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Examining the Structure, Function and Value of Urban Forests:



Examining the Structure, Function and Value of Urban Forests: Using i-Tree as a Tool for Analysis and Action



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Emerging Approaches Examining Urban Forests



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The Latest i-Tree
Software for Tree
Assessment and
Analysis



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Today's Session



- Session Agenda and Outline
- Introduction to Today's Session - Overview of the presentation topics that we will cover during the class.
- Urban Forests in Context - Discussion of issues related to urban forests, resilience and sustainability.
- What is i-Tree? - A general overview of the i-Tree software applications
- i-Tree Components & Tools - A closer look at the various software applications.
- Choosing the Correct i-Tree Tool - The i-Tree website, and helping determine which tools to use for your projects.
- Conducting an i-Tree Project - Tips for how to conduct an i-Tree analysis in your community.
- The USDA Forest Service - Leading the way in Urban and Community Forestry around the globe.
- Review and Questions - A recap of the class topics and session wrap-up.

Urban Forests & Tree Canopy



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Manhattan, New York City, NY

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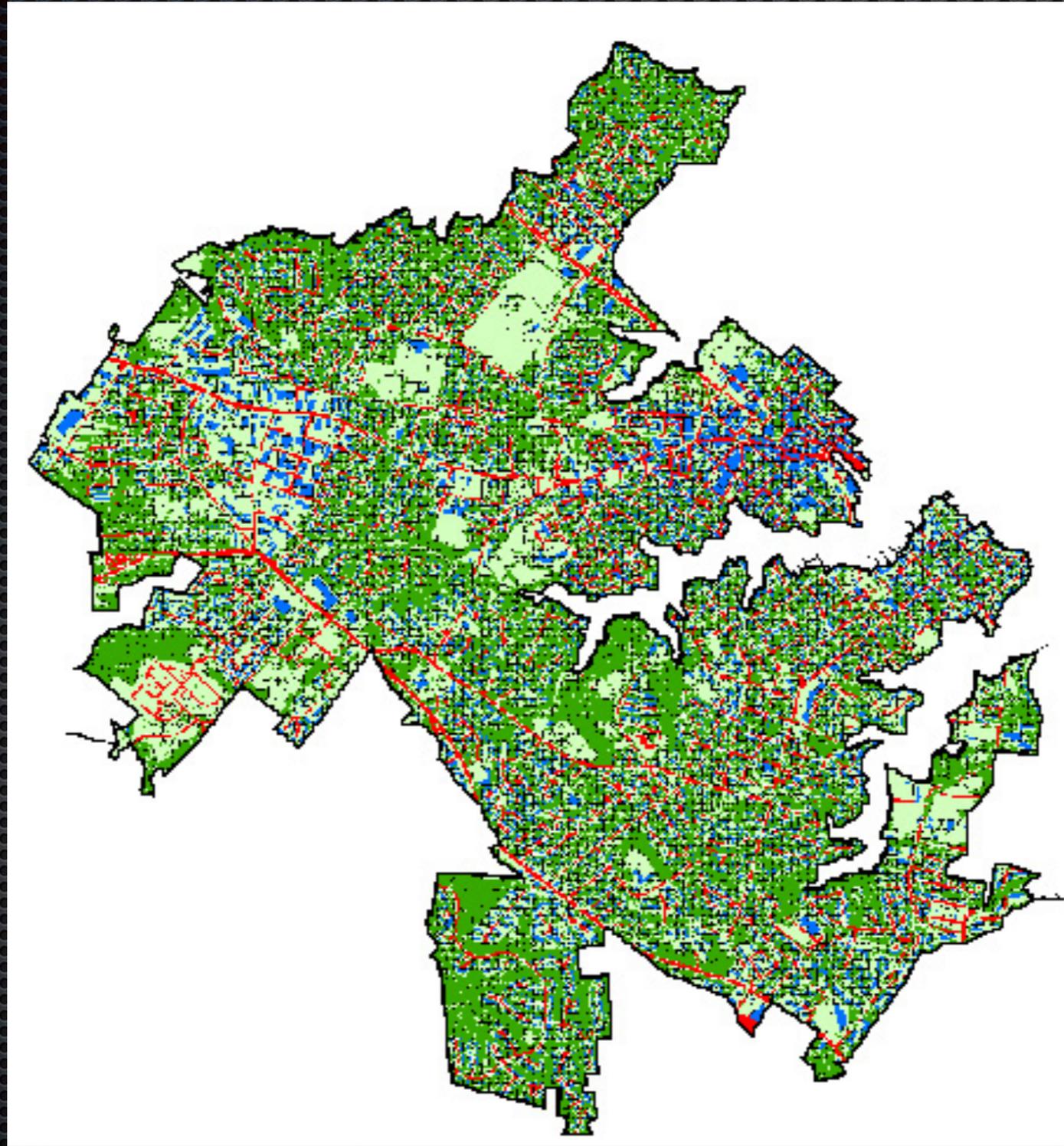
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Detroit, MI

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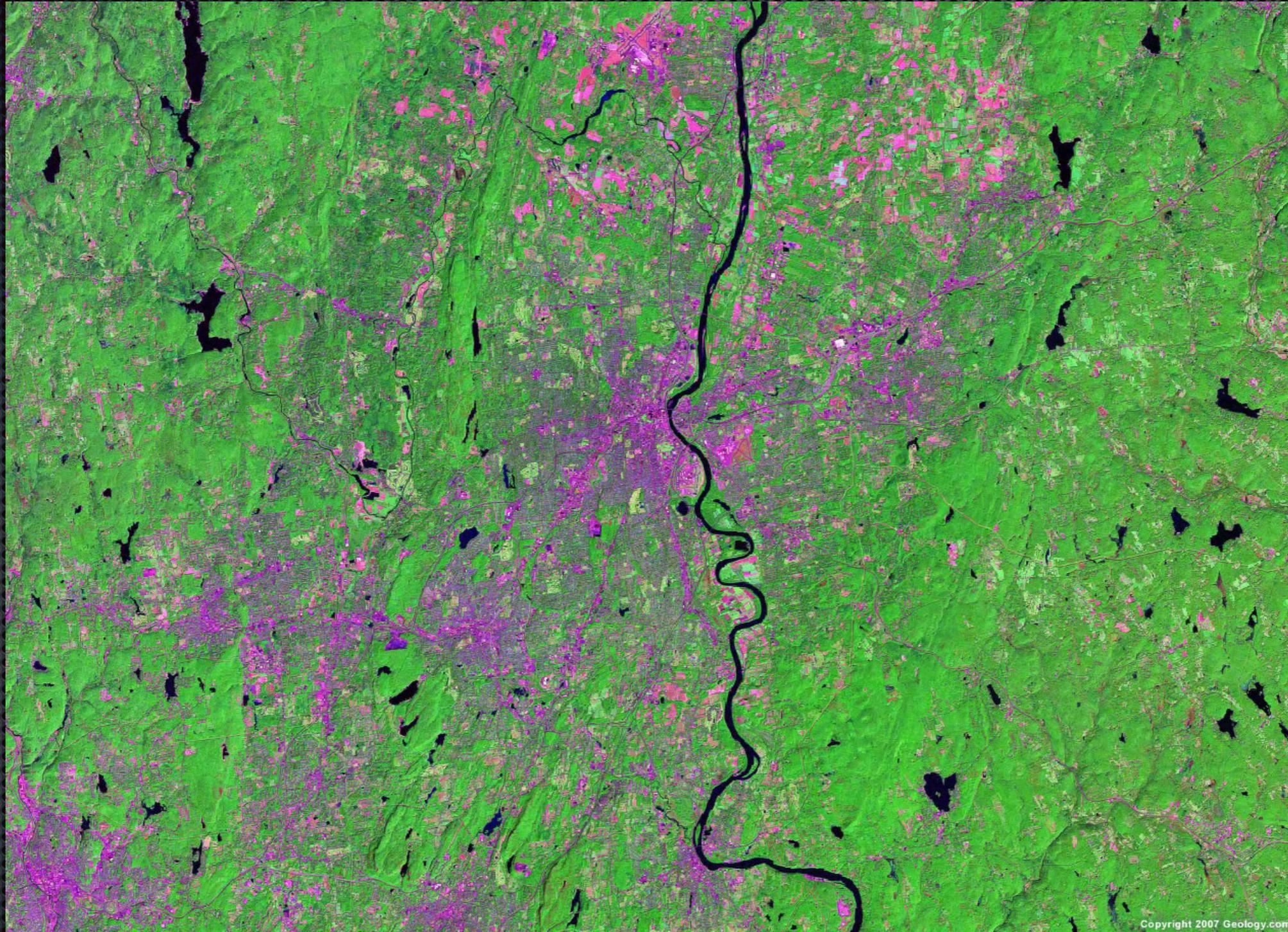
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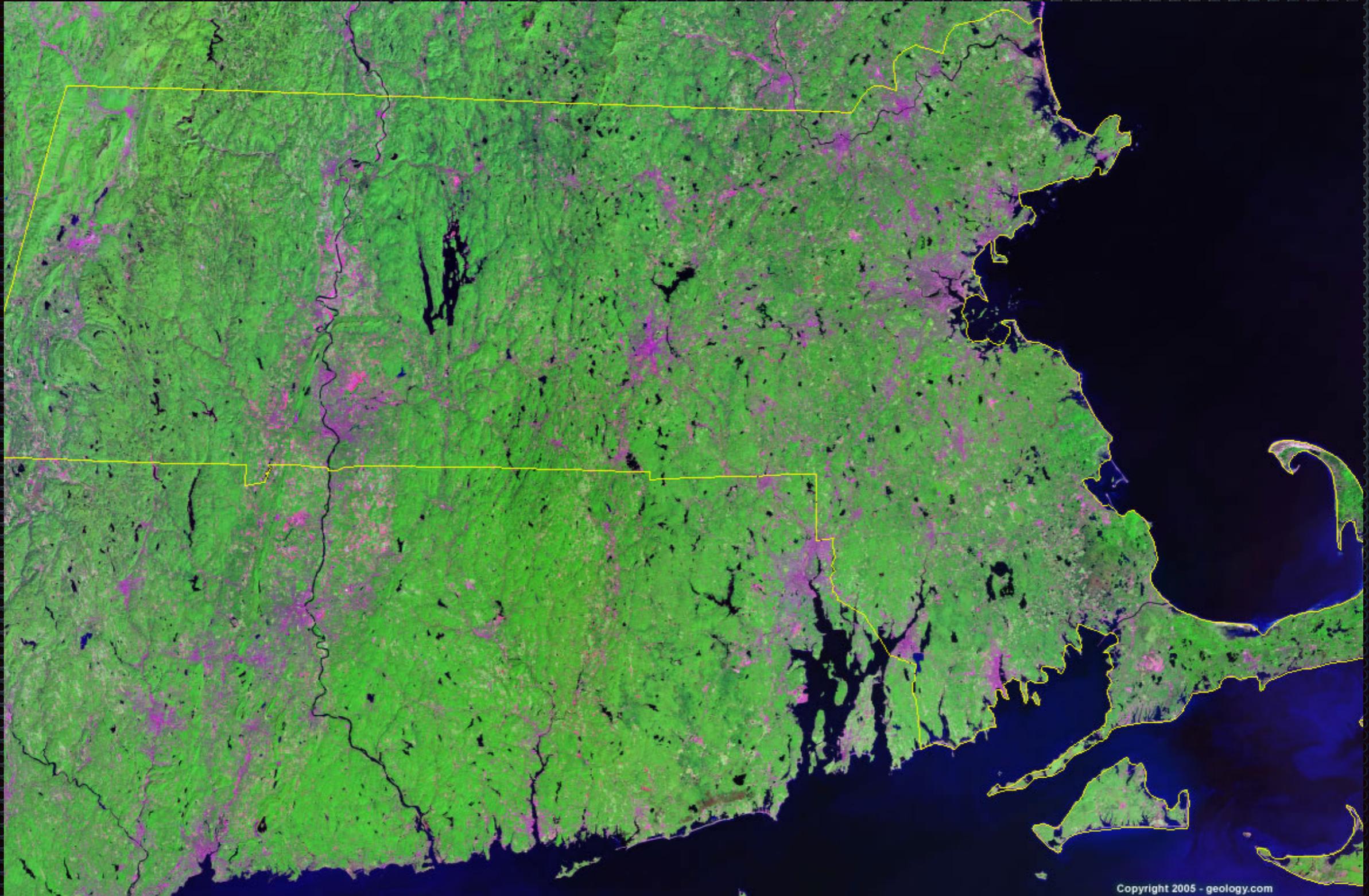
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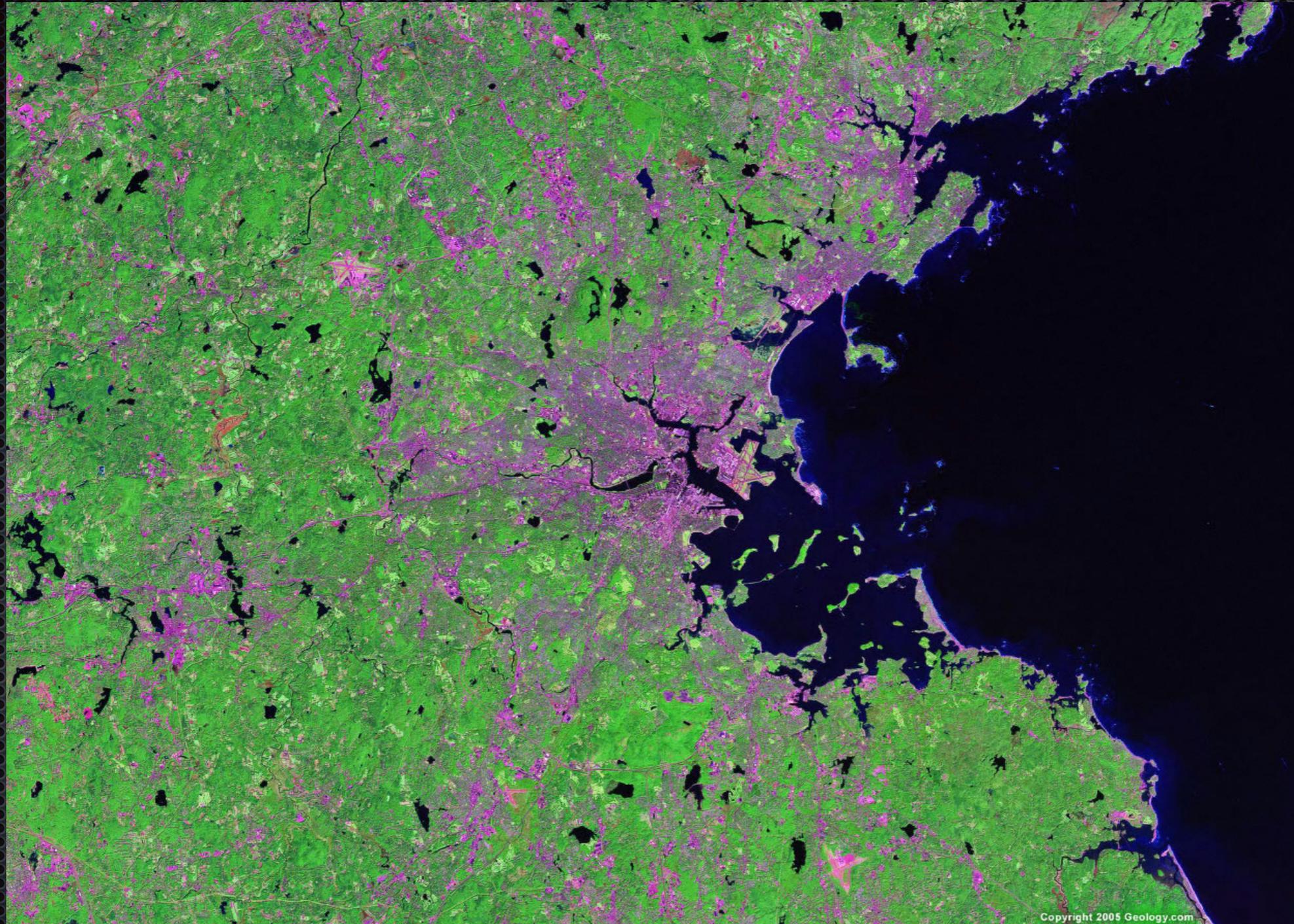
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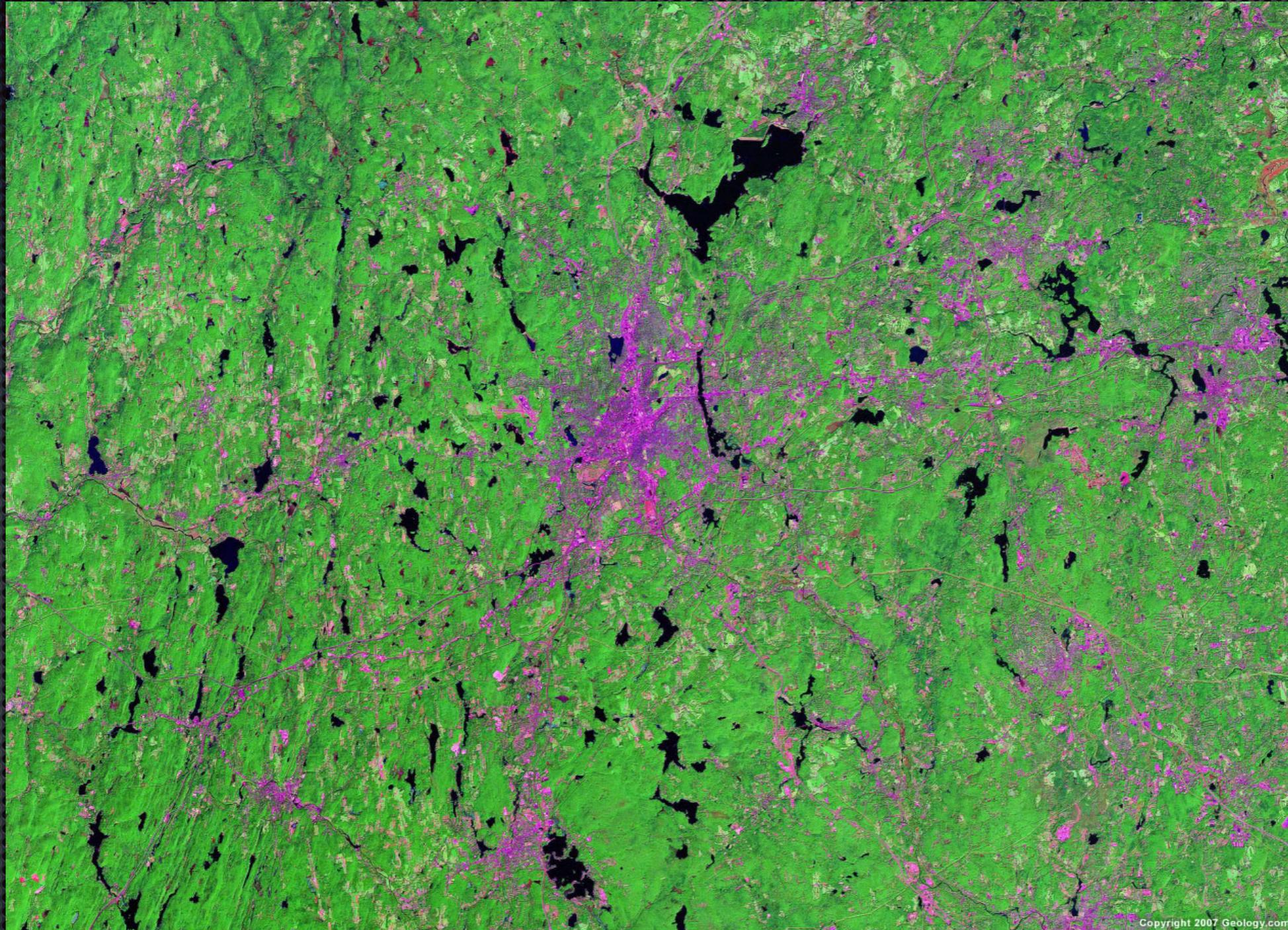
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Tools for Assessment of the Urban Forest and Tree Canopy



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Establishing a valuation of the resource...

