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Today's Session



- Urban Forests in Context
- What is i-Tree: An Overview
- i-Tree Components & Tools
- i-Tree for You





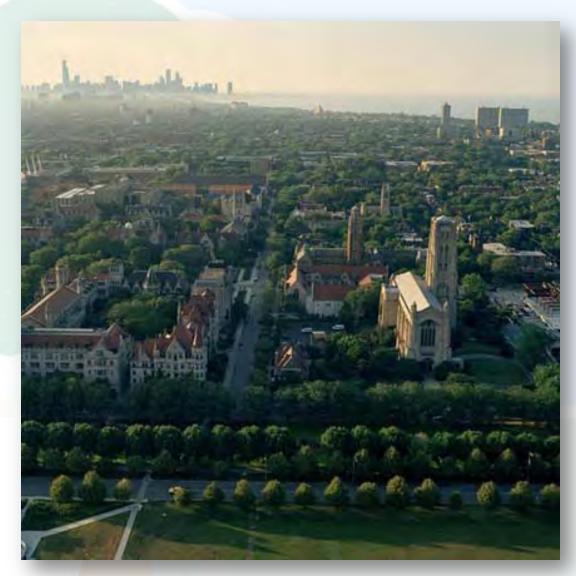












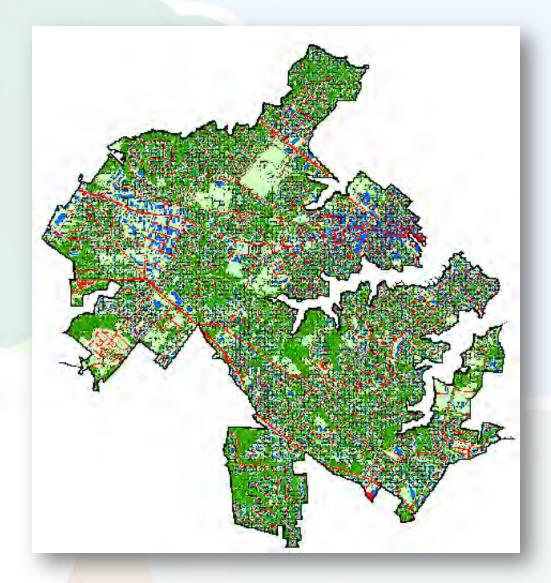


















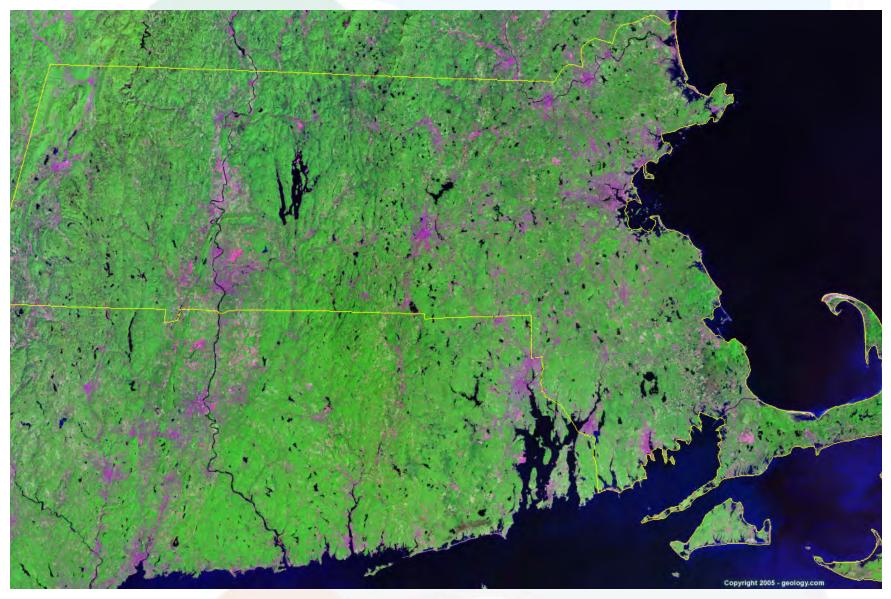








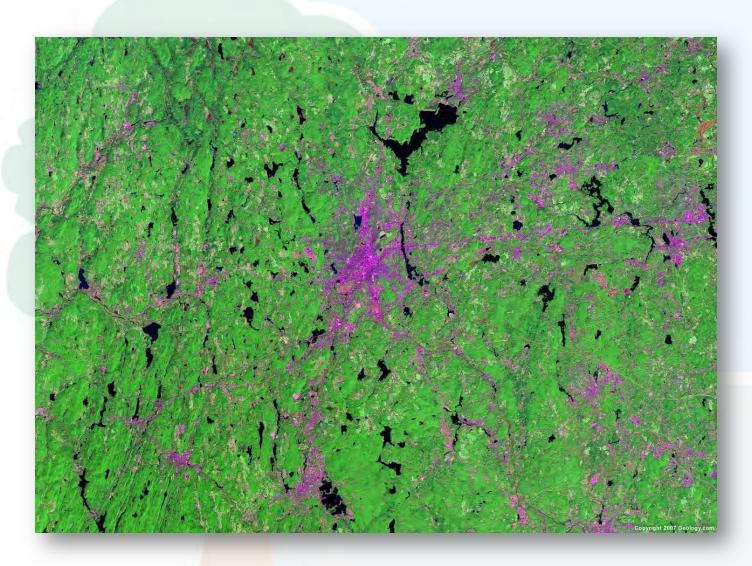


























Inventory of Tree Resources: Economic and Environmental



i-Tree: Urban Forest Inventory Analysis Tool i-Tree Tools for Assessing and Managing Community Forests Get the Tools.











































































A suite of software tools to assess urban vegetation and their ecosystem services and values



Canopy

Design

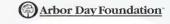
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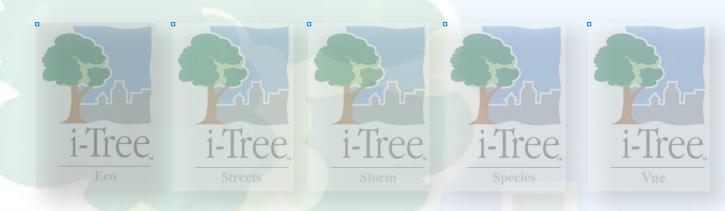


























































































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Casey Trees

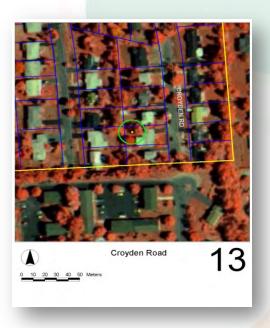


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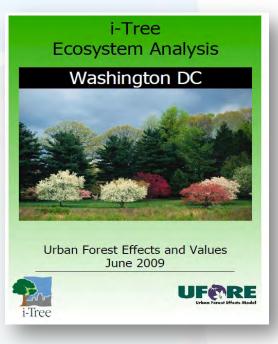


Simple and low-cost tools and methods to aid in urban forest planning and management

Complete process – start to finish







Assessing Tree Populations



i-Tree assesses:

- Structure
- **†** Function
 - Energy use
 - > Air pollution
 - Carbon
 - VOC emissions
- Value
- Management needs
 - Pest risk
 - > Tree health
 - Exotic/invasive spp.

