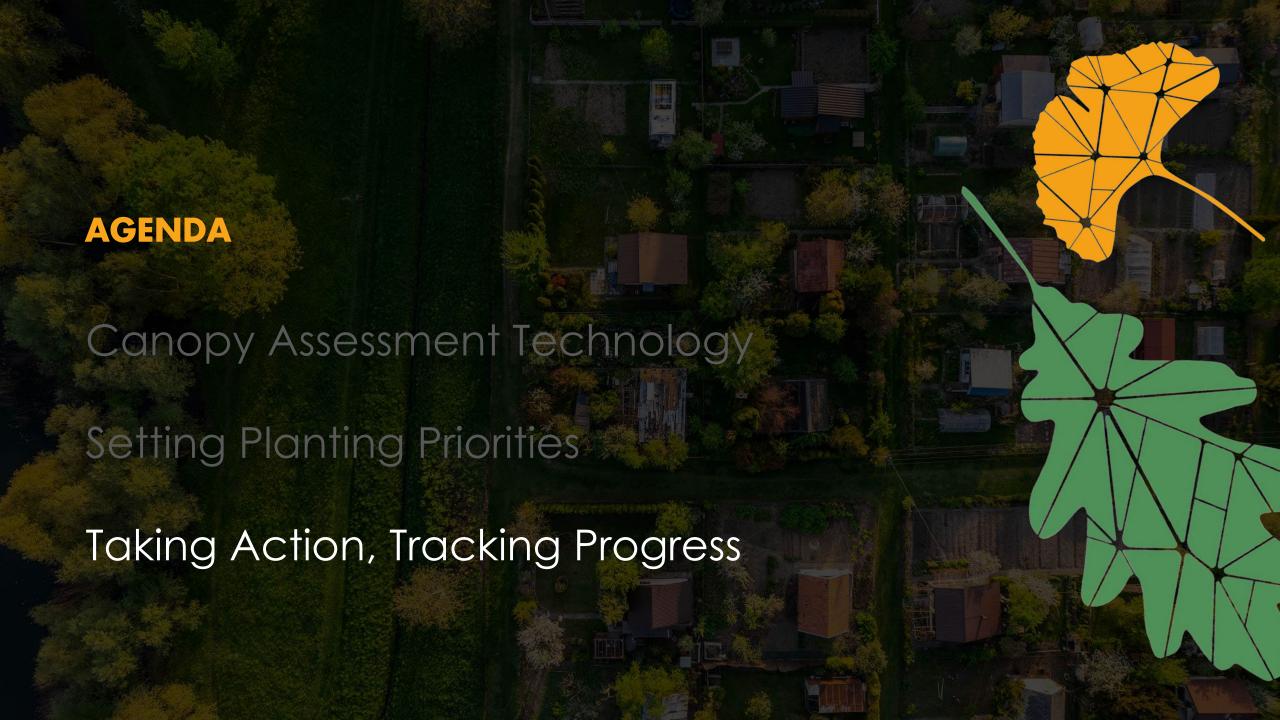
Census Blocks & CEJST: No Prioritization





"Equally Weighted" Equity Criteria









- A project to update the City's tree preservation code update
 - -22 meetings with the public, planning commissions, and city council
 - Tree canopy analysis