What is i-Tree?

Inventory of
Tree
Resources:
Economic and
Environmental



Examining the Structure, Function and Value
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i-Tree: Urban Forest Inventory Analysis Tool

The screenshot shows the i-Tree website homepage. At the top left is the i-Tree logo with the tagline "Tools for Assessing and Managing Community Forests". To the right is a "Get the Tools" button with a CD icon. Further right is a search bar labeled "Google Custom Search" and a login section with fields for "Username", "Password", and "Login", along with links for "Forgot Username or Password?" and "Register". A US Forest Service logo is also present.

Below the header is a large banner image of a city skyline at night with a river and a bridge. Underneath the banner is a navigation menu with buttons for "Home", "About", "Applications", "Utilities", "Resources", "Support", and "News".

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Left Column:** A US Forest Service Northern Research Station Guide, "A Guide to Assessing Urban Forests", and a featured report titled "Plano, Texas Urban Forest Ecosystem Analysis".
- Middle Column:** A section titled "What is i-Tree?" with a detailed description of the tool's purpose and a "Follow i-Tree on Twitter" link.
- Right Column:** A section titled "What's New?" listing recent events and news items, such as the "European i-Tree Conference" and "BGE Provides 360 Energy Saving Trees to Baltimore City".

At the bottom of the page is a footer with the text "A Cooperative Initiative Between:" followed by logos for the US Forest Service, Davey, Arbor Day Foundation, SMA Arborists, ISA, and Casey Trees.



i-Tree™

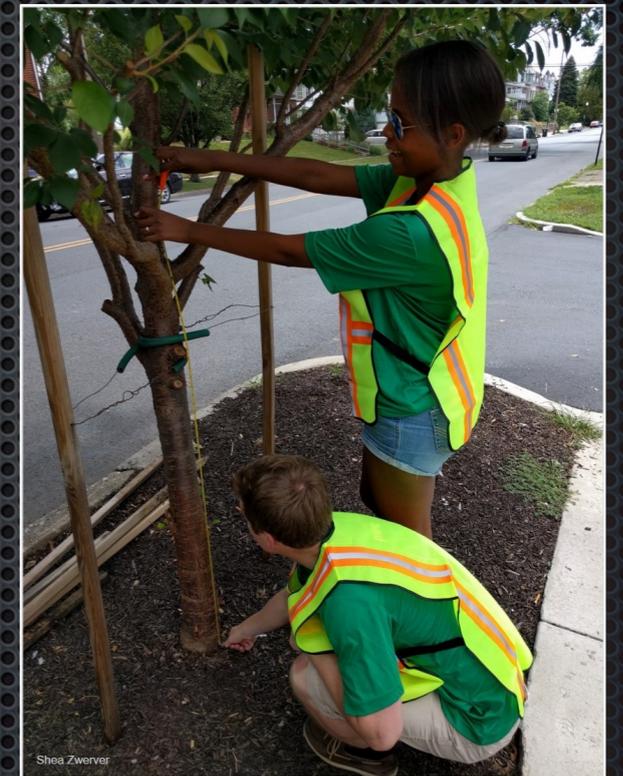
i-Tree: a suite of software tools to assess urban vegetation and their ecosystem services and values



Research Science and Data Development



University Researchers



Citizen Scientists



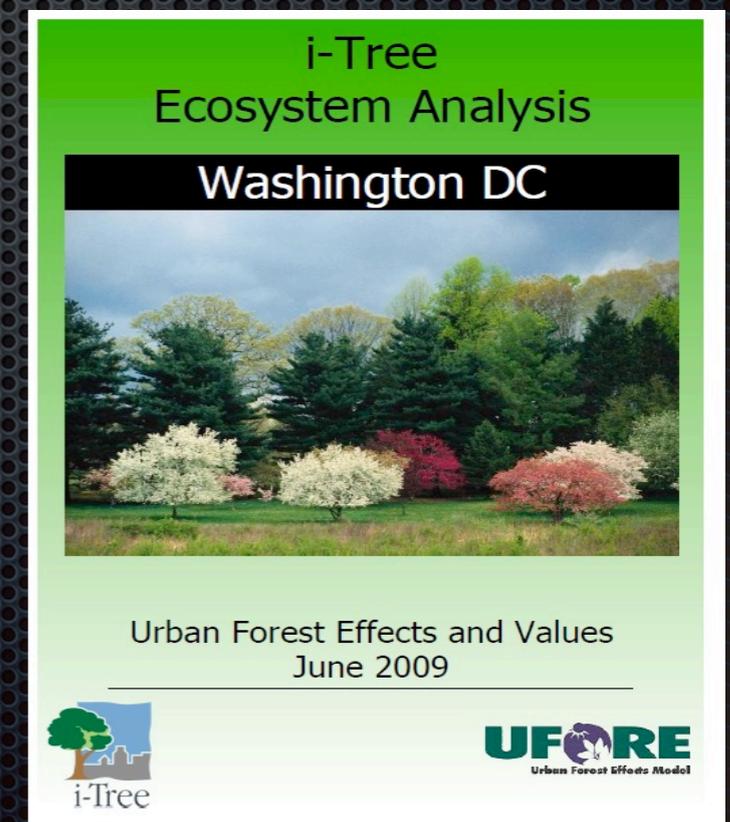
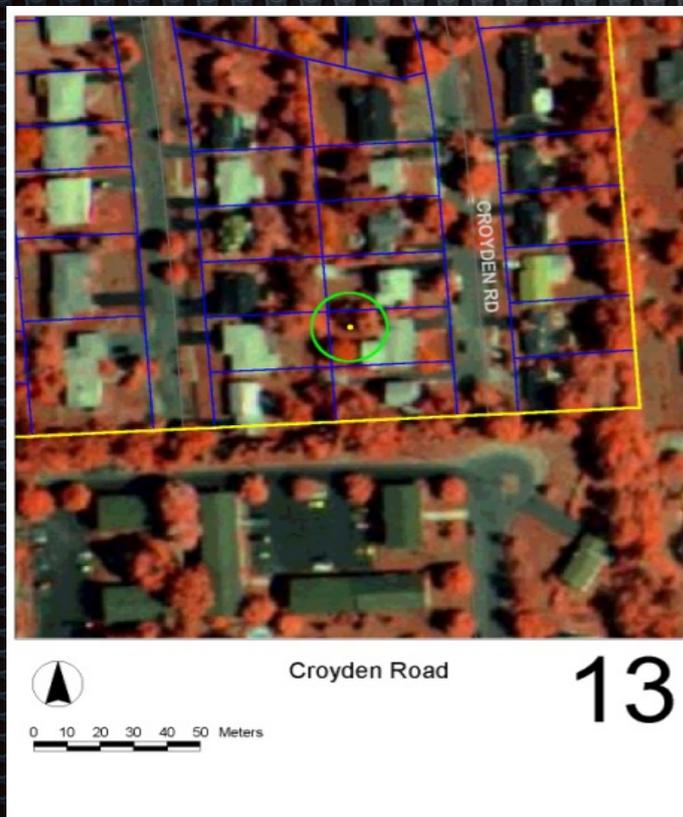
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Public-Private Partnership



Goals

- 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**

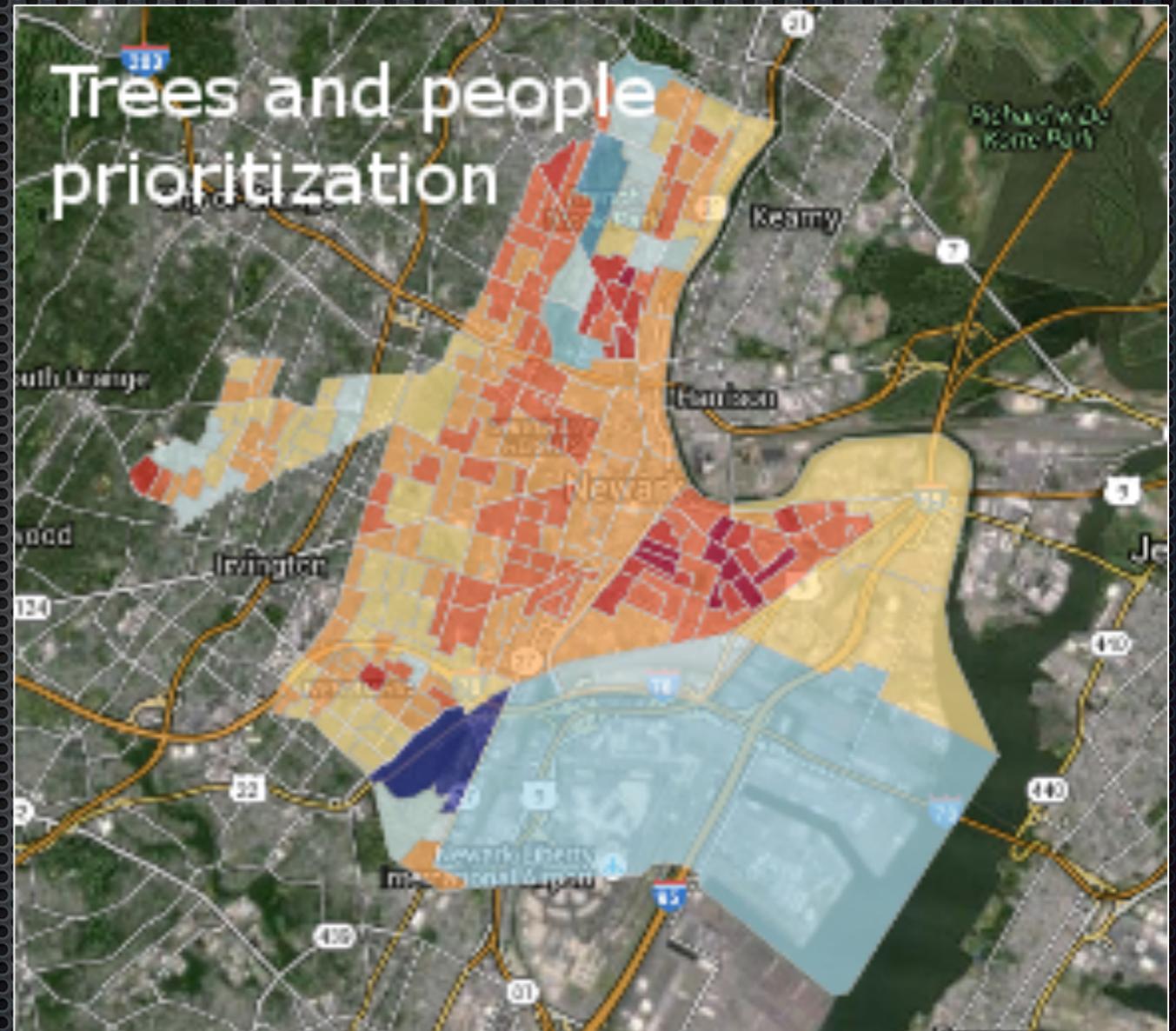
- Energy use

- Air pollution

- Carbon

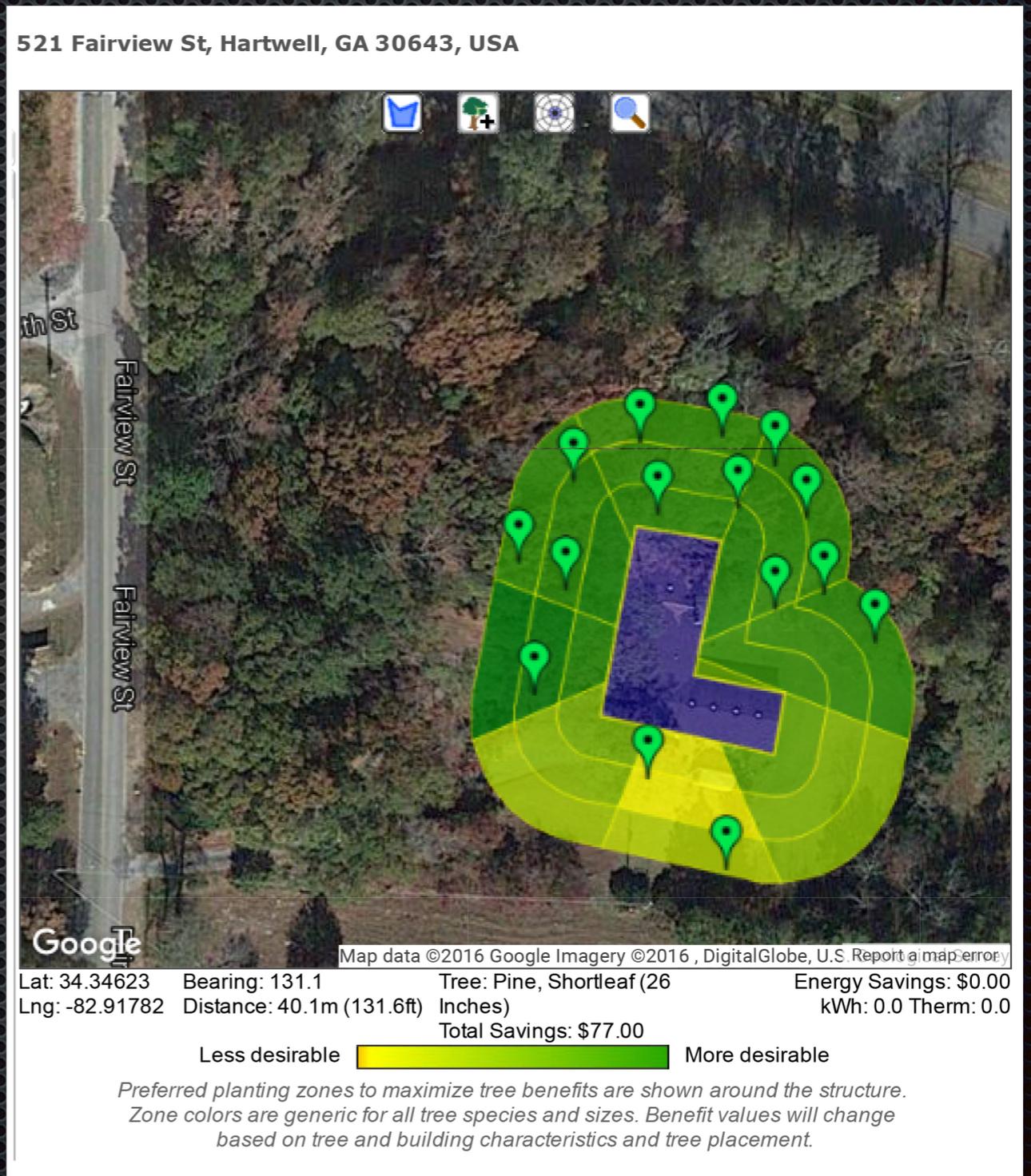
- VOC emissions

- **Value**



Assessing Tree Populations

- Storm water management
- Pollution mitigation
- Energy conservation
- Carbon strategies
- Public health issues
- Addressing Climate change