I. Tree Characteristics of the Urban Forest

The urban forest of Washington DC has an estimated 2,043,000 trees with a tree cover of 29.6 percent. Trees that have diameters less than 6-inches constitute 56.7 percent of the population. The three most common species are American beech (14.60 percent), Red maple (6.43 percent), and Boxelder (6.17 percent).

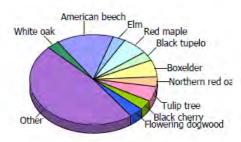


Figure 1. Tree species composition in Washington DC

Among the land use categories, the highest tree densities occur in Forest followed by Ag./Water/Wetla and Developed, open. The overall tree density in Washington DC is 128 trees / hectare (see Appendix III for comparable values from other cities).

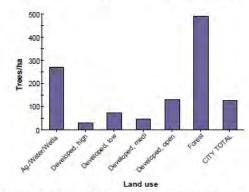
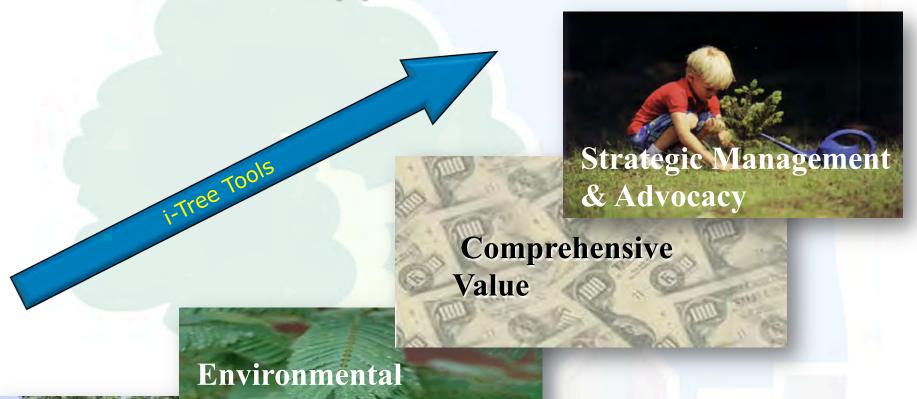


Figure 2. Number of trees/ha in Washington DC by land use

Benefit-Based Approach







The Foundation: Local Data



Local Sample or Inventory

Local information:

- Weather
- Pollution
- Environmental
 Variables

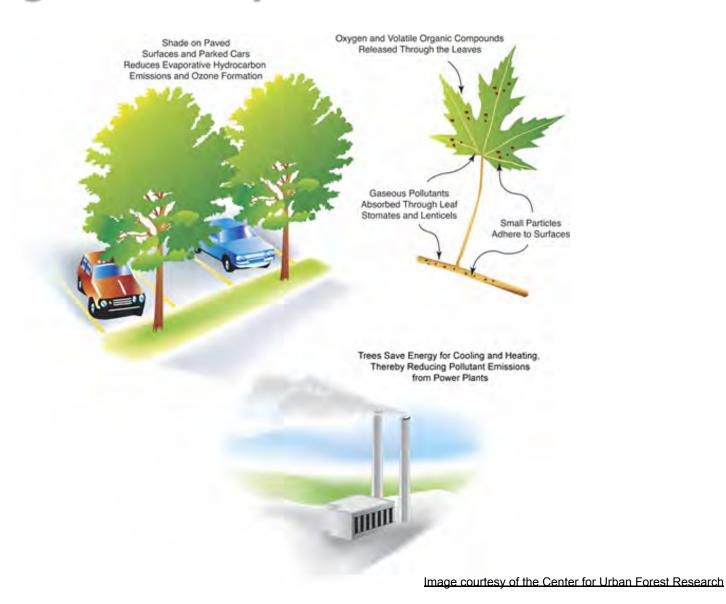
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Conserving Energy



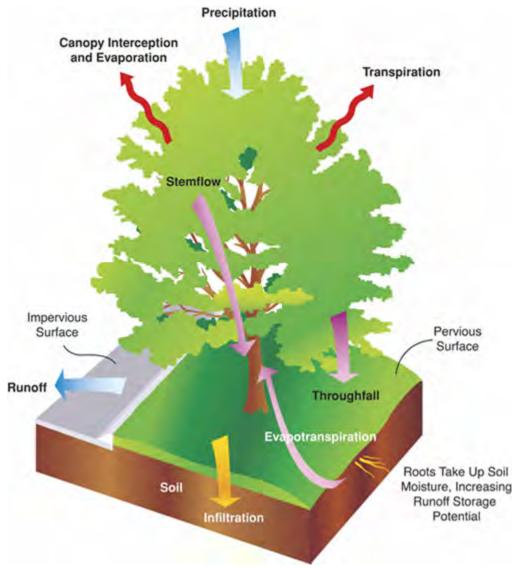
Improving Air Quality



Reducing Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide



Reducing Stormwater Runoff



i-Tree is...



Development, Dissemination, Support, & Refinement

- Credible, USDA FS peer-reviewed tools
- Public Domain Software
- Accessible
- Technical Support

"Putting USFS Urban Forest science into the hands of users"





Urban Tree Canopy (UTC)