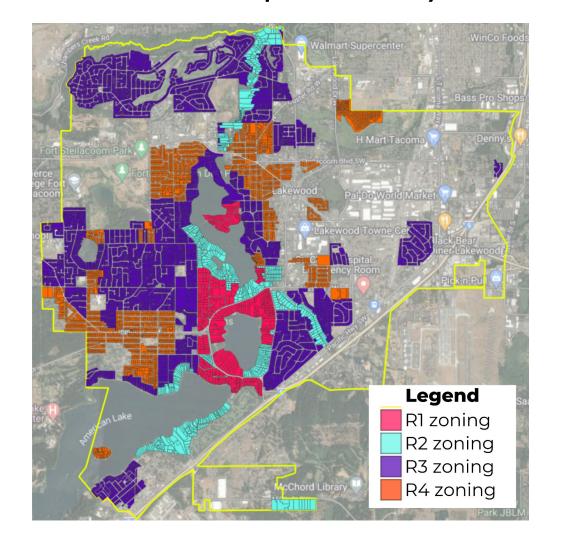






Residential districts make up 59% of citywide tree

canopy

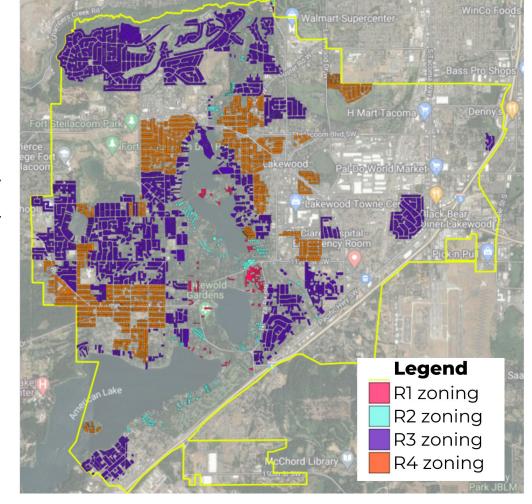






Original tree code: single family lots under 17,000 sq.ft. were exempt

Single family lots under 17,000 sq.ft.

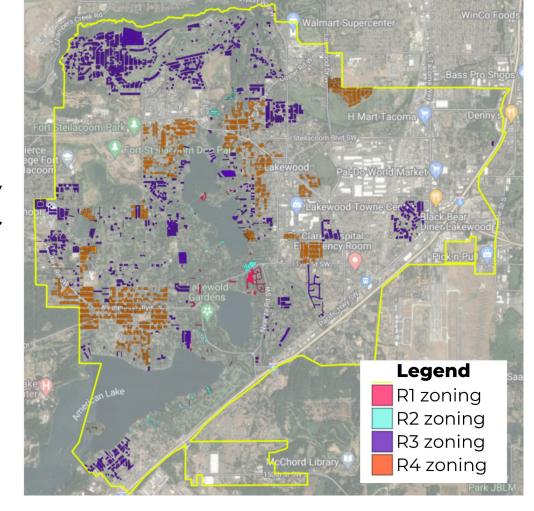






New tree code: single family lots under 10,000 sq.ft. are exempt

Single family lots under 10,000 sq.ft.









- Adopted package
 - A canopy goal of 40% by 2050
 - Innovative incentives for tree preservation
 - Tree mitigation options measured by canopy cover or projected carbon reductions rather than just DBH inches or stem count

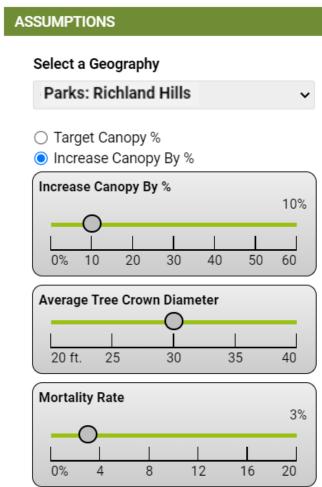


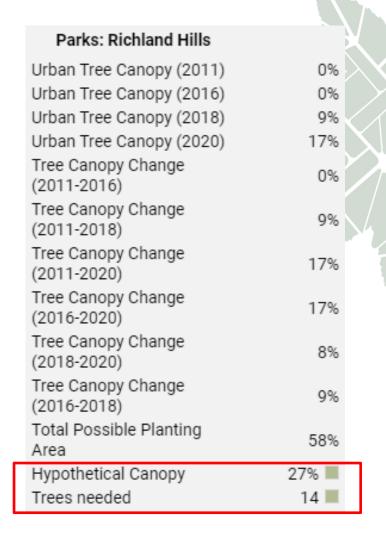


Scenario: Albuquerque, New Mexico



• 14 large trees to increase canopy 10% in the park







Richland Park Planting Plan

Desert willow 62.3%

Honeylocust 15.1%

Arizona ash... 7.5%

Eastern red... 5.7%

Purple Leaf ... 1.9%

Buroak 1.9%

Black locust 1.9%

Callery pear,... 1.9%

Common c... 1.9%

54 existing trees inventoried



Arizona ash, Velvet ash (4)

Black locust

Bur oak

Oallery pear, Bradford Pear

Ocommon chokecherry

O Desert willow (33)

Eastern red cedar (3)

O Honeylocust (8)

Invalid Label

Purple Leaf Plum

O Not Specified (34)





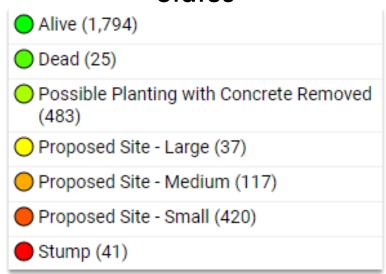
Climate-Ready Trees for Albuquerque



Albuquerque Volunteer Inventory

- Downtown Albuquerque Volunteer Tree Inventory
 - 2,917 Trees / Possible Planting Sites

Status







Thank you



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