Benefit-Based Approach



**Strategic Management
& Advocacy**



**Comprehensive
Value**

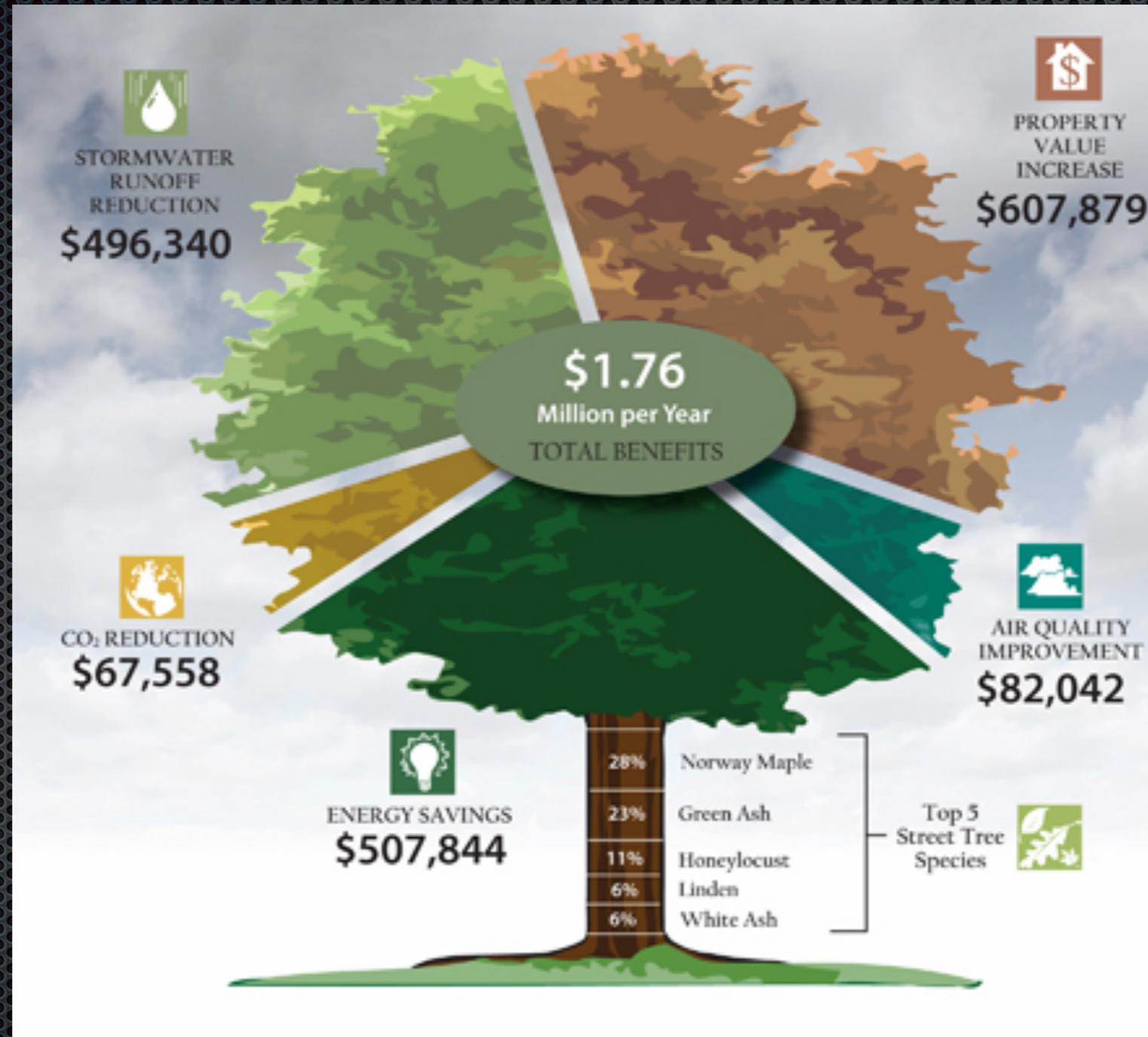


**Environmental
Services**



Structure

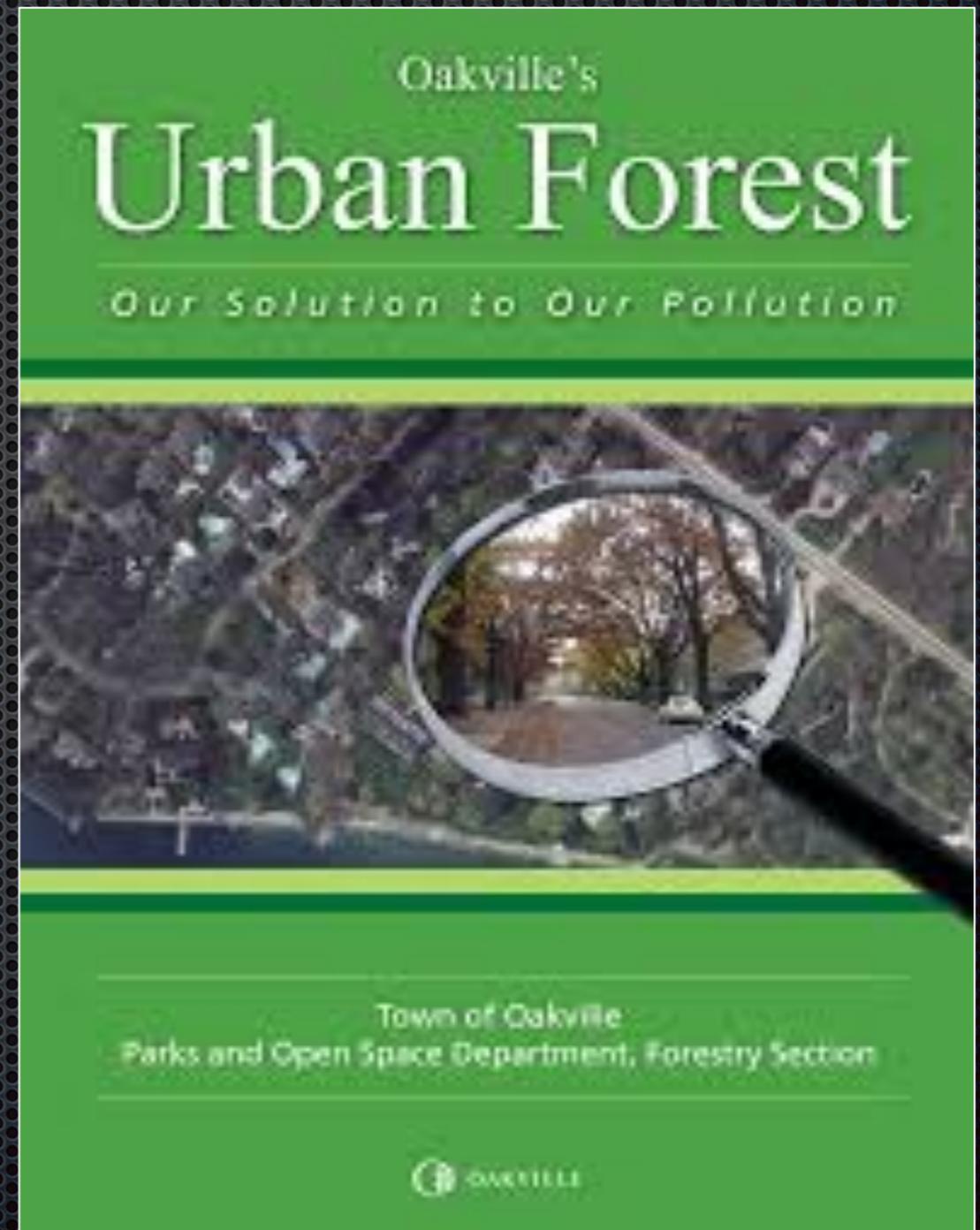
Benefit-Based Approach



Using quantitative data to tell your story?



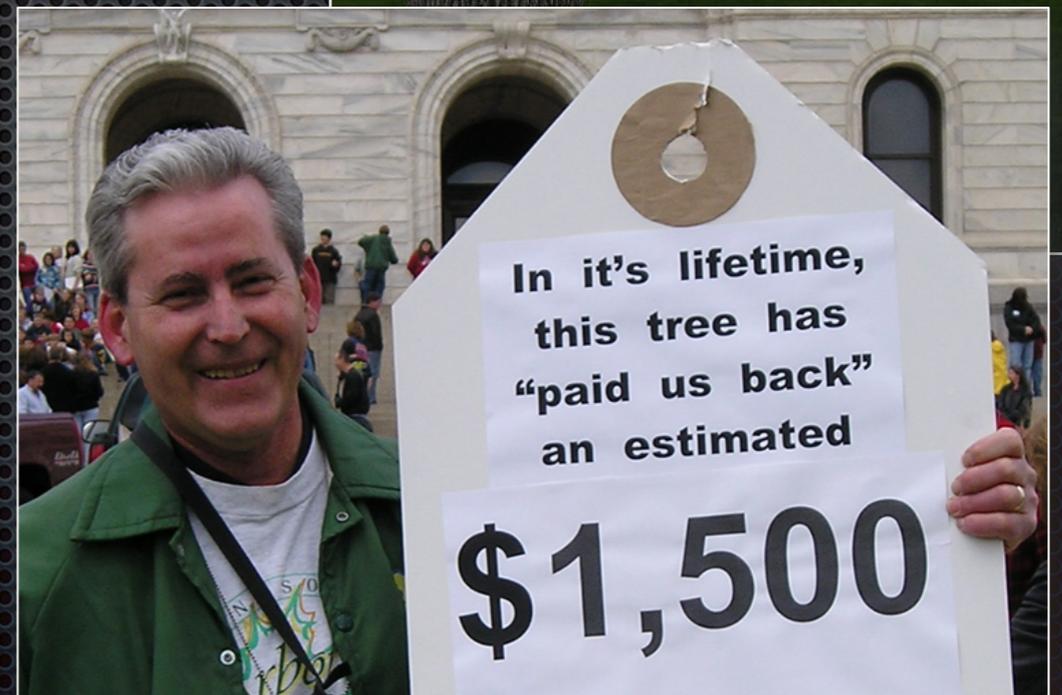
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i-Tree: Demonstrating That Trees Pay Us Back!

Street Tree Benefits in Minneapolis:

- \$6.8 million in energy savings
- \$9.1 million in reduced storm water runoff
- \$7.1 million increase in property value
- \$1 million improvements to air quality



How do we communicate the value of community trees?

“Shame on you City of Kirkland! Government has too much money if we can afford to grade trees!”

PARK LANE TREE INVENTORY

TREE REPORT CARD

Tree Number: 415
Species: Norway Maple
Diameter: 17.8"

A

Grade Definition: A(Retain) B(Retain/Monitor) C(Monitor) F(Remove/Replace)

Tree Criteria:

- Vigor: Very Good
- Structure: Good
- Health: Good
- Impact on other trees/infrastructure: restricted soil
- Long term viability: Good
- Notes: Damage to sidewalk, curb, etc.

Working to restore, enhance and protect the City of Kirkland's Tree Assets

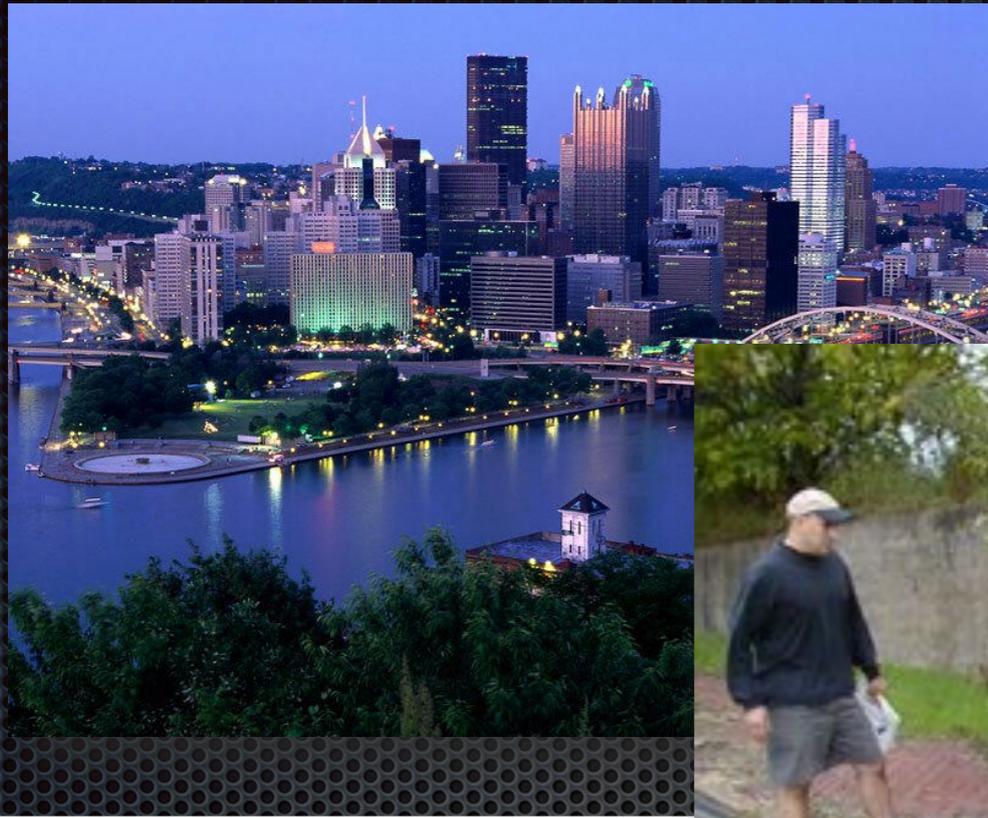
Tour of Park Lane Trees with City Urban Forester
Tuesday October 27th (8:30 am – 9:15 am); Meet at Park Lane and Lake Street

Phase I Implementation Plan
9:15 am – 10:15 am; Zeek's Pizza (124 Park Lane)

For more information, contact Karl Page 425-587-3011 kpape@ci.kirkland.wa.us

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Pittsburgh's Urban Forest



*City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Municipal Forest Resource Analysis*

April, 2008



\$2.94 in benefits
for every \$1
spent

*Benefit Summary for
Pittsburgh's Street Trees*

 Benefits	Total (\$)
 Energy	\$1,205,133
 CO2	\$35,424
 Air Quality	\$252,935
 Stormwater	\$334,601
 Aesthetic/Other	\$572,882
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 Total Benefits	\$2,400,975

Milwaukee i-Tree Eco Assessment

EAB Structural Impacts:

- 17.4% Canopy Loss
- \$221 Million structural damage (citywide)

EAB Functional Impacts:

- \$243,785 less pollutant removal
- \$138,000 less energy savings (cooling costs)
- \$2.6 million reduction in storm water benefits (1996 study)



Milwaukee i-Tree Eco Assessment



The Foundation: Local Data

- Local Sample or Inventory

- Local information:

 - Weather

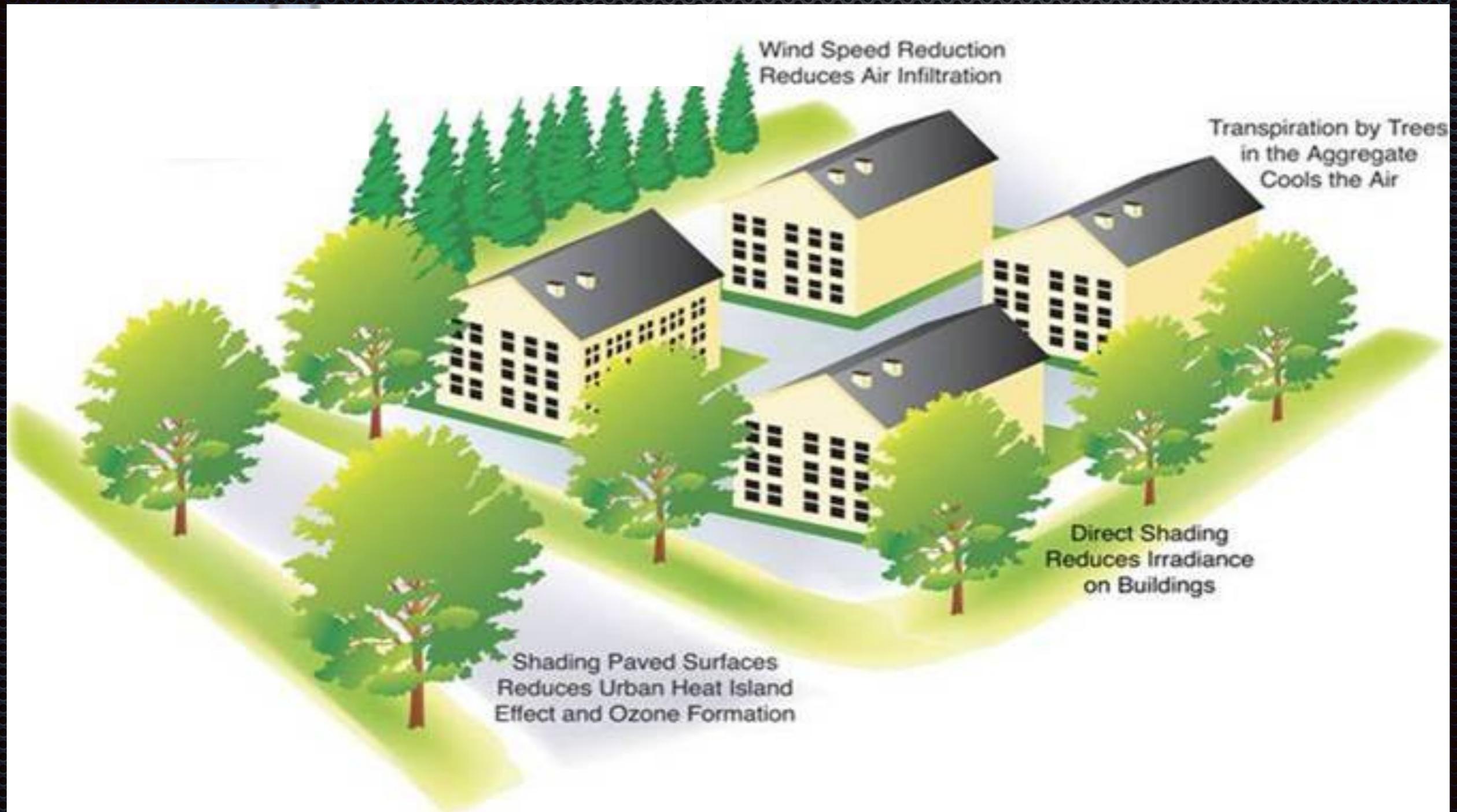
 - Pollution

 - Environmental Variables

- Hourly simulations



Conserving Energy



Improving Air Quality

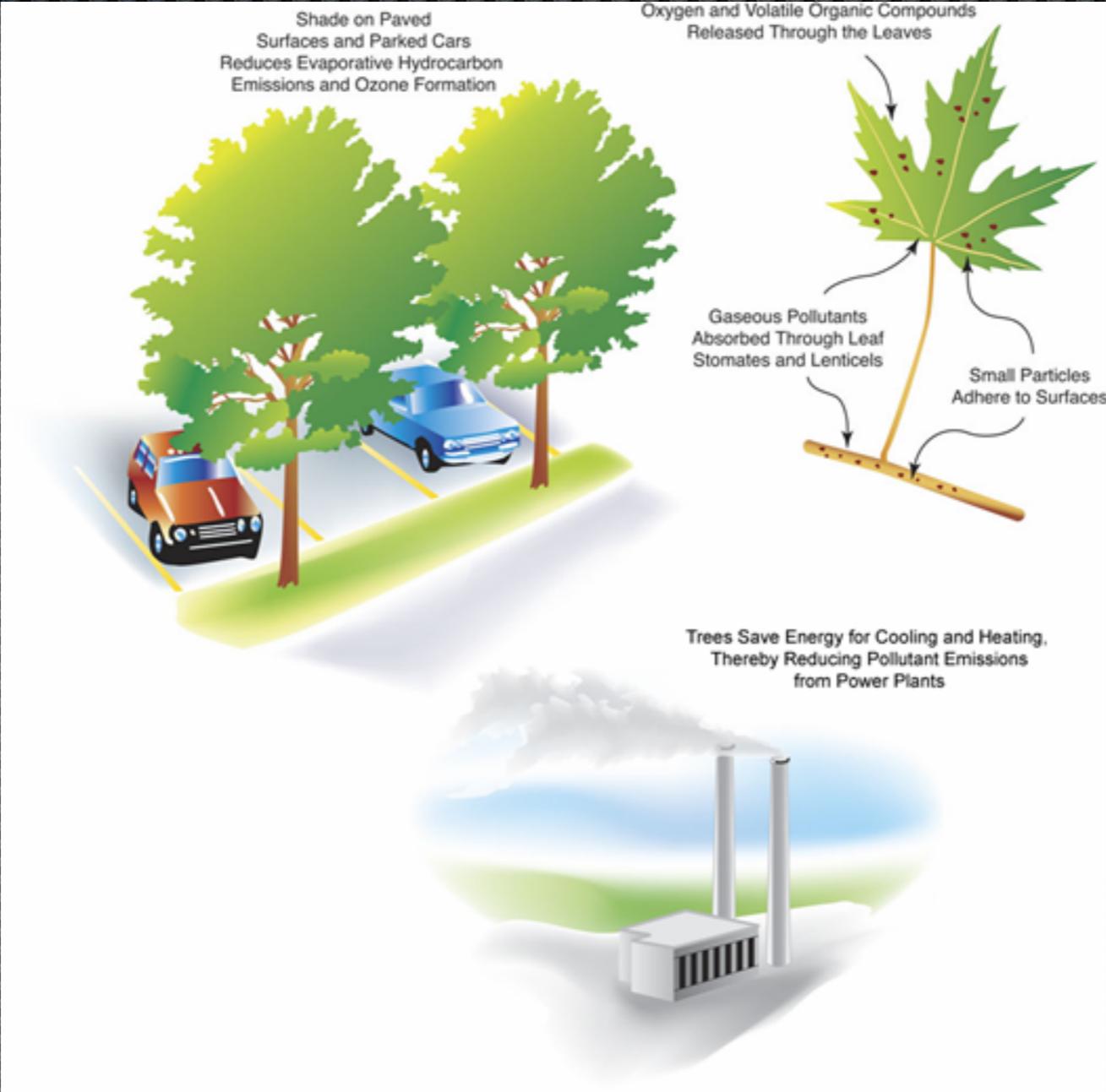


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Reducing Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide

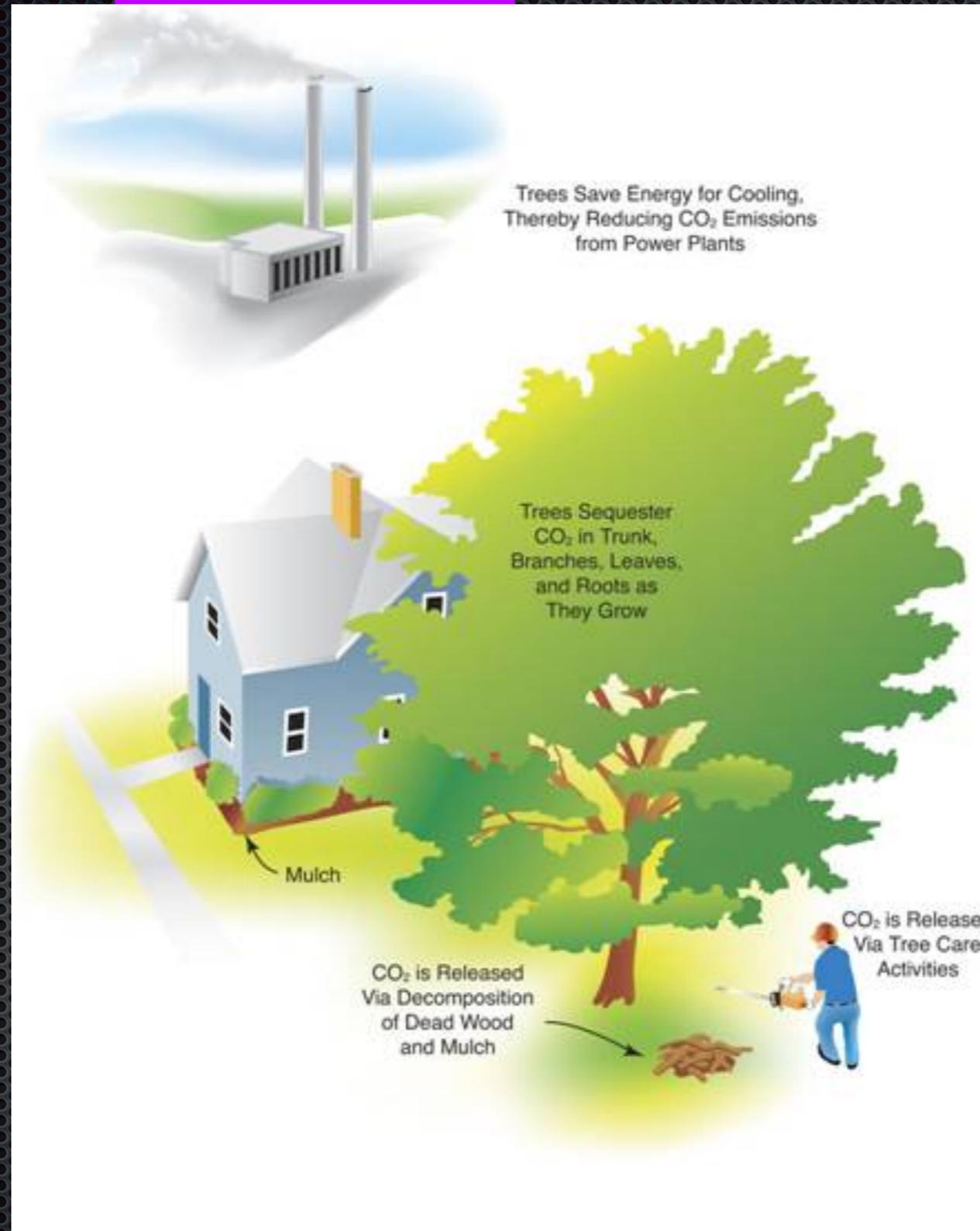
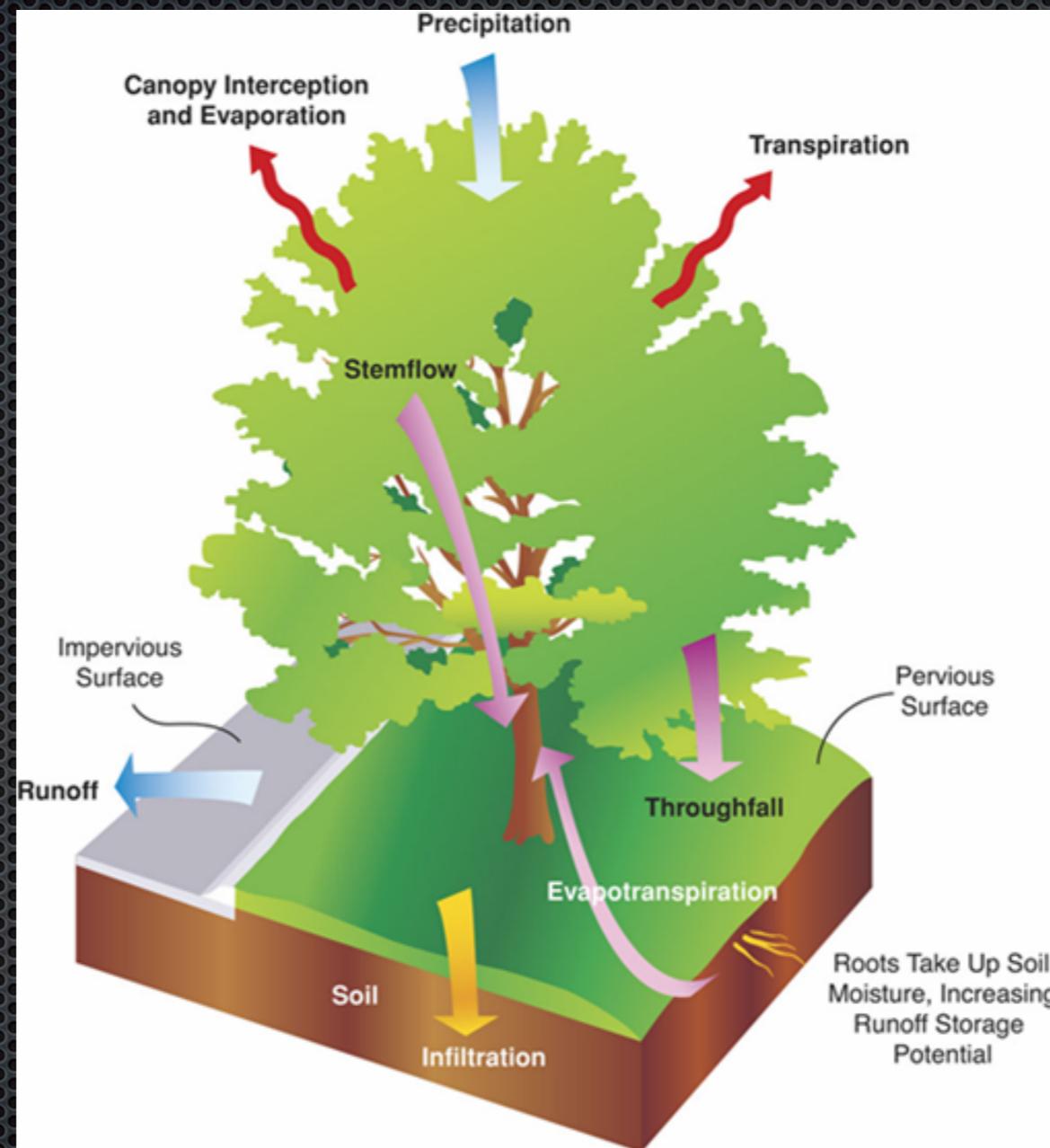


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Reducing Stormwater Runoff



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”

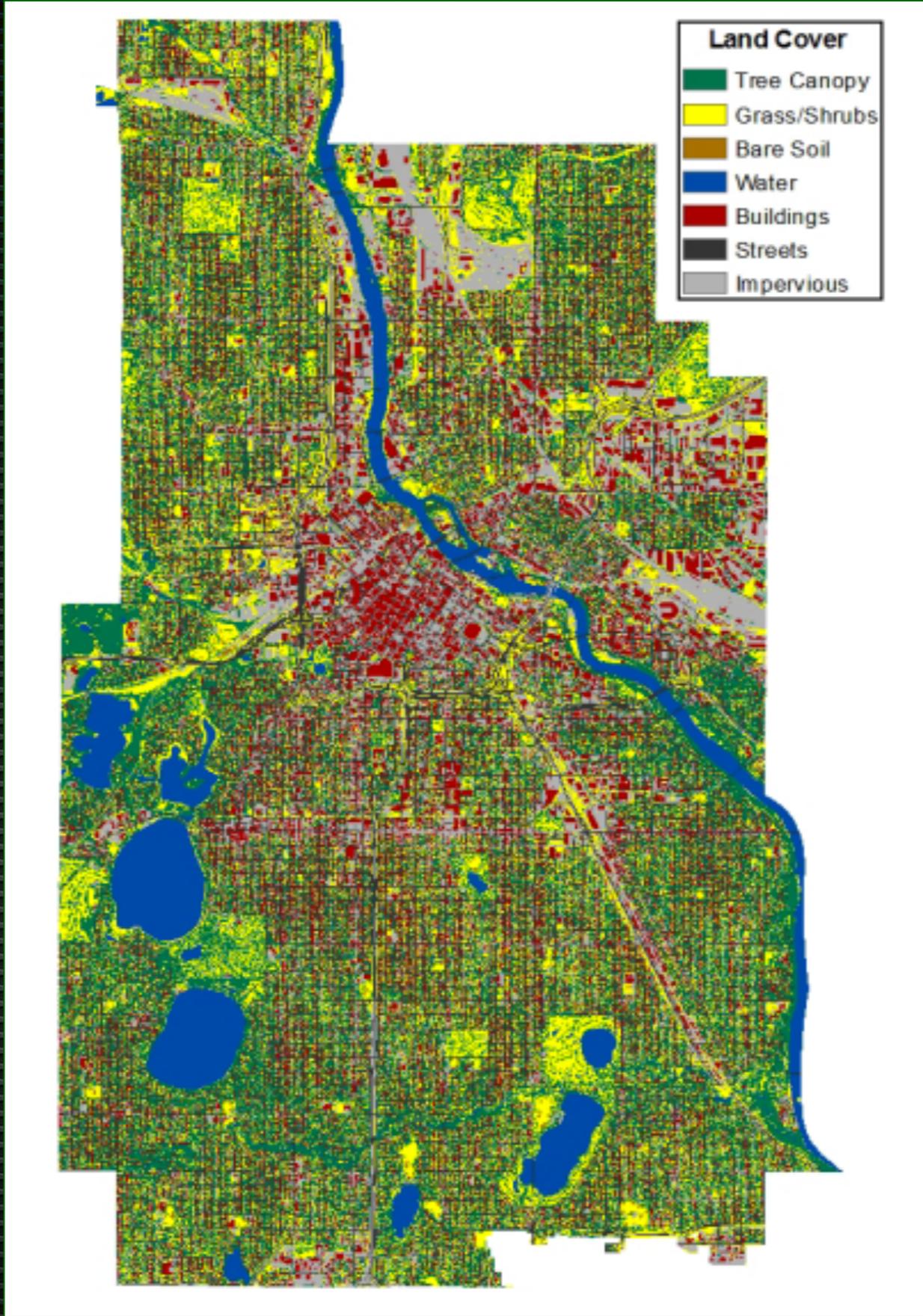
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Urban Tree Canopy (UTC)