Assessment and Analysis

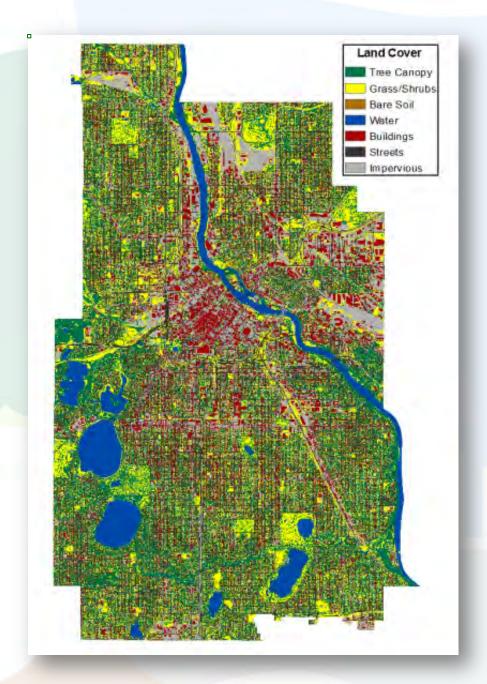






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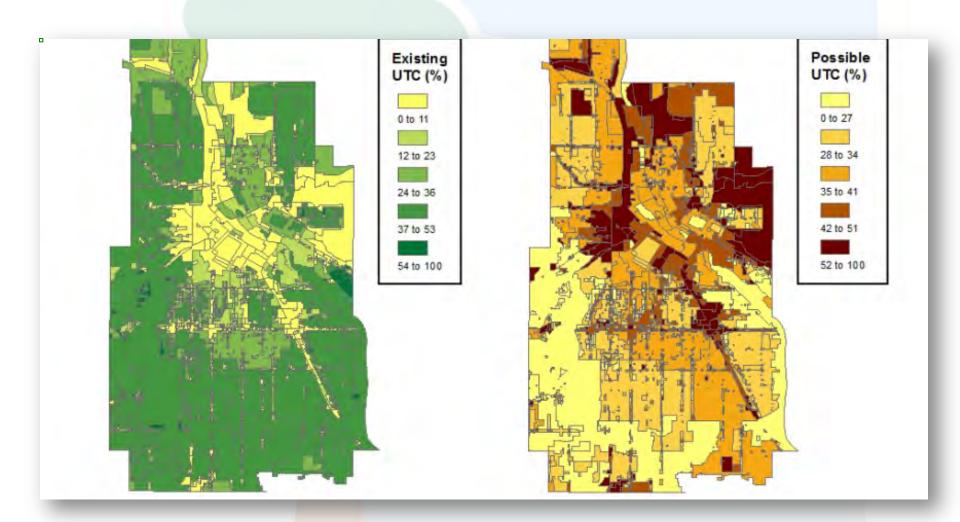
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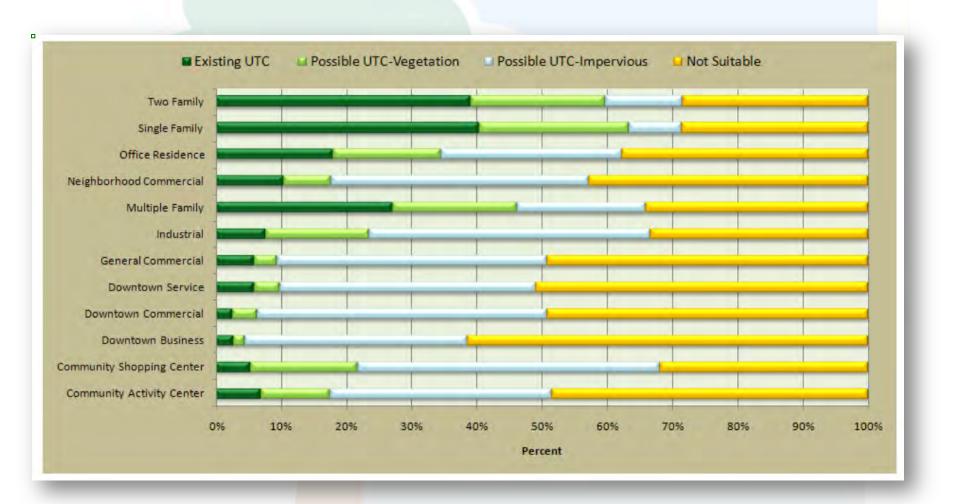
















Vancouver, WA



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Vancouver 2011 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment

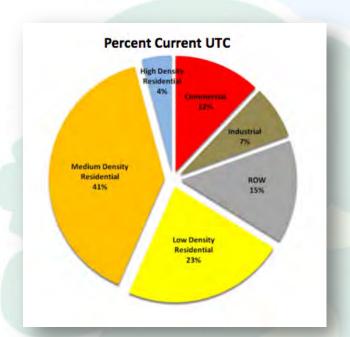


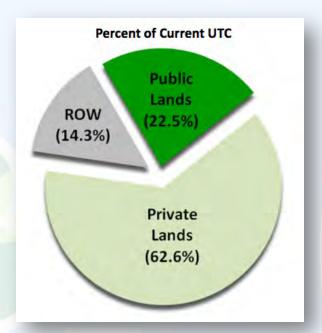
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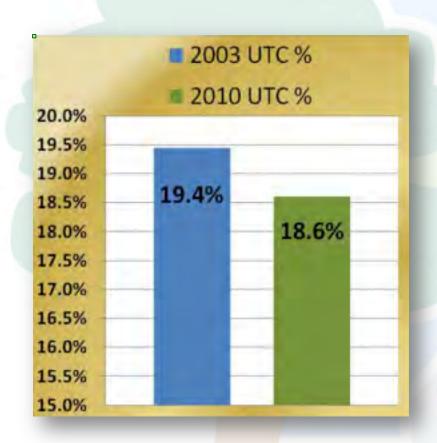




	Total Acres	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF	2000	Veg/ Non-Forest Acres	Veg/ Non- Forest %	The second secon	Impervious %	Water Acres	Water	Soil/Dry Veg Acres	Soil/Dry Veg %
City of Vancouver	32,436	5,579	17%	9,952	31%	12,370	38%	2,437	8%	2,097.00	6%



Urban Tree Canopy Changes



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Acres of forest lost mainly due to development between 2003 and 2010 in Vancouver (4.3% of total 2003 tree canopy)



18.6

Percent of Vancouver land area covered by Tree Canopy in 2010

-9.4

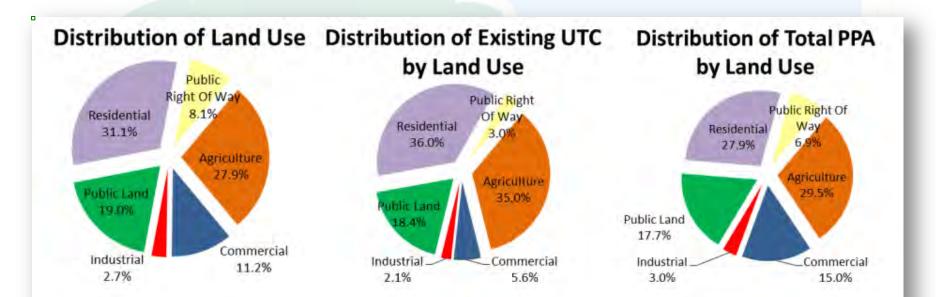
Citywide percentage below canopy goal of 28%