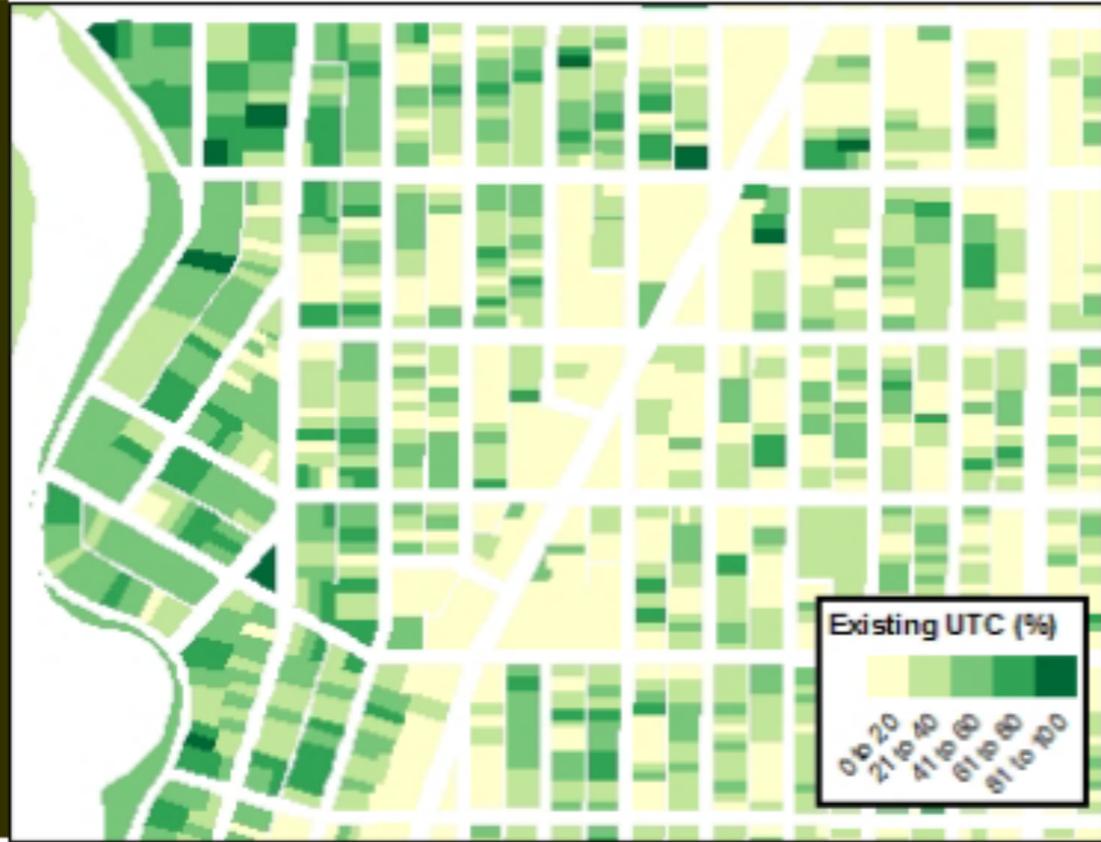
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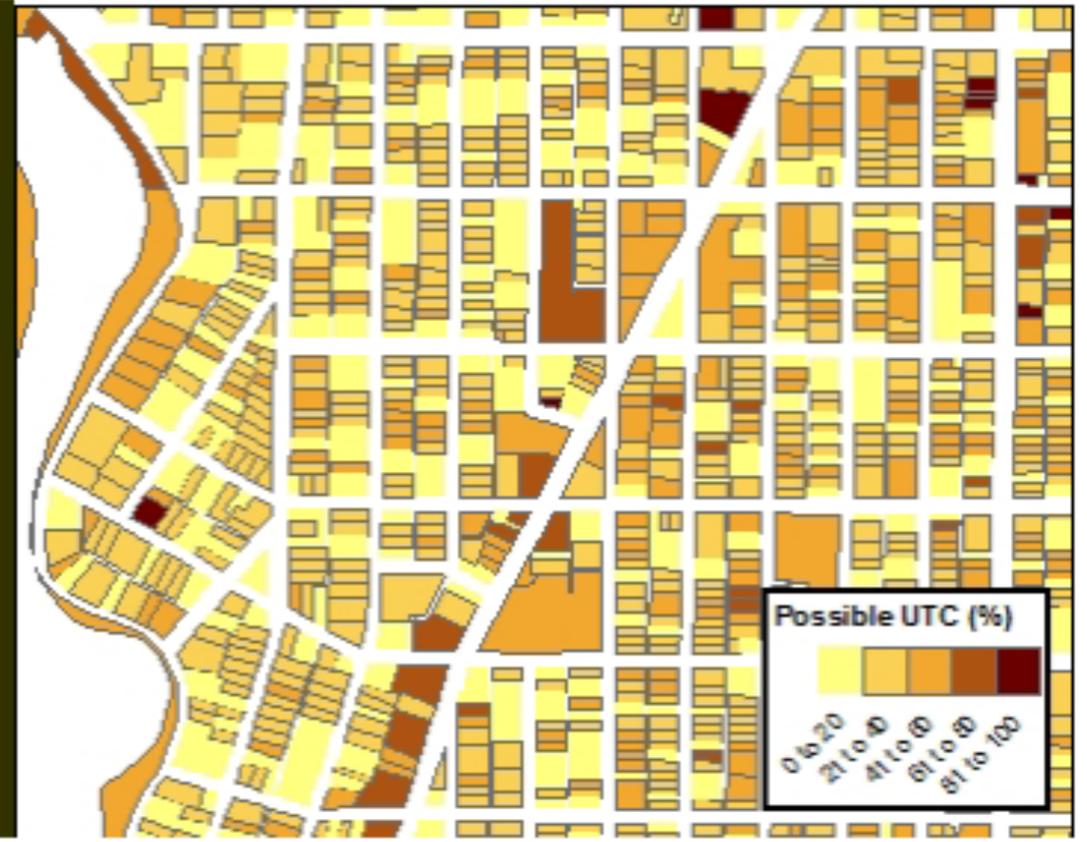
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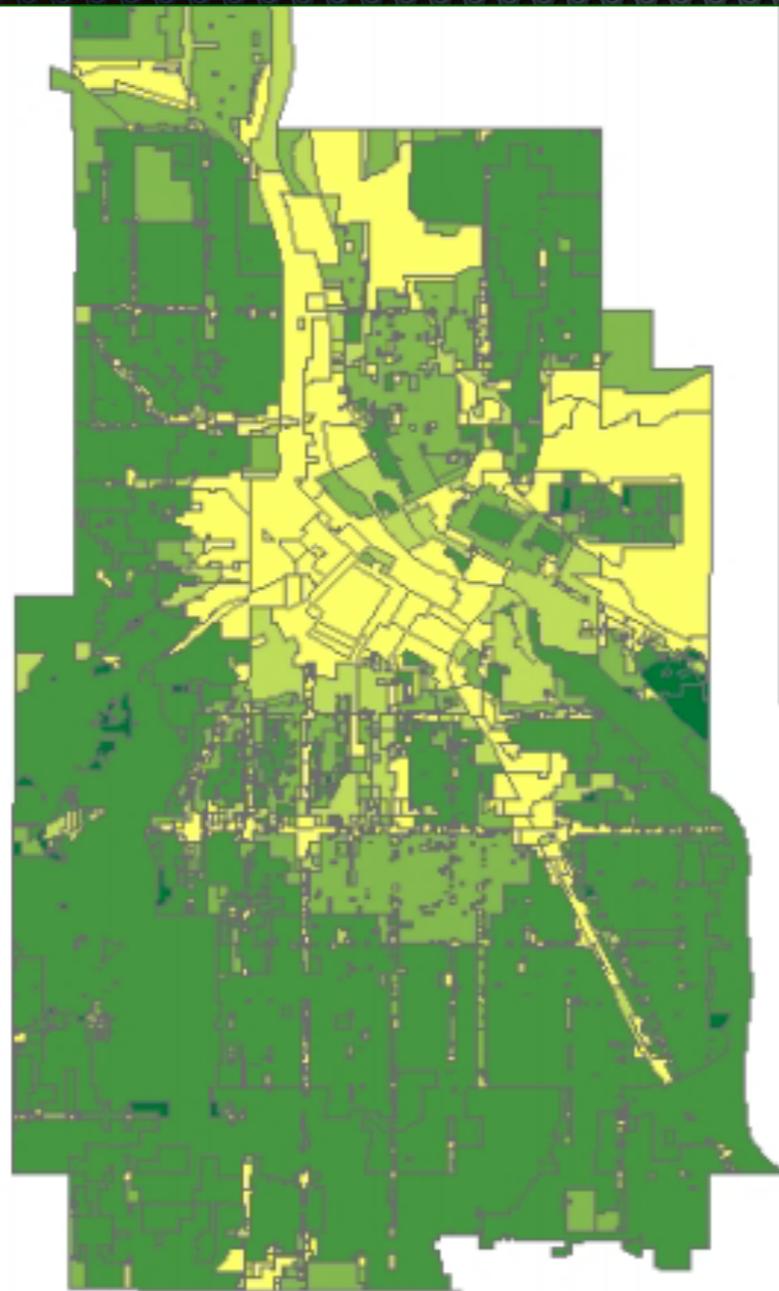


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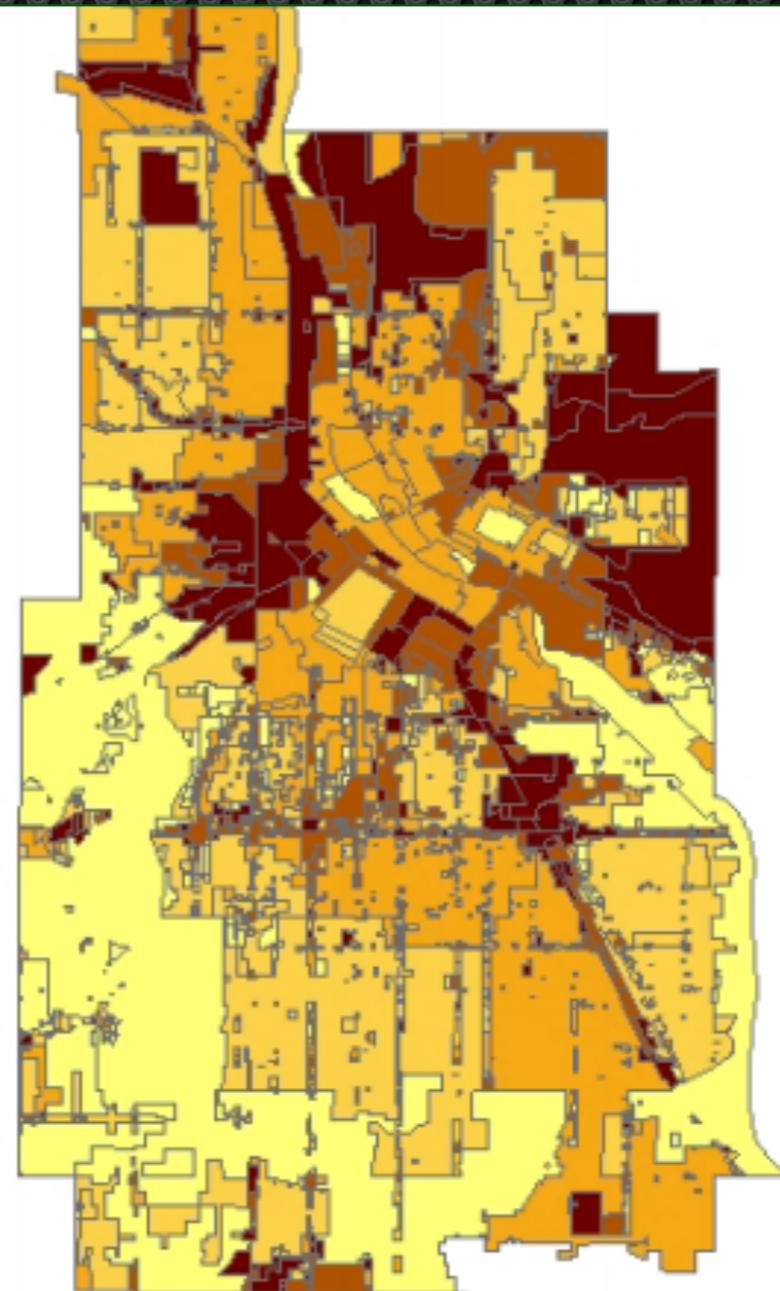
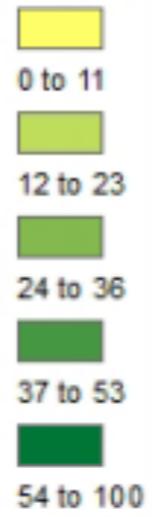


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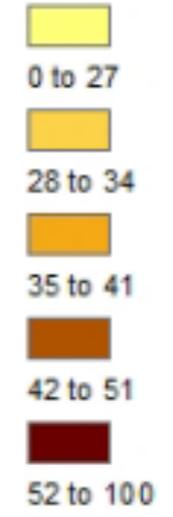


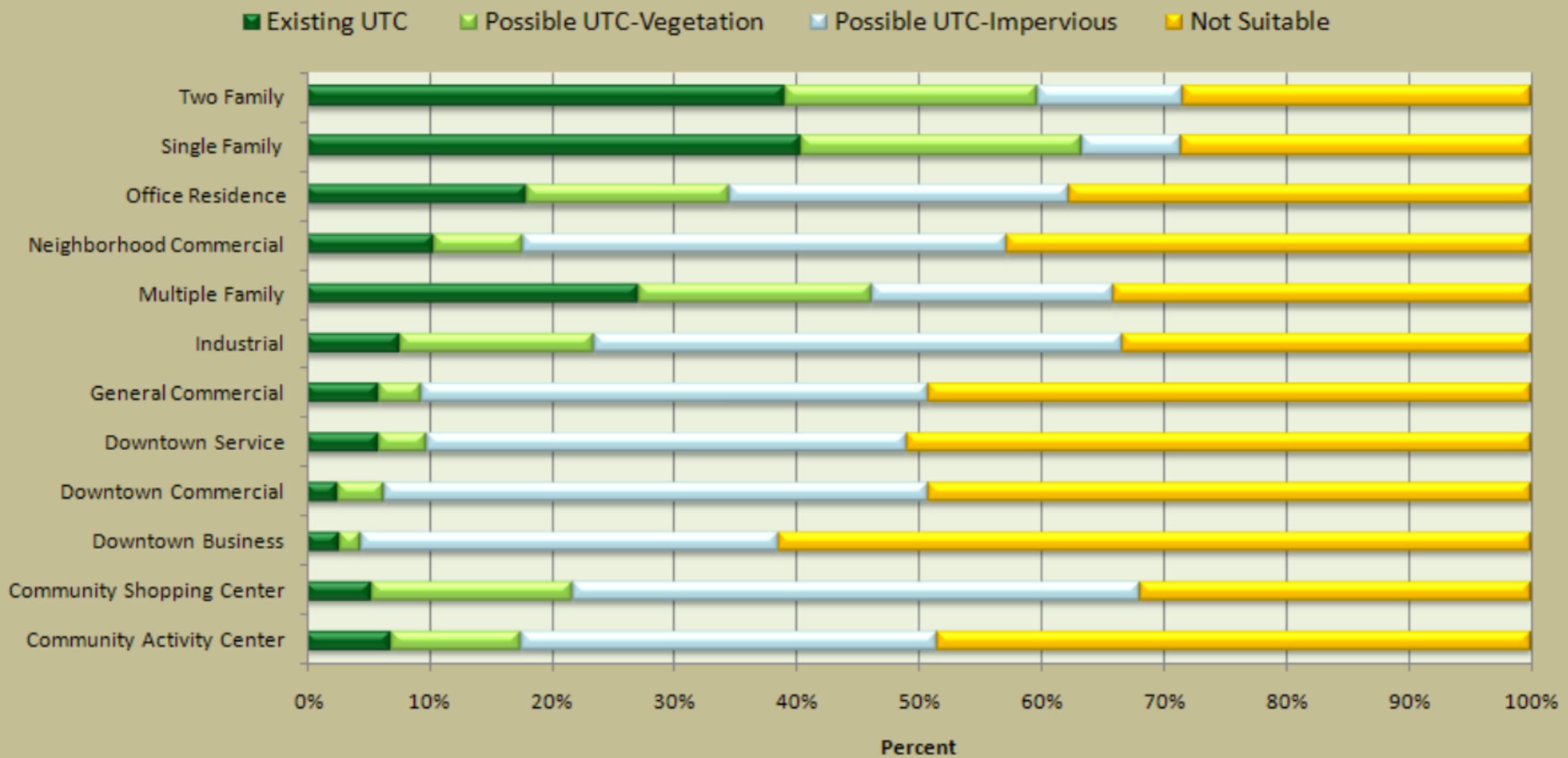


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Vancouver, WA

Vancouver 2011 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment Report

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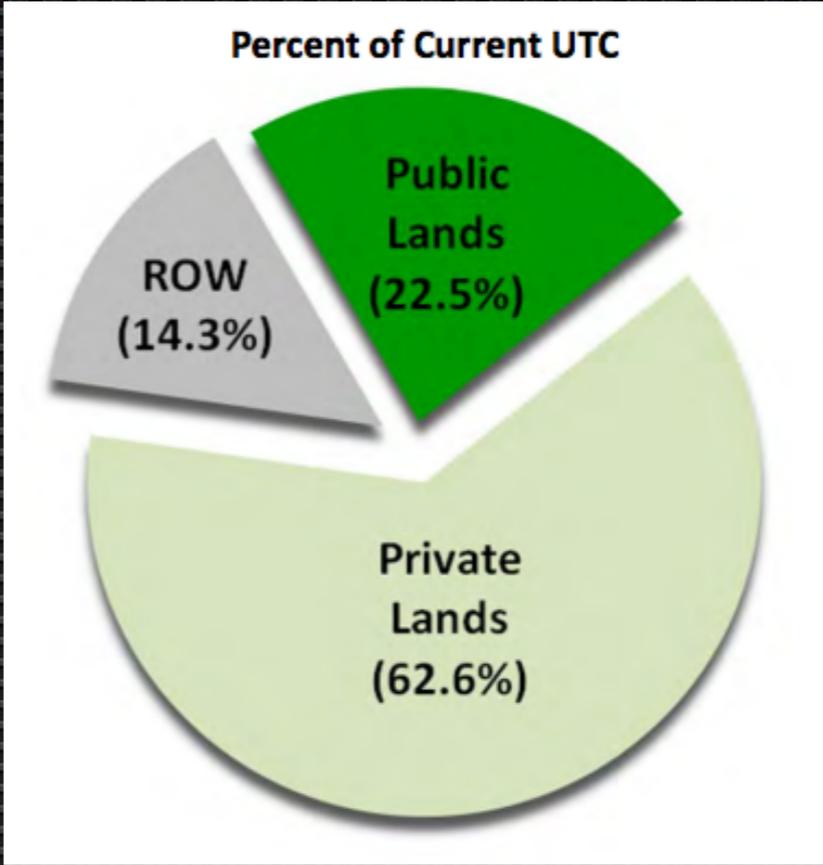
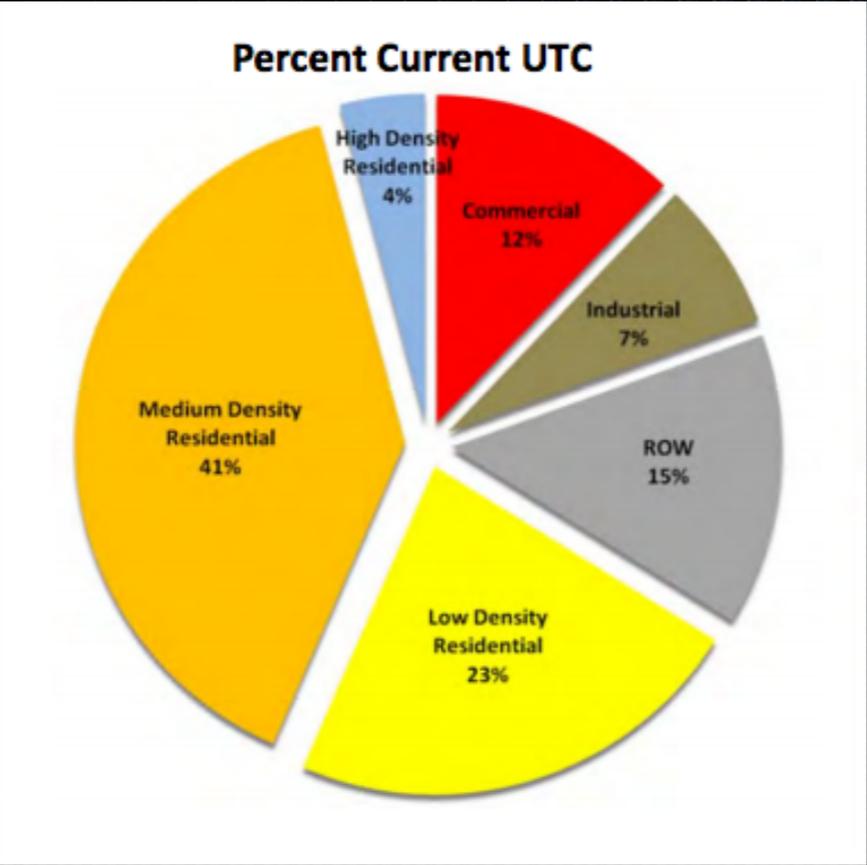
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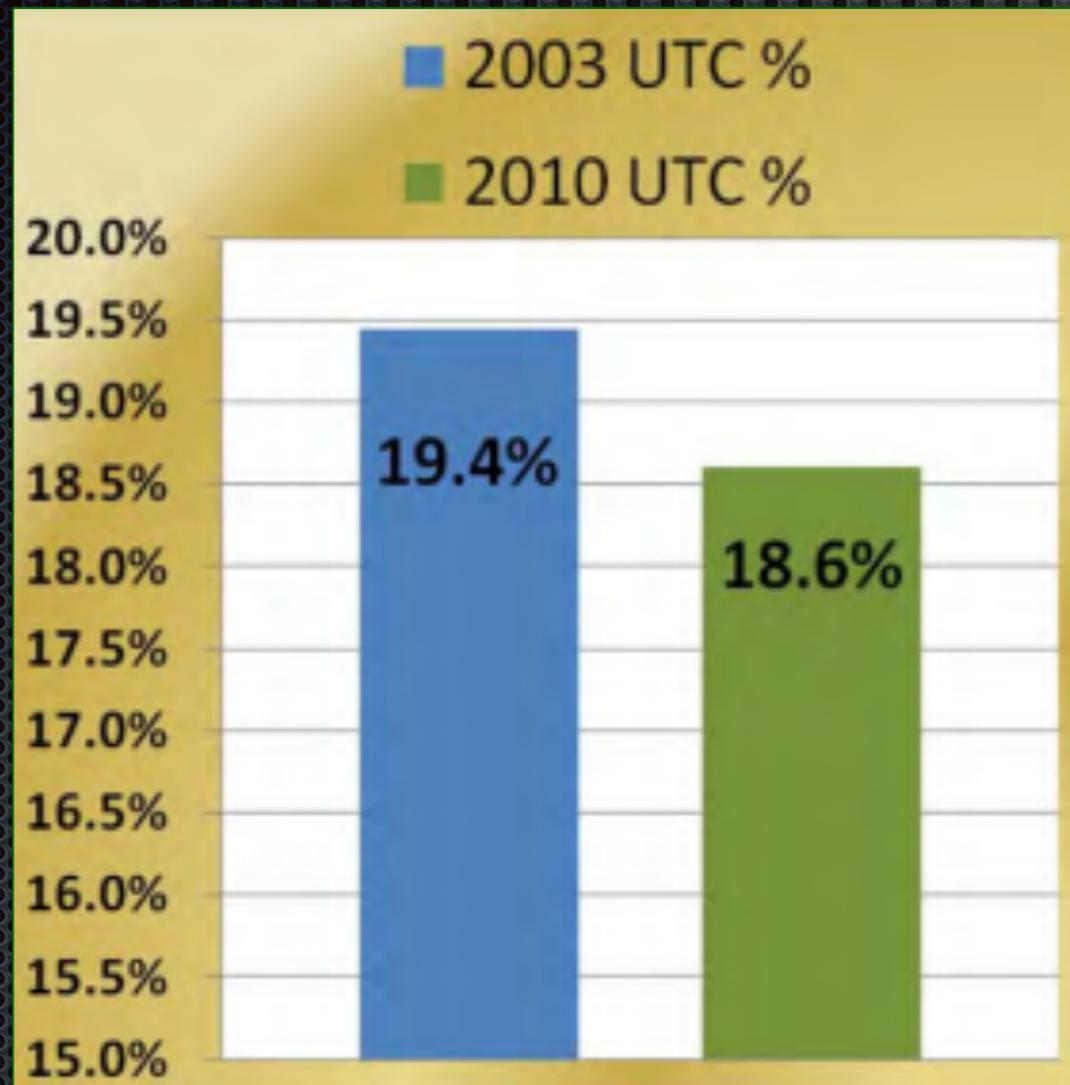
i-Tree VUE / Landscape





	Total Acres	Trees Acres	Trees %	Veg/ Non-Forest Acres	Veg/ Non-Forest %	Impervious Acres	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



253

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

I-Tree Software Tools

Getting started with inventory and analysis in your community



i-Tree Design





i-Tree Design

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i-Tree Benefit Calculator

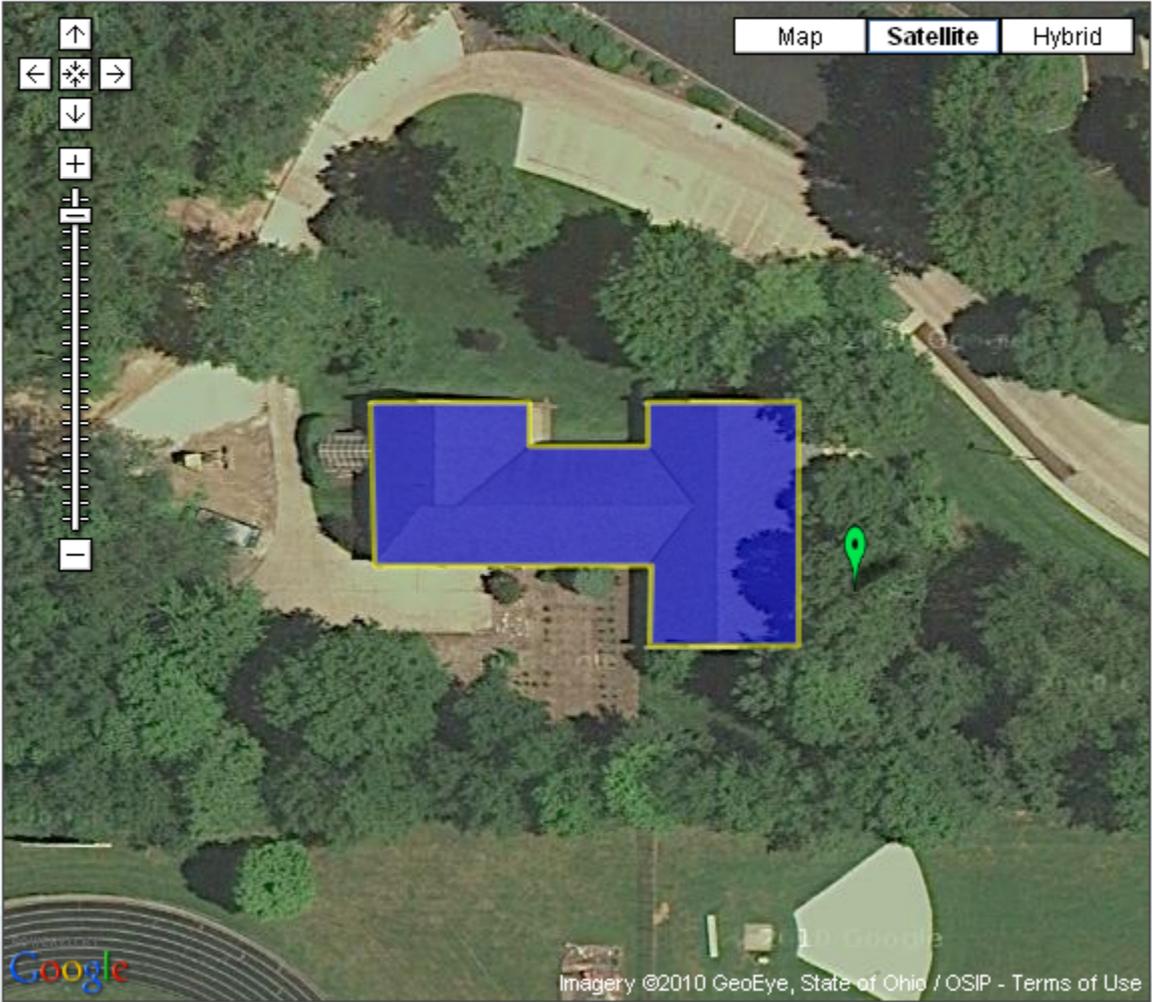
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Get started with three easy steps:

- 1. Draw your house or building and locate your tree:**
Use the drawing tool  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:**
- 3. Enter your tree's information:**

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.
 Enter the diameter of the tree; how wide is the trunk of your tree at about 4.5 feet above the ground?
 Finally, enter what type of condition best describes your tree.



Map Satellite Hybrid

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Lat:41.1713839 Long:-81.3589928 Bearing:104.3, Distance:8.1m (20.0ft) Vertices:12; Area:961.2 m² (10346.5 ft²)

i-Tree Canopy



i-Tree Canopy

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 **i-Tree** Tools for Assessing and Managing Community Forests

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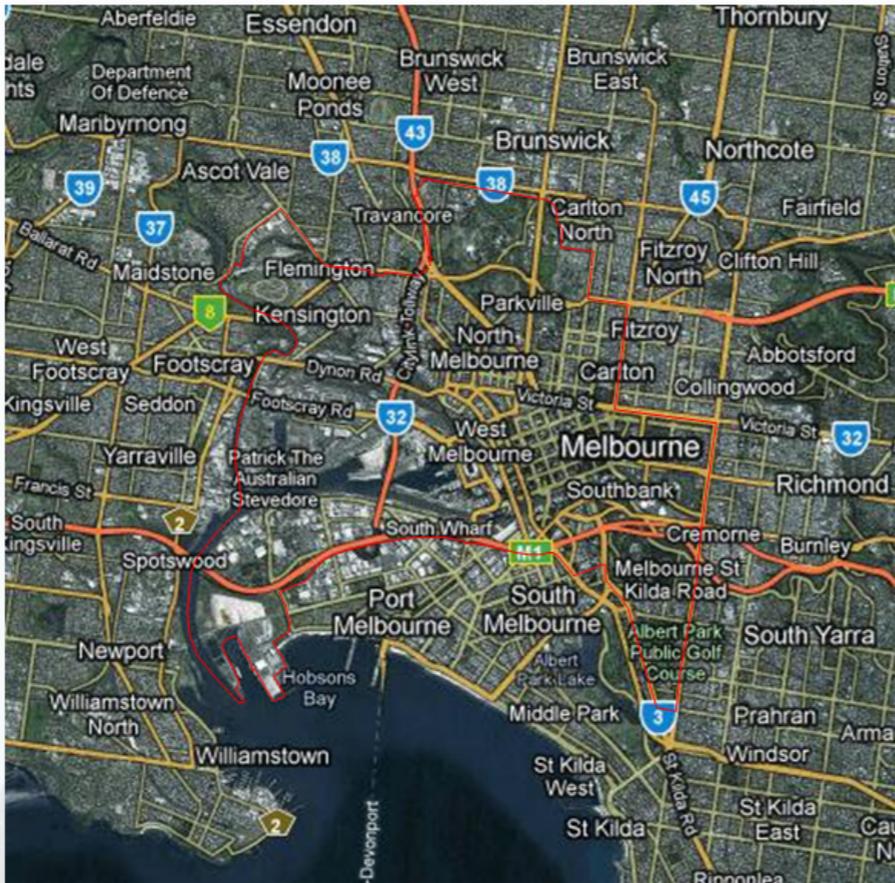
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i-Tree Canopy



Get started in three easy steps!

One Browse to your project area boundary GIS file. The file must be in ESRI Shapefile format and in lat/long coordinates.

Or

Three Begin i-Tree Canopy Survey > ?

Been here before?

Already started an i-Tree Canopy survey? Load it here and resume your work.

More Information!

- With i-Tree Canopy, you can load a polygon boundary in ESRI Shapefile format on the map above and conduct a cover assessment for a project area.
- Collect data on your own cover classes of interest.
- 500-1000 survey points are suggested; the more points you complete, the better your assessment.

Done

start

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Classify random points

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Remember, the more points you survey, the lower your Standard Error, and the more precise your sampling will be. More points surveyed provide for a better estimation of Percent Canopy cover.

i-Tree Canopy
Percent Cover (±SE)

42.9 ±24.7 57.1 ±28.6

Id	Cover Class	Latitude	Longitude
1	Tree	-37.82930543236	144.91265730117
2	Tree	-37.81302356330	144.95401488007
3	Tree	-37.81913019363	144.97617933379
4	Non-Tree	-37.82964905605	144.98052520547
5	Non-Tree	-37.81840952395	144.97104739912
6	Non-Tree	-37.82188855427	144.94620800253
7	Non-Tree	-37.81882077	144.92805906653
8	Tree	-37.78606178650	144.94090887519

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Save Your Data

Done

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Classify random points

i-Tree Canopy v6.1 Home i-Tree Feedback

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Percent Cover (\pm SE)

Cover Class	Percent Cover (\pm SE)
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sg	15.5 \pm 1.48
IMS	37.2 \pm 1.97
OT	5.33 \pm 0.92

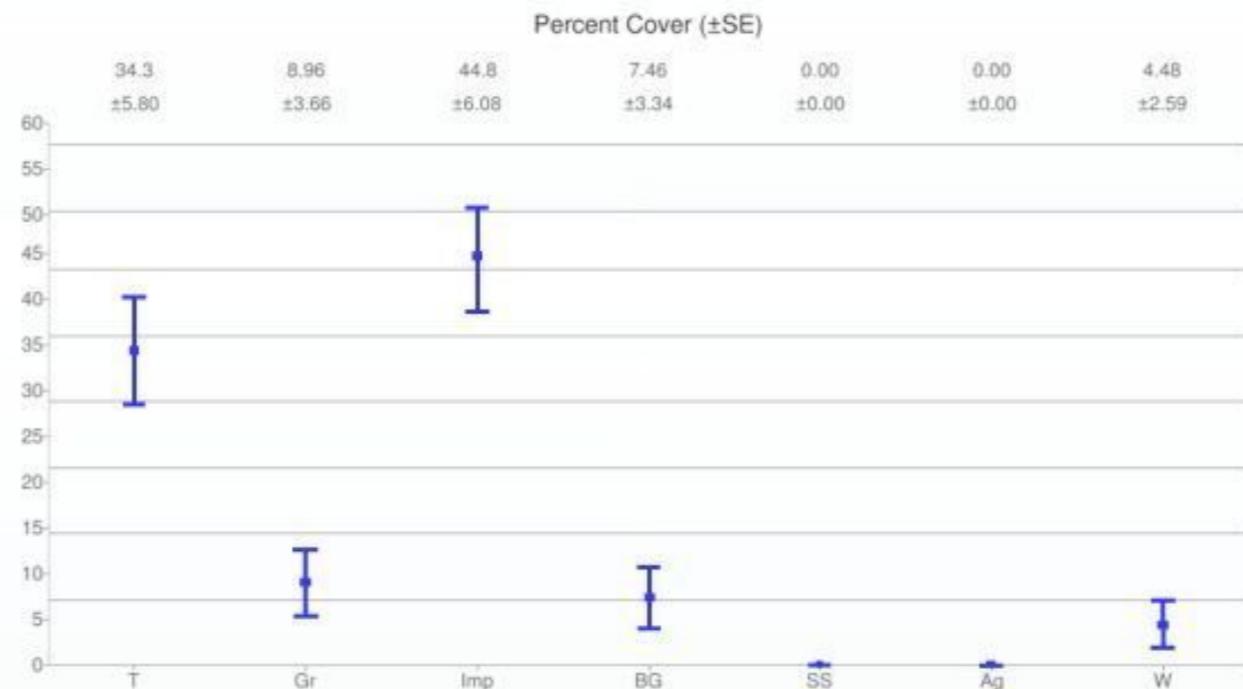
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2	Other	42.36949	-71.08521
3	Tree	42.35635	-71.10918
4	Tree	42.39946	-71.15149
5	Impervious Surfaces	42.37763	-71.11289
6	Tree	42.38432	-71.12623
7	Impervious Surfaces	42.36301	-71.08233
8	Impervious Surfaces	42.39751	-71.13075
9	Tree	42.37997	-71.15030
10	Other	42.38450	-71.14662

Remember, the more points you survey, the lower your Standard Error, and the more precise your sampling will be. More points surveyed provide for a better estimation of Land Cover across your study area.