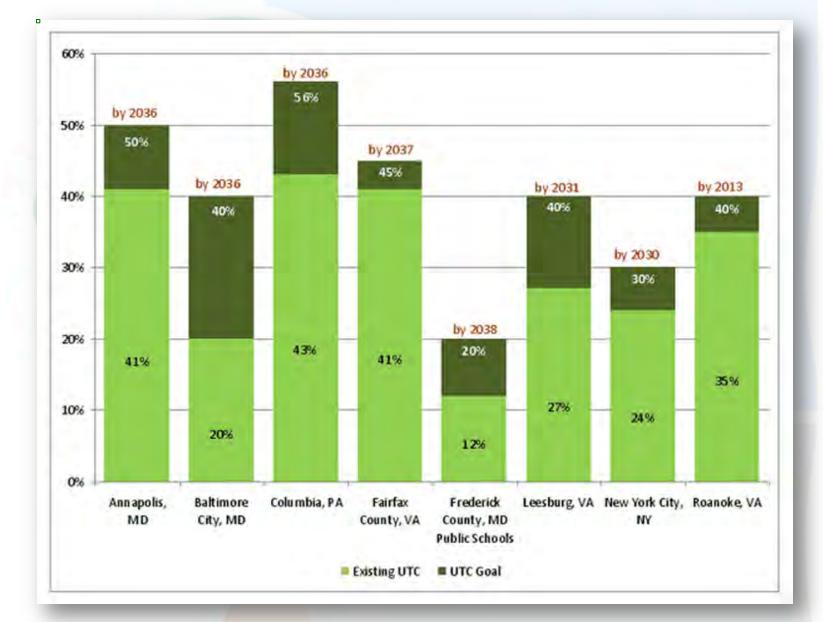




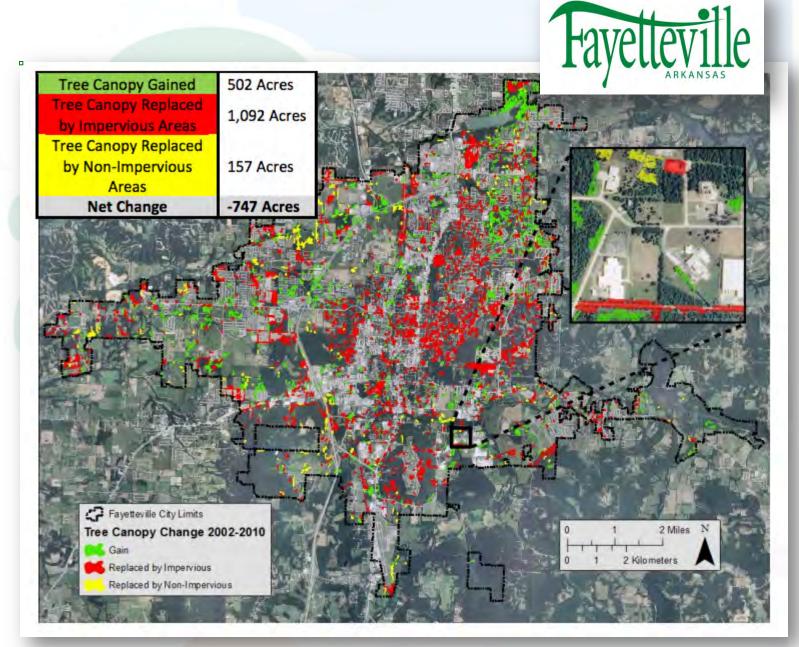














City of Fayetteville "Tree Canopy & Environmental Benefit Scenarios"

				SCE	NARIOS		
Benefit Type	UTC-%	Citywide 36%	Decline to	Increase #1 to 40%	Increase #2a to 45%	Increase #2b to 45%	Residential
Air Quality	Annual \$ Benefit Lbs. Removed/Year	\$3.5 million 1.3 million	\$3.0 million 1.1 million	\$4.0 million 1.4 million	\$4.5 million 1.6 million	\$5.0 million 1.8 million	\$1.3 million 461,000
Carbon Storage & Sequestration	Total CO2 stored Annual Rate Stored	1.1 billion 8.4 million	915 million 7.1 million	1.2 billion 9.5 million	1.4 billion 10.7 million	1.5 billion 11.9 million	391 million 3.0 million
Stormwater Savings	Total & Benefit	\$64.1 million 21.4 million	\$43.9 million 14.6 million	\$65.5 million * 21.9 million	\$67.1 million * 22.4 million	\$84.9 million ** 28.3 million	\$22.2 million 7.4 million

^{*} For Scenarios "Increase #1 and #2a", new projected tree canopy was assumed to be forests (natural regeneration), not individual yard trees.



^{**} For the Scenario "Increase #2b", new projected tree canopy was assumed to overhang impervious surfaces, resulting in a larger \$ value.





Holyoke, MA

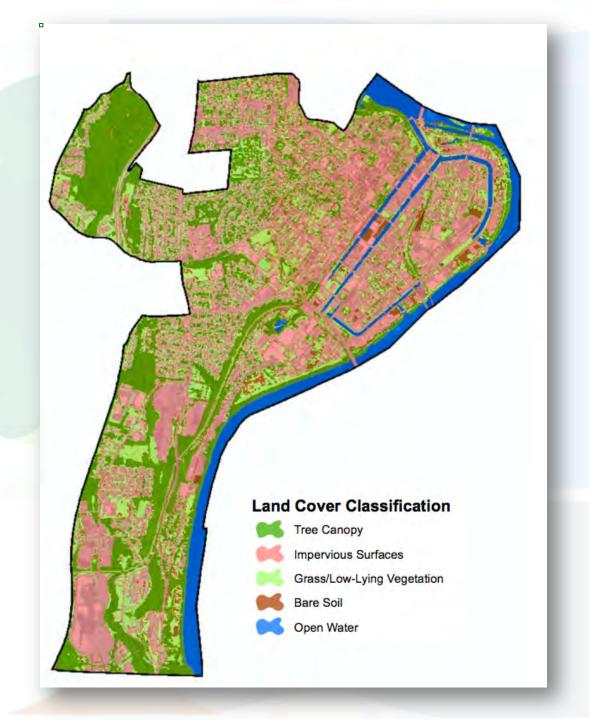






Table 1. 2012 Land Cover Classification

Land Cover Classification	Acres	Percentage		
Total Area	3,367.87	100		
Tree Canopy	893 18	26.52		
Impervious	Table 3. (Change in Canop		

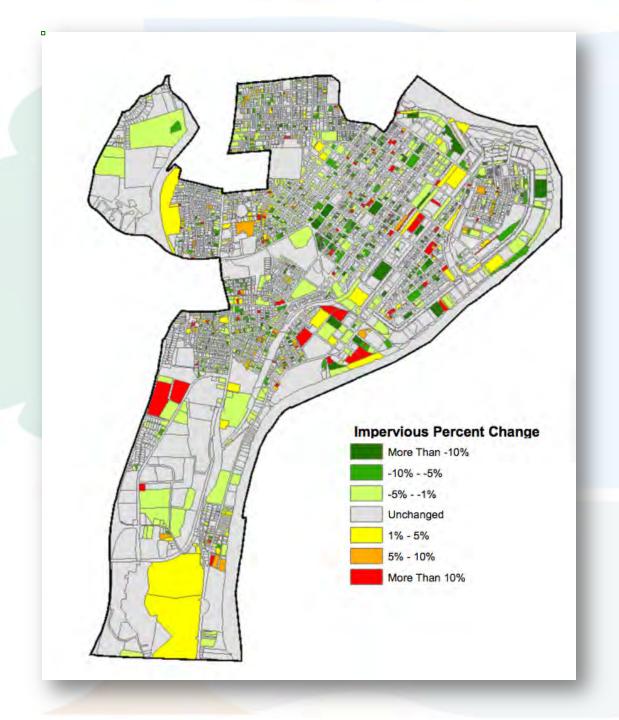
Pervious

Bare Soil

Open Water

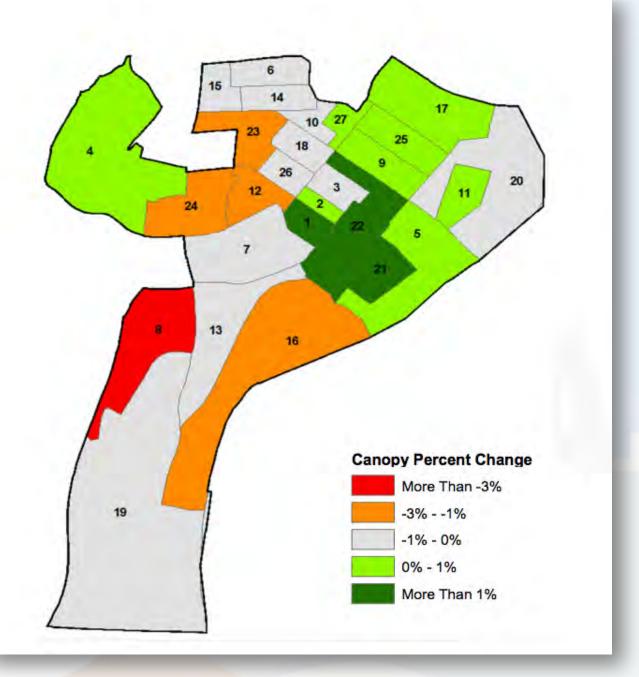
Table 3. Change in Canopy Cover as Percent by Parcel in Holyoke's Environmental Justice Area

Percent Change	Number of Parcels			
More Than -10%	192			
-10%5%	60			
-5%1 %	81			
Unchanged	4,961			
1%-5%	144			
5% - 10%	54			
More Than 10%	36			











Urban Tree Canopy (UTC)

New England







United States Department of Agriculture

Forest Service

Northern Research Station

General Technical Report NRS-38



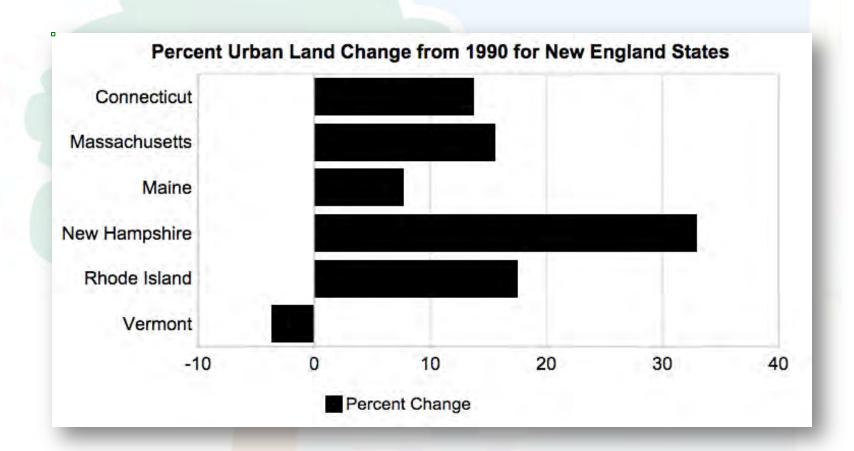


Urban and Community Forests of New England

Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Vermont

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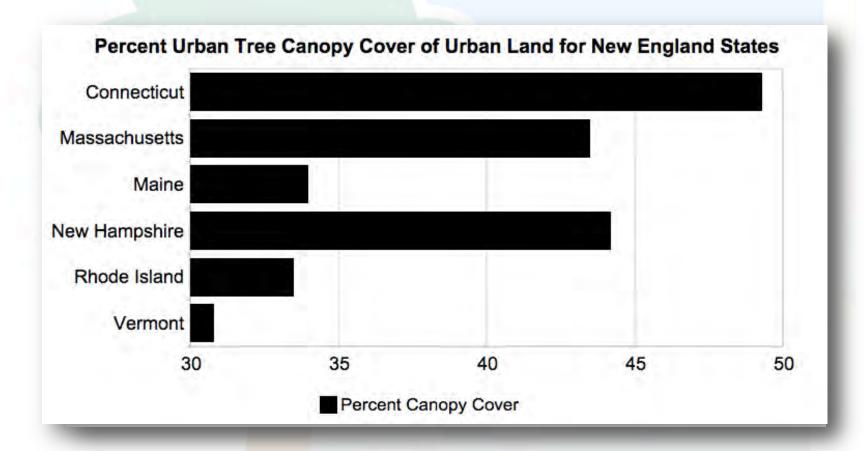
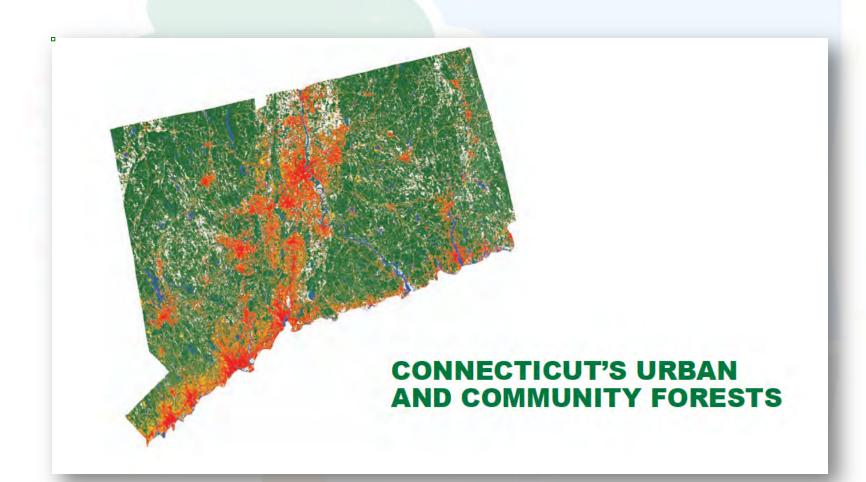