Save Your Data

Save Data Save Early. Save Often. Don't lose your project data!

i-Tree Canopy Cover Report



Cover Class	Description	Abbr.	% Cover
Tree	tree, non-shrub	T	34.3 \pm 5.80
Grass	herbaceous ground cover	Gr	8.96 \pm 3.66
Impervious	artificial surfaces	Imp	44.8 \pm 6.08
Bare Ground	soil or barren	BG	7.46 \pm 3.34
Shrub/Scrub	non tree woody land cover	SS	0.00 \pm 0.00
Agriculture	crops, pasture, hay	Ag	0.00 \pm 0.00
Water	lakes, streams	W	4.48 \pm 2.59
Other	other land cover	O	0.00 \pm 0.00

About i-Tree Canopy

The concept and prototype of this program were developed by David J. Nowak, Jeffery T. Walton and Eric J. Greenfield (USDA Forest Service). The current version of this program was developed and adapted to i-Tree by David Ellingsworth, Mike Binkley, and Scott Maco (The Davey Tree Expert Company).

Limitations of i-Tree Canopy

The accuracy of the analysis depends upon the ability of the user to correctly classify each point into its correct class. As the number of points increase, the precision of the estimate will increase as the standard error of the estimate will decrease. If too few points are classified, the standard error will be too high to have any real certainty of the estimate.

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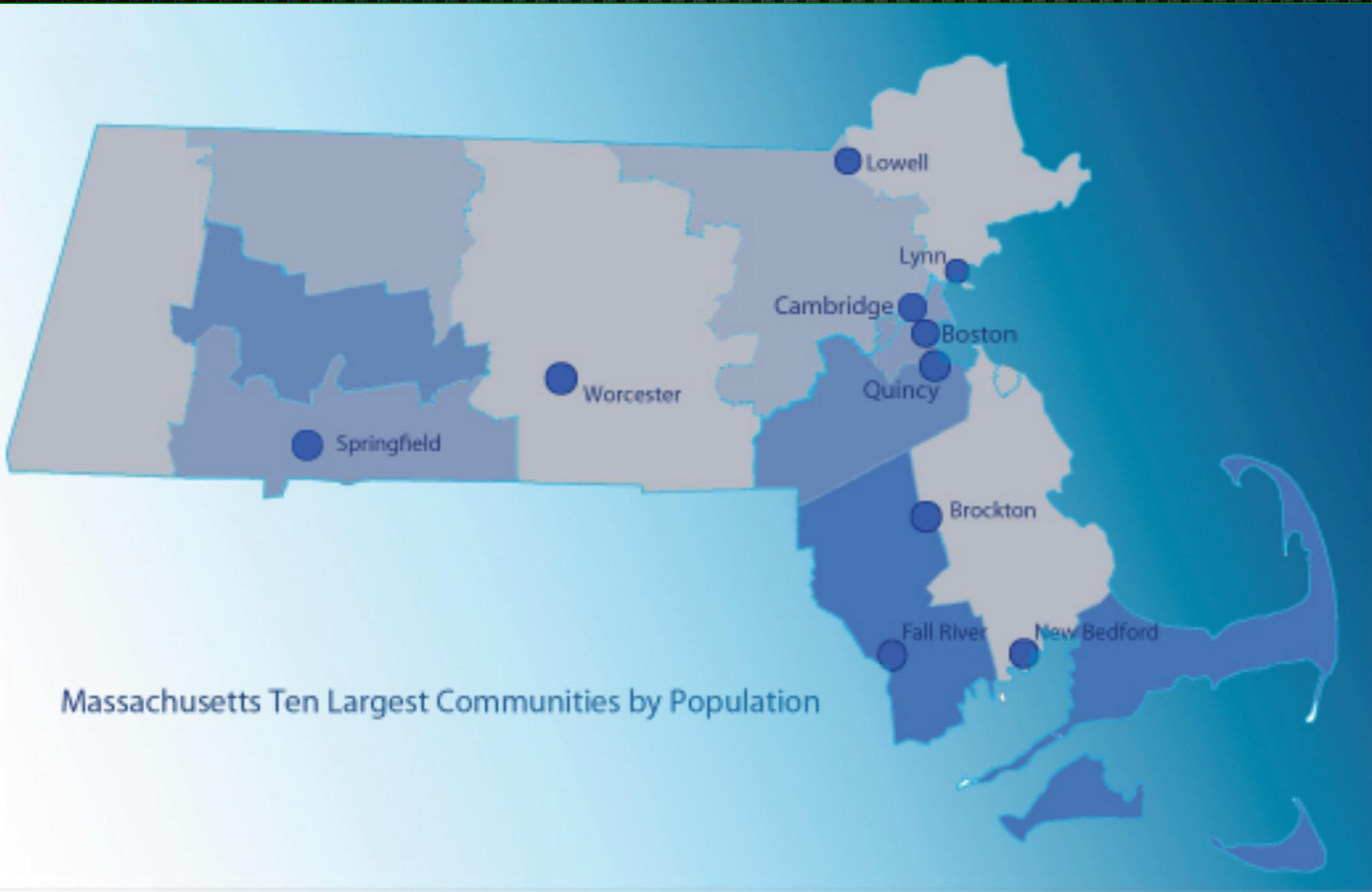
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Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) Assessment for Massachusetts 10 Largest Communities

September 2014





Tree Canopy Cover 34%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 2.08
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 3984187.41

Tree Canopy Cover 31%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 4.59
Tree Canopy Cover Value
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Tree Canopy Cover 40.5%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 4.58
Tree Canopy Cover Value
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Tree Canopy Cover 27.9%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 13.9
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 26,587,698.27

Tree Canopy Cover 43.1%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 7.21
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 13837228.31

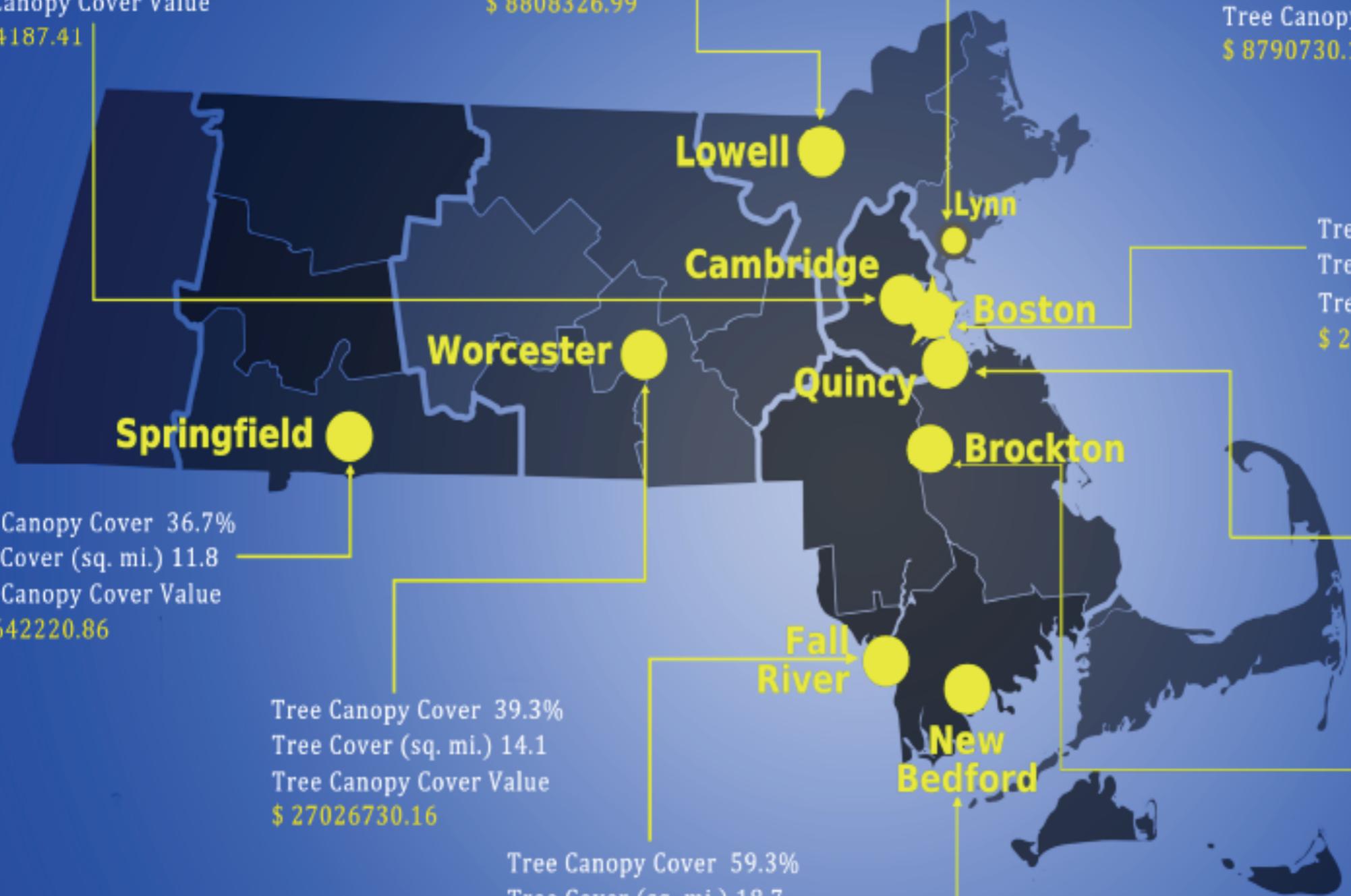
Tree Canopy Cover 36.7%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 11.8
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 22642220.86

Tree Canopy Cover 39.3%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 14.1
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 27026730.16

Tree Canopy Cover 59.3%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 18.7
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 35983596.36

Tree Canopy Cover 32.8%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 6.58
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 12,623,87.04

Tree Canopy Cover 45.9%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 9.88
Tree Canopy Cover Value
\$ 18965875.33



Springfield

Lowell

Lynn

Cambridge

Boston

Worcester

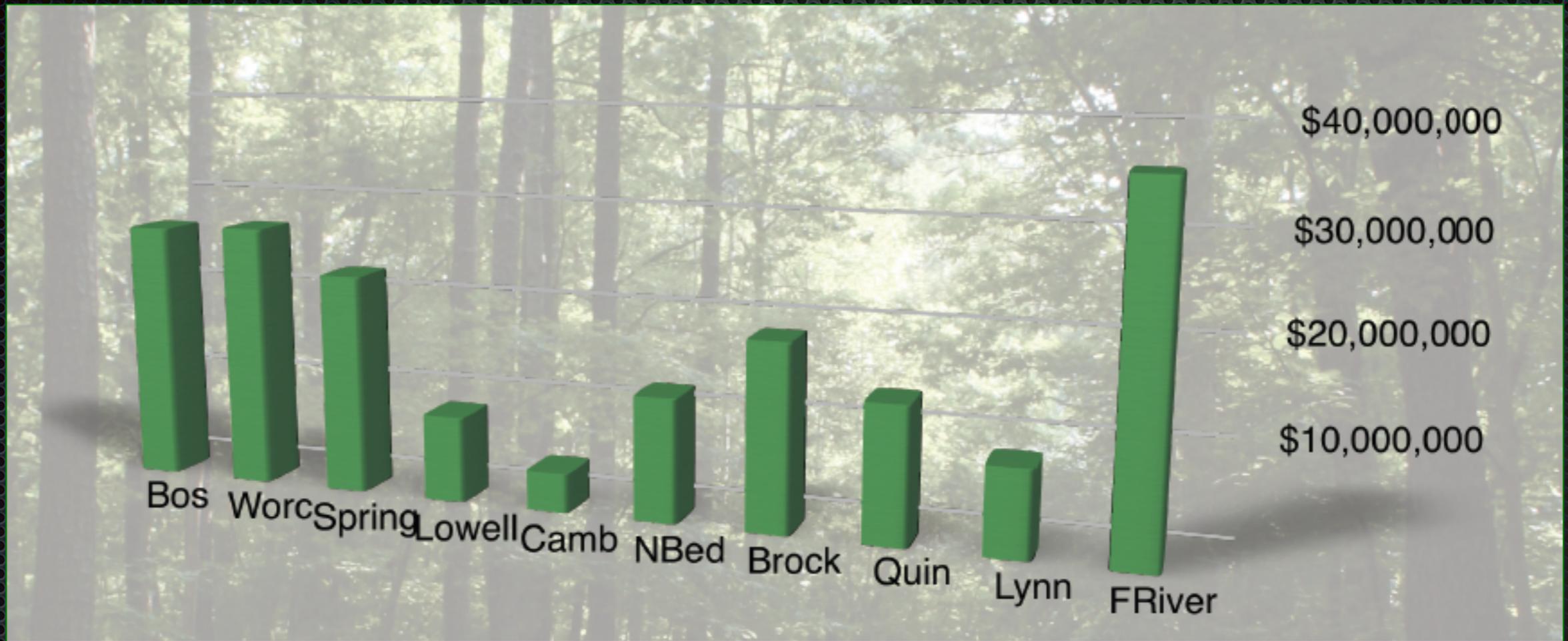
Quincy

Brockton

Fall River

New Bedford

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	Quincy	43.1	7.21
9	Lynn	40.5	4.58
10	Fall River	59.3	18.7



Boston Urban Forest Canopy Assessment

Tree Benefit Estimates

Abbr.	Benefit Description	Value	±SE	Amount	±SE
CO	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
O3	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
CO2stor	Carbon Dioxide stored in trees (Note: this benefit is not an annual rate)	\$25,626,188.94	±1,457,385.70	1,323,438.65 T	±75,265.21

i-Tree Canopy Annual Tree Benefit Estimates based on these values in lbs/acre/yr and \$/T/yr: CO 0.902 @ \$85.08 | NO2 4.917 @ \$26.86 | O3 48.968 @ \$140.47 | PM2.5 2.379 @ \$5,975.67 | SO2 3.098 @ \$7.45 | PM10 16.403 @ \$304.43 | CO2seq 9,807.385 @ \$19.43 | CO2stor is a total biomass amount of 297,489.961 @ \$19.43*

Note: Standard errors of removal amounts and benefits were calculated based on standard errors of sampled and classified points.

About i-Tree Canopy

The concept and prototype of this program were developed by David J. Nowak, Jeffery T. Walton and Eric J. Greenfield (USDA Forest Service). The current version of this program was developed and adapted to i-Tree by David Ellingsworth, Mike Binkley, and Scott Maco (The Davey Tree Expert Company).

Limitations of i-Tree Canopy

The accuracy of the analysis depends upon the ability of the user to correctly classify each point into its correct class. As the number of points increase, the precision of the estimate will increase as the standard error of the estimate will decrease. If too few points are classified, the standard error will be too high to have any real certainty of the estimate.

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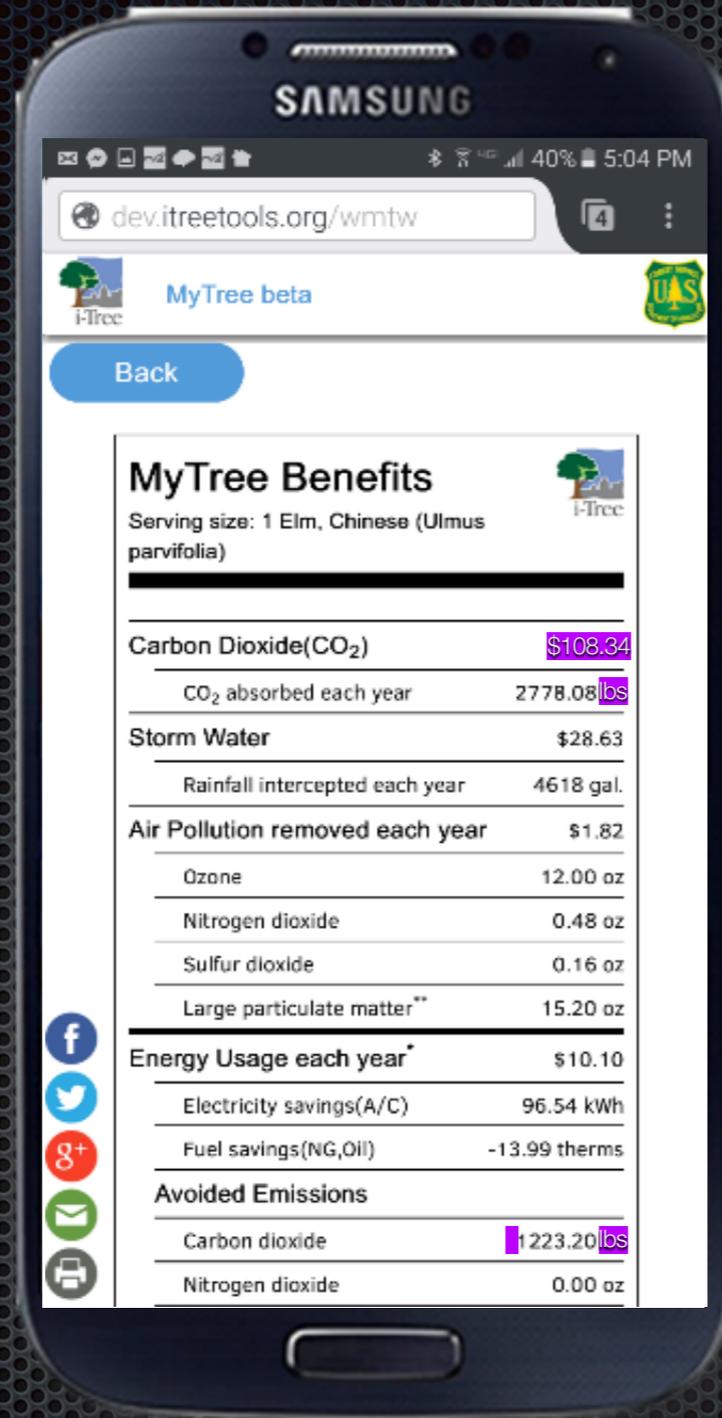


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Impervious Surfaces	IS	373	46.6 ±1.76
Other	O	83	10.4 ±1.08

MyTree





i-Tree on the go...

for individual or multiple trees!