Table A.—Average number of trees, carbon storage, and carbon sequestration rates per unit of canopy cover for several U.S. cities

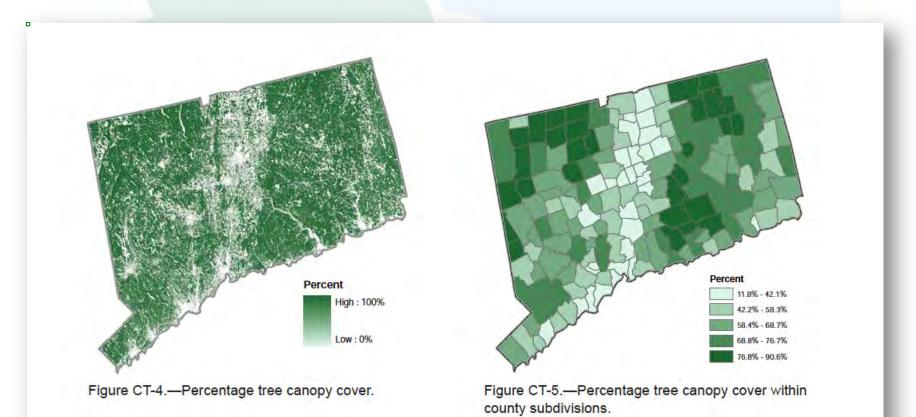
		Carbon			
	Trees	Storage	Sequestration (kg C/m ² cover)		
City	(no./ha cover)	(kg C/m ² cover)			
Atlanta, GA a	751.5	9.7	0.3		
Baltimore, MD a	598.1	12.3	0.3		
Boston, MA a	371.7	9.1	0.3		
Chicago, IL b	618	12.9	n/a		
Casper, WY c	252.8	7	0.2		
Freehold, NJ a	275	10.4	0.3		
Jersey City, NJ a	308.7	4.4	0.2		
Minneapolis, MN d	245.5	5.7	0.2		
Moorestown, NJ a	547.9	9.9	0.3		
Morgantown, WV a	829.6	10.6	0.3		
New York, NY e	312	7.3	0.2		
Philadelphia, PA f	394.3	9	0.3		
San Francisco, CA 9	468.1	12.3	0.3		
Syracuse, NY h	583.1	10.5	0.3		
Oakland, CA	570	5.2	n/a		
Washington, DC j	423.4	10.4	0.3		
Woodbridge, NJ a	557.3	8.2	0.3		
Mean	476.9	9.1	0.3		



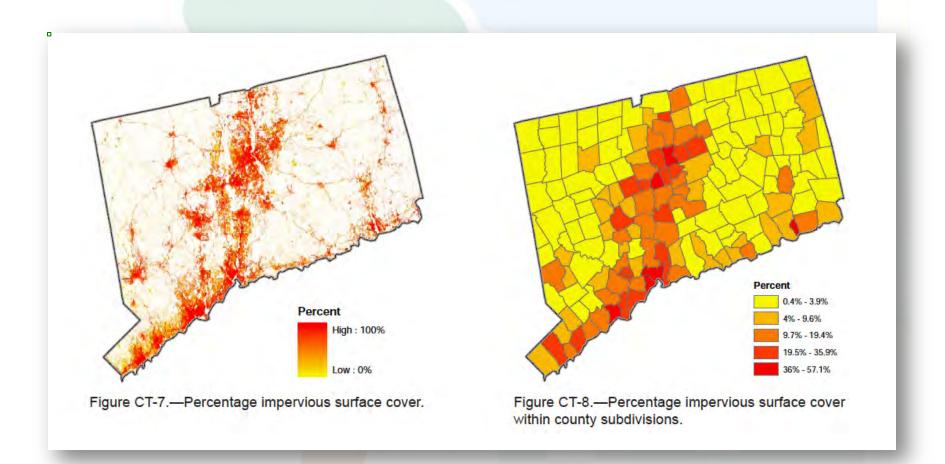














		Statewide	Urban	Community	Urban or Commun			
	Estimated number of trees	n/a	107,200,000	52,000,000	121,900,000			
	Carbon							
	Carbon stored (metric tons)	n/a	20,500,000	9,900,000	23,300,000			
	Carbon stored (\$)	n/a	\$467,400,000	\$225,700,000	\$531,200,000			
	Carbon sequestered (metric tons/year)	n/a	675,000	327,000	767,000			
	Carbon sequestered (\$/year)	n/a	\$15,390,000	\$7,456,000	\$17,488,000			
	Pollution							
	CO removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	368	179	419			
	CO removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$518,200	\$251,500	\$589,100			
Urban tree benefits (2000)	NO ₂ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	2,500	1,213	2,842			
	NO ₂ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$24,761,800	\$12,019,600	\$28,149,300			
	O ₃ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	7,367	3,576	8,375			
	O ₃ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$72,982,000	\$35,426,000	\$82,966,000			
	SO ₂ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	976	474	1,110			
	SO ₂ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$2,367,600	\$1,149,200	\$2,691,400			
	PM ₁₀ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	4,079	1,980	4,638			
	PM ₁₀ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$26,981,700	\$13,097,100	\$30,672,800			
	Total pollution removal (metric tons/year)	n/a	15,290	7,420	17,380			
	Total pollution removal (\$/year)	n/a	\$127,600,000	\$61,900,000	\$145,100,000			

^a Urban land is based on population density and was delimited using the U.S. Census definitions of urbanized areas and urban clusters. ^b Community land is based on jurisdictional or political boundaries of communities based on U.S. Census definitions of incorporated or census designated places. ^c Urban or communities is land that is urban, community, or both. Communities may include all, some, or no urban land within their boundaries. ^d Canopy green space is the tree canopy cover divided by total green space. ^e Total green space is total area minus impervious surface cover minus water. ^f Available green space is total green space minus tree canopy cover (if the calculated value is less than 0, then value set at 0).



I-Tree Software Tools

Getting started with inventory and analysis in your community





Design

i-Tree Design





i-Tree Benefit Calculator

1500 N Mantua St, Kent, OH 44240, USA

Home

Get started with three easy steps:

Draw your house or building and locate your tree:

Use the drawing tool in to outline your house or building. Be sure to outline "conditioned" living area only, garages and other unheated or cooled spaces should not be included. Use the tree tool to locate your tree; place the marker as close to the base (or center) of the tree as possible. Planting on the East and West sides of your house will save you money on your summer cooling bills.









You may find it easier to outline the building and place your tree by zooming in.

2. Indicate when your house or building was built: 1950-1980

3. Enter your tree's information:

Oak, Northern pin

If you're looking for a Willow Oak it's listed as "Oak,
Willow". If your tree isn't listed, use the general "Other"
listings.

21 Enter the diameter of the tree; how wide is the trunk of your tree at about 4.5 feet above the ground?

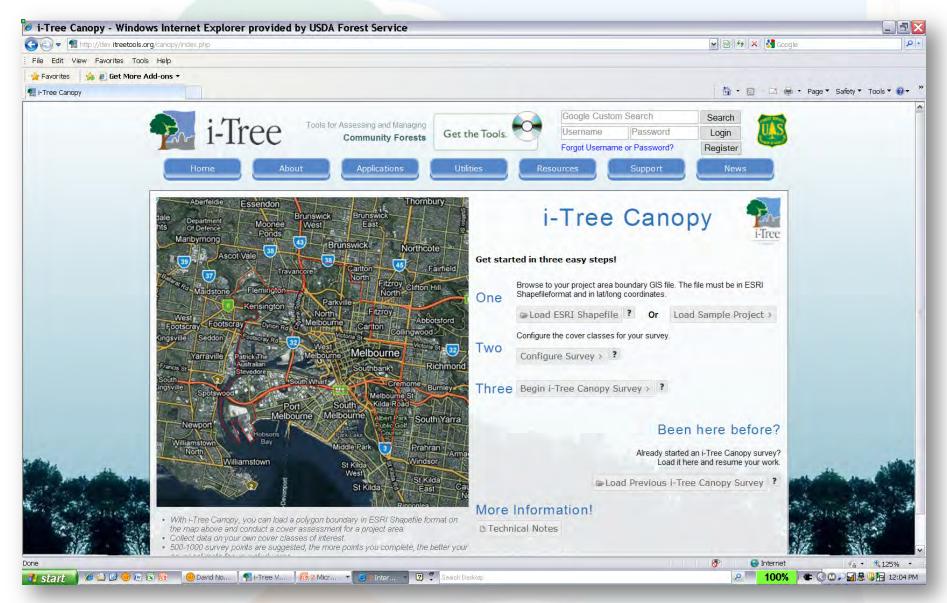
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Calculate Benefits

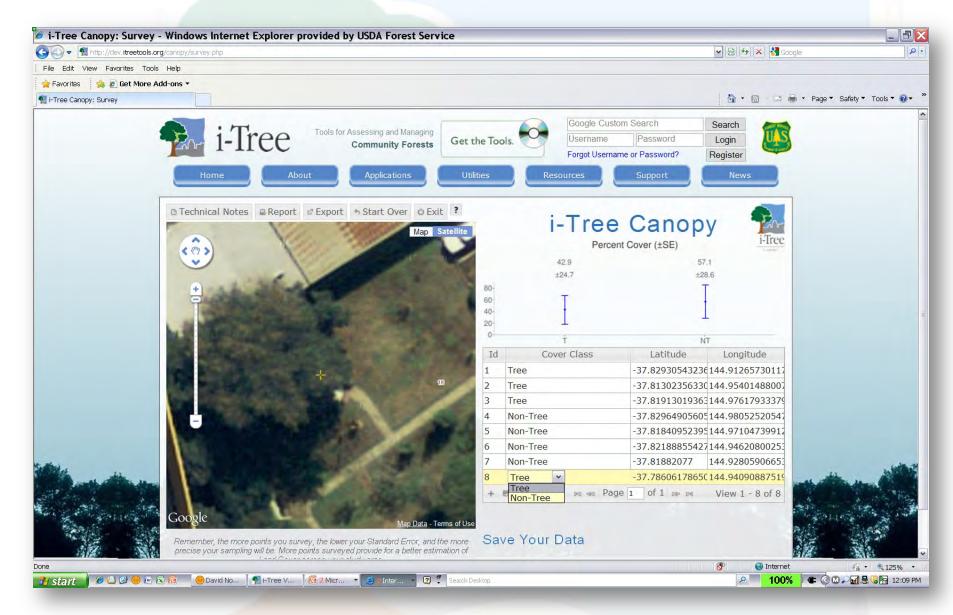
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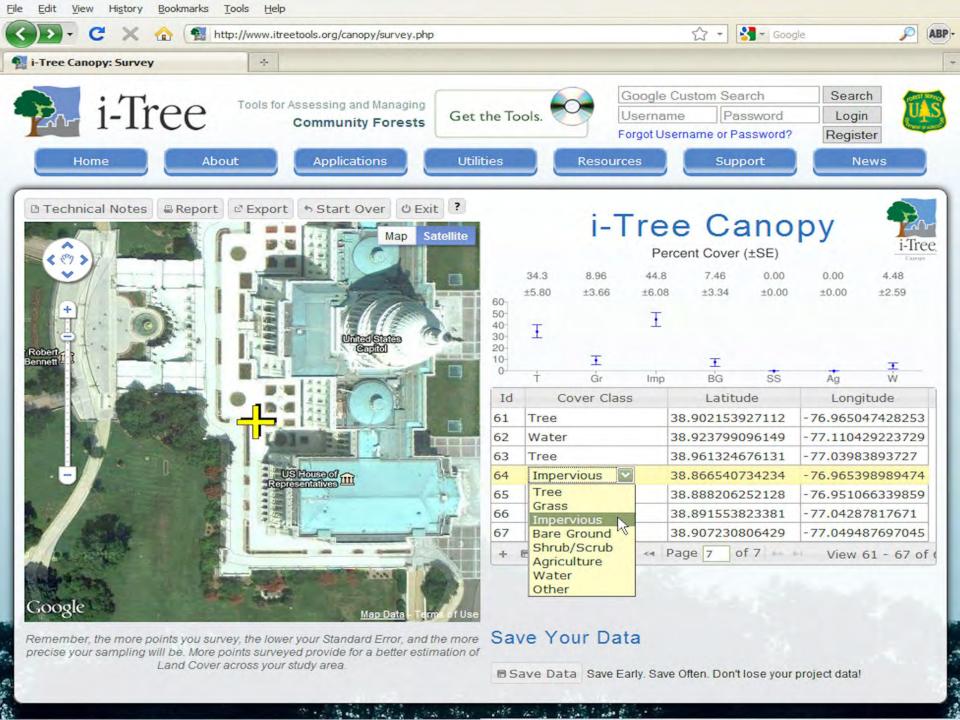




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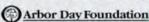




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Boston
Worcester
Springfield
Lowell
Cambridge
New Bedford
Brockton
Quincy
Lynn
Fall River

Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) Assessment for Massachusetts 10 Largest Communities September 2014

Prepared using i-Tree Canopy, a state –ofthe-art analysis tool, developed by the US Forest Service and its key research partners.







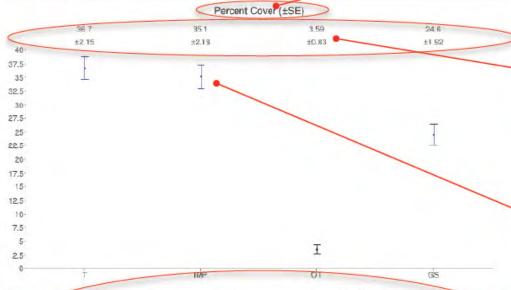
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1	Boston	48.26	645,966
2	Worcester	37.37	182,544
3	Springfield	31.87	153,703
4	Lowell	13.58	108,861
5	Cambridge	6.39	107,289
6	New Bedford	20	95,078
7	Brockton	21.33	94,089
8	Qunicy	16.57	93,494
9	Lynn	10.74	91,589
10	Fall River	33.13	88,697

Tools for Assessing and Managing Community Forests

i-Tree Canopyve.0

Cover Assessment and Tree Benefits Report Estimated using random sampling statistics on 3/28/14





Cover Class	Description	Abbr.	Points	% Cover
Tree	Tree, non-shrub	Т	184	36.7 ±2.15
Impervious Surface	impervious surfaces	IMP .	178	35.1 ±2.13
Other	other areas i.e.:gravel	ОТ	18	3.59 ±0.83
Grass and Shrubs	grass and shrubs	GS	123	24.6 ±1.92

Reporting Value - % or Area

Standard Error

Confidence Intervals

Cover Class Reporting

Tree Benefit Estimates

Renefit Description	Value	+SF	Amount	±SE
	1		1	±0.20
				±1.09
Ozone removed annually	\$25,900.92	±1,522.73	185.52 T	±10.88
Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns removed annually	\$53,678.39	±3,147.76	9.01 T	±0.53
Sulfur Dioxide removed annually	\$87.15	±5.11	11.74 T	±0.68
Particulate Matter greater than 2.5 microns and less than 10 microns removed annually	\$18,851.32	±1,105.46	62.14 T	±3.64
Carbon Dioxide sequestered annually in trees	\$719,454.29	±42,189.57	37,155.49 T	±2 178.84
Carbon Dioxide stored in trees (Note: this benefit is not an annual rate)	\$21,823,394.55 ±	279,747 12	1,127,047.17 T	±66,091.25
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Amount (Tons)

Dollar Value of Benefits (\$)

Tree Benefit Estimates

Abbr.	Benefit Description	Value	±SE	Amount	±SE
СО	Carbon Monoxide removed annually	\$340.09	±19.34	4.01 T	±0.23
NO2	Nitrogen Dioxide removed annually	\$585.50	±33.30	21.87 T	±1.24
О3	Ozone removed annually	\$30,491.74	±1,734.09	217.84 T	±12.39
PM2.5	Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns removed annually	\$63,032.01	±3,584.69	10.59 T	±0.60
SO2	Sulfur Dioxide removed annually	\$102.33	±5.82	13.78 T	±0.78
PM10*	Particulate Matter greater than 2.5 microns and less than 10 microns removed annually	\$22,136.22	±1,258.91	72.97 T	±4.15
CO2seq	Carbon Dioxide sequestered annually in trees	\$844,821.44	±48,045.80	43,629.95 T	±2,481.28
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Limitations of i-Tree Canopy

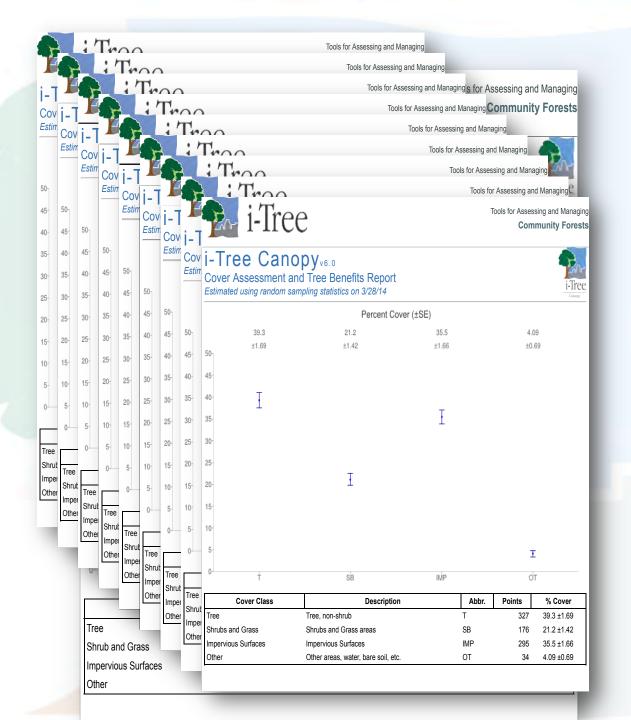
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Impervious Surfaces	IS	373	46.6 ±1.76
Other	0	83	10.4 ±1.08

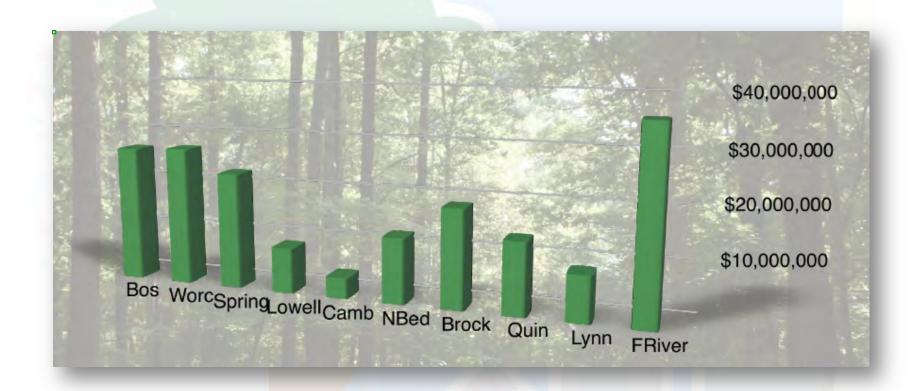






City Size Rank	City	% Canopy Cover	Report by Area (mi
1	Boston	27.9	13.9
2	Worcester	39.3	14.1
3	Springfield	36.7	11.8
4	Lowell	31	4.59
5	Cambridge	34	2.08
6	New Bedford	32.8	6.58
7	Brockton	45.9	9.88
8	Qunicy	43.1	7.21
9	Lynn	40.5	4.58
10	Fall River	59.3	18.7





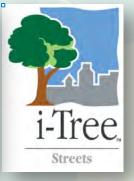


How Can You Use i-Tree?



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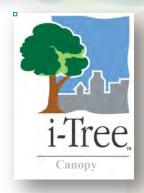
































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