Tree Facts

Serving Size: 14 in DBH (35.6 cm)
 Species: Pin Oak, *Quercus palustris*

Amount Per Serving	
Carbon sequestered 259 lbs	avoided 257 lbs
<small>% Annual Value*</small>	
Total Carbon 537 lbs	
O3 \$1.96	
VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) \$0.93	
NO2 (Deposited) \$0.85	
NO2 (Avoided) \$3.36	
SO2 (Deposited) \$0.25	
SO2 (Avoided) \$1.40	
PM10 (Deposited) \$1.77	
PM10 (Avoided) \$0.39	
Conserved Kilowatt/hours 96 kWh	
Reduced oil/natural gas consumption 28 therm(s)	
Stormwater intercepted 1,527 gallons	
Property value increase \$103.00	Natural Gas \$39.93
Stormwater \$12.21	Electricity \$12.92

*It should be noted that trees themselves emit biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) which can contribute to ground-level ozone production. This may negate the positive impact the tree has on ozone mitigation for some high emitting species (e.g. Willow Oak or Sweetgum). However, the sum total of the tree's environmental benefits always trumps this negative.

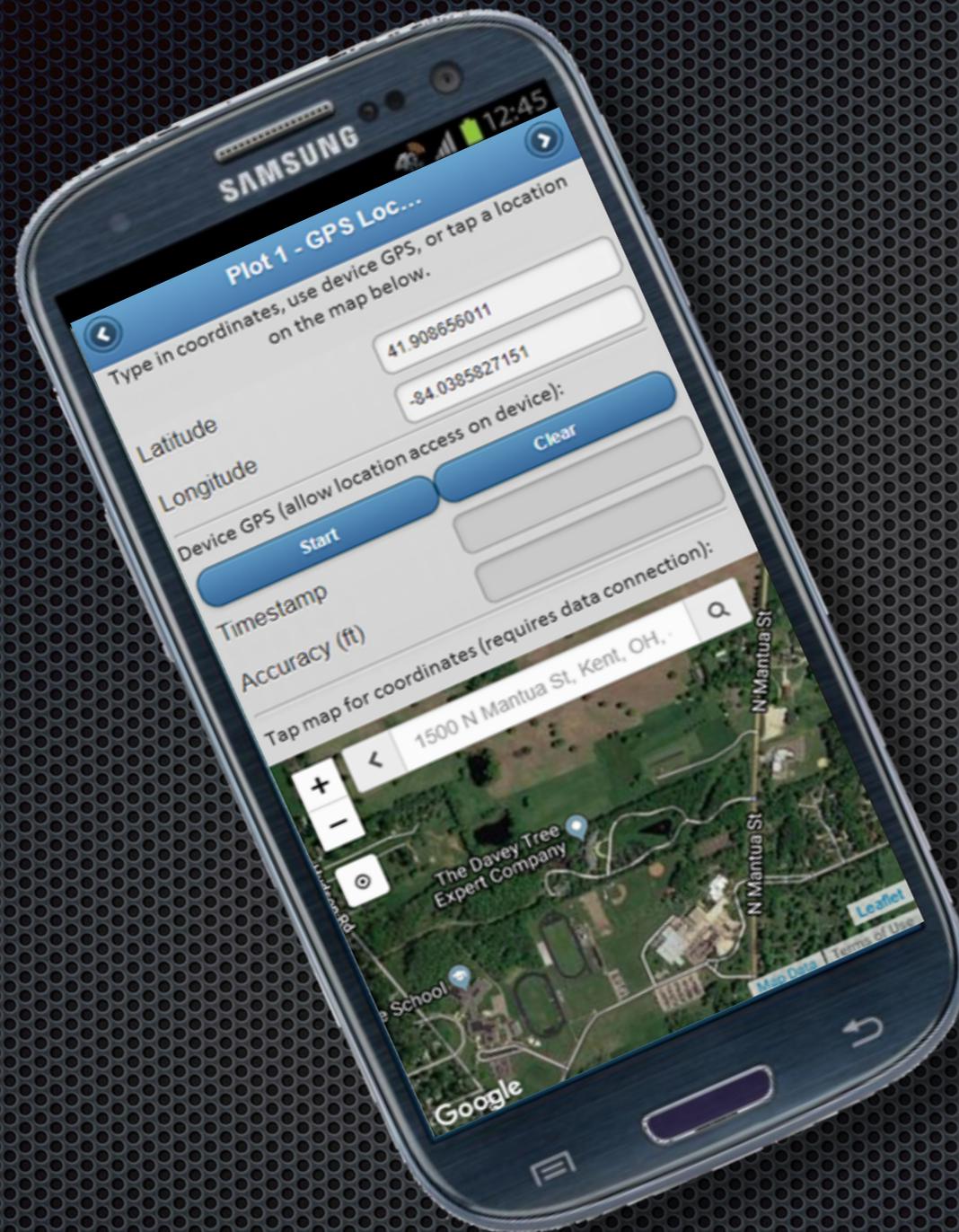
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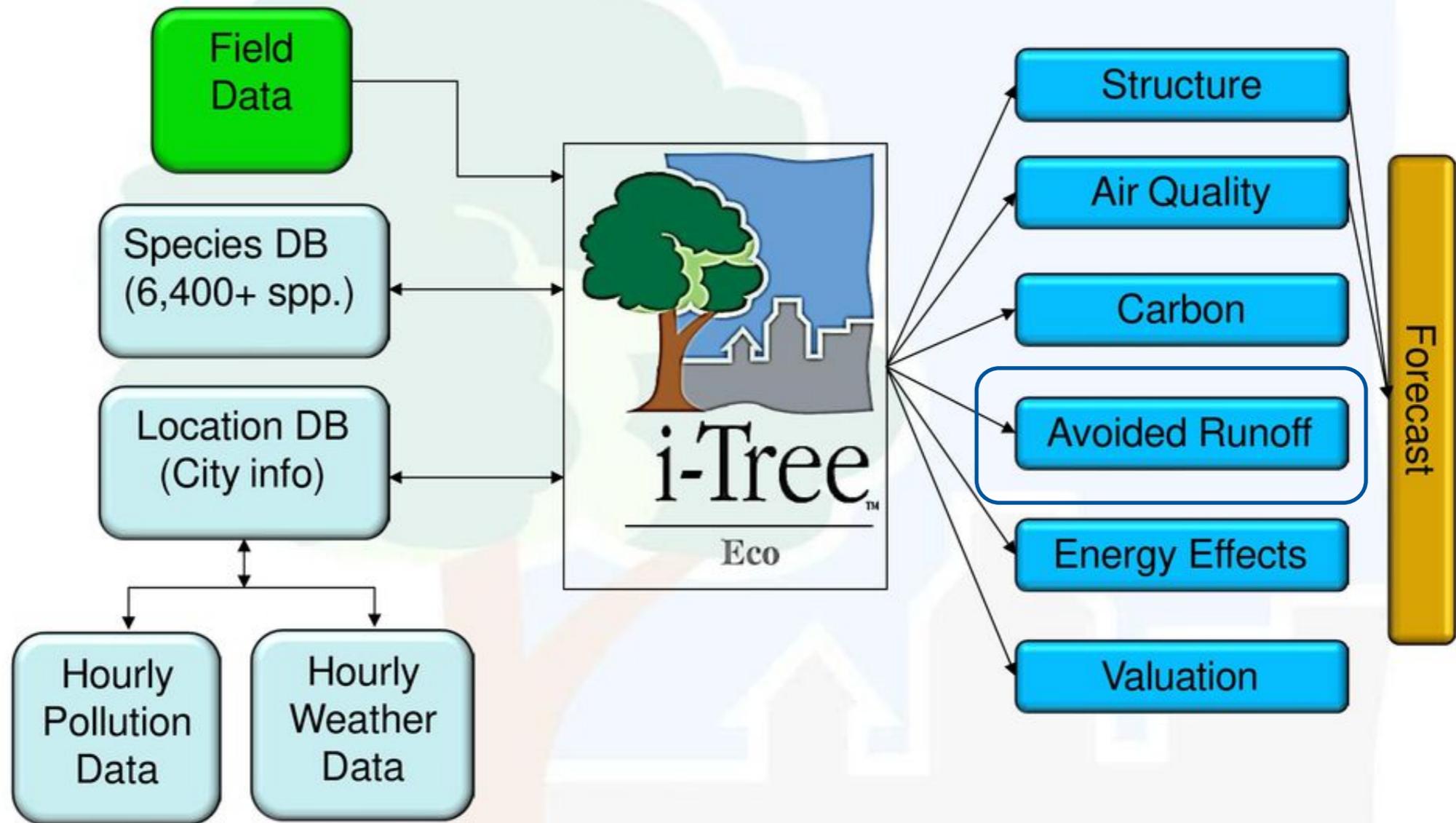


Flagship tool with best estimates for Composition and Benefits.

- User interface & Help text
- Reporting
- Tree inventory import
- Mobile data collector
- Help text

Plot Sampling & Complete Inventories

i-Tree Eco Model Schematic



Project Definition Land Use DBH Class Dieback Project & Strata Area CSV Editing Mode: On

Define Data Fields Export

Help
Go through the other tabs, Project Settings and Data Collection Options, which are available in the Project Definition function. When you are satisfied with the project settings that you have entered, click OK in the top right-hand corner of the action panel.

Notes:

- For help classifying your study area as urban or rural, urban areas are typically defined as areas of high population density, at least 500 people per square mile (193 people per square kilometer). For additional urban land definitions, see the U.S. Census Bureau (<https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/ua/uafaq.html>).
- Depending on data availability in the weather year you choose, certain weather stations may not be shown on the map. If there is a weather station that you know you would like to use and it does not appear on the map, you may need to change the weather year that you have selected. Otherwise, the station may not be available because it does not collect the data necessary to run the i-Tree Eco model.
- Weather data quality is categorized as either Good, Fair, or Poor based on the number of missing hourly weather data. All required weather variables, excluding precipitation, need to meet the following conditions to be classified as: Good = < 720 (8.2%) hours of missing data; Fair = < 4,380 (50%) hours missing; Poor = < 8,760 (100%) hours missing. Weather stations that are completely missing data for any required variable are excluded from the weather monitor database. Missing weather data are filled in using procedures detailed in the document (https://www.itreetools.org/eco/resources/surface_weather_and_upper_air_preprocess_or_description.pdf).

Project Configuration

Enter project overview

Please select a weather year
Hint: Use the Data Collection Options panel to select a weather year.

Not all cities have weather stations.

Nation: _____
State: _____
Delegation: _____
Place: _____
Is the study area a city? _____
Population: _____

Please specify a weather year: _____

Weather & climate data quality: _____

Please select a weather station: _____

Weather station name: _____

Report Availability

Some reports will be unavailable as indicated in red below. These require Data Collection Options you have not selected.

- Formatted Reports
 - Written Report
 - Composition and Structure
 - Structure Summary
 - By Species
 - By Stratum and Species
 - Population Summary
 - By Species
 - By Stratum
 - By Stratum per Unit Area
 - Public and Private by Stratum
 - Street Trees by Stratum (Unavailable: "Street tree/non-street tree" not checked)
 - Species Distribution
 - By DBH Class (chart)
 - By DBH Class (vertical table)
 - By DBH Class (horizontal table)
 - By DBH Class and Stratum (vertical table)
 - By DBH Class and Stratum (horizontal table)
 - Importance Values
 - By Species
 - Diversity Indices (Unavailable for this project type or location)
 - By Stratum (Unavailable for this project type or location)
 - Species Range
 - Native Status by Stratum
 - Condition
 - By Species
 - By Stratum and Species
 - Leaf Area
 - By Stratum

Click OK to proceed or Cancel to return to Data Collection Options.



i-Tree Eco Assesses:

- Structure
- Function
 - Air quality
 - Carbon
 - Avoided runoff
 - Energy effects
 - Human health impacts

Lake Forest Park:City (2010) - i-Tree Eco

Reports > Formatted Reports > Written Report

Structure Summary by Species
Location: Sandwell, West Midlands, England, United Kingdom
Project: Brunswick Pebbles Grant, Series: Second survey info, Year: 2019
Generated: 17/04/2019

Species	Trees		Leaf Area (ha)		Leaf Biomass (metric ton)		Tree Dry Weight Biomass (metric ton)		Average Condition (%)
	Number	SE	(ha)	SE	(metric ton)	SE	(metric ton)	SE	
London plane	21	±0	0.645	±0.000	0.296	±0.000	107.346	±0.000	94.50
European ash	18	±0	0.344	±0.000	0.366	±0.000	31.031	±0.000	94.50
Horse chestnut	16	±0	0.299	±0.000	0.209	±0.000	58.558	±0.000	94.50
English holly	12	±0	0.059	±0.000	0.078	±0.000	4.816	±0.000	94.50
Indian paper birch	8	±0	0.038	±0.000	0.022	±0.000	5.258	±0.000	94.50
Common ash	8	±0	0.077	±0.000	0.054	±0.000	13.781	±0.000	94.50
Lombardy poplar	8	±0	0.040	±0.000	0.029	±0.000	35.548	±0.000	94.50
Crimson king norway maple	6	±0	0.071	±0.000	0.040	±0.000	5.555	±0.000	94.50
European hornbeam	6	±0	0.085	±0.000	0.051	±0.000	6.659	±0.000	94.50
Carolina poplar	6	±0	0.105	±0.000	0.097	±0.000	24.361	±0.000	94.50
English oak	6	±0	0.104	±0.000	0.069	±0.000	16.583	±0.000	94.50
Smooth-leaf elm	5	±0	0.056	±0.000	0.038	±0.000	6.186	±0.000	94.50
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Golden chain tree	1	±0	0.001	±0.000	0.001	±0.000	1.172	±0.000	94.50
European turkey oak	1	±0	0.011	±0.000	0.011	±0.000	2.088	±0.000	94.50
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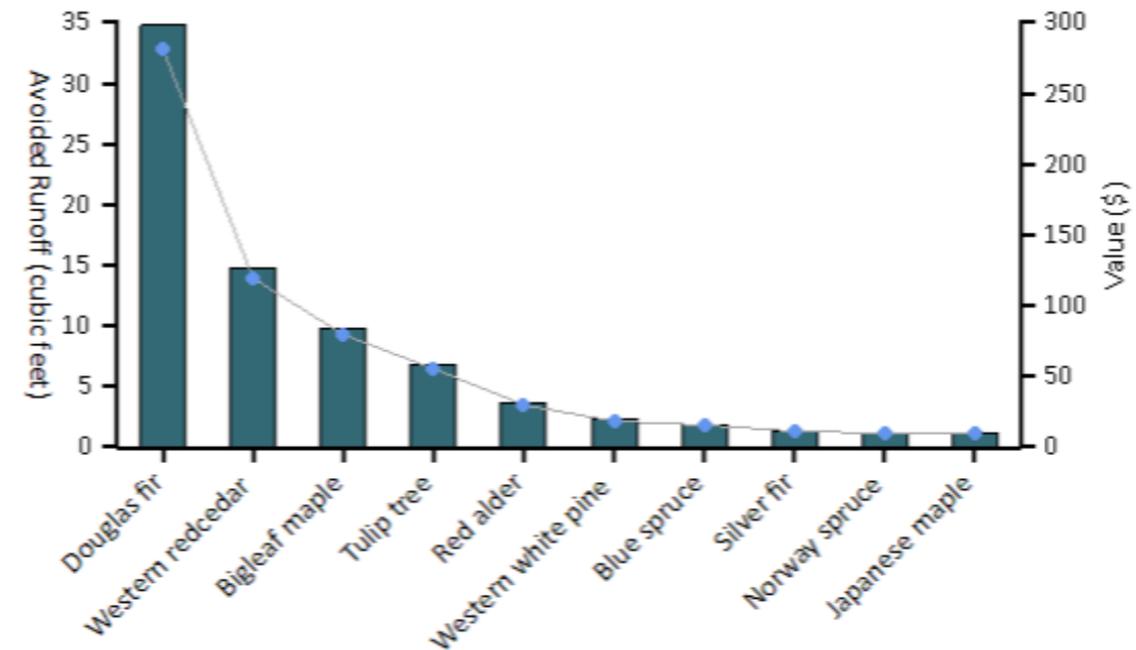
i-Tree Eco Assesses:

- Value (\$)
- Management info
 - Pest risk
 - Tree health
 - Exotic/invasive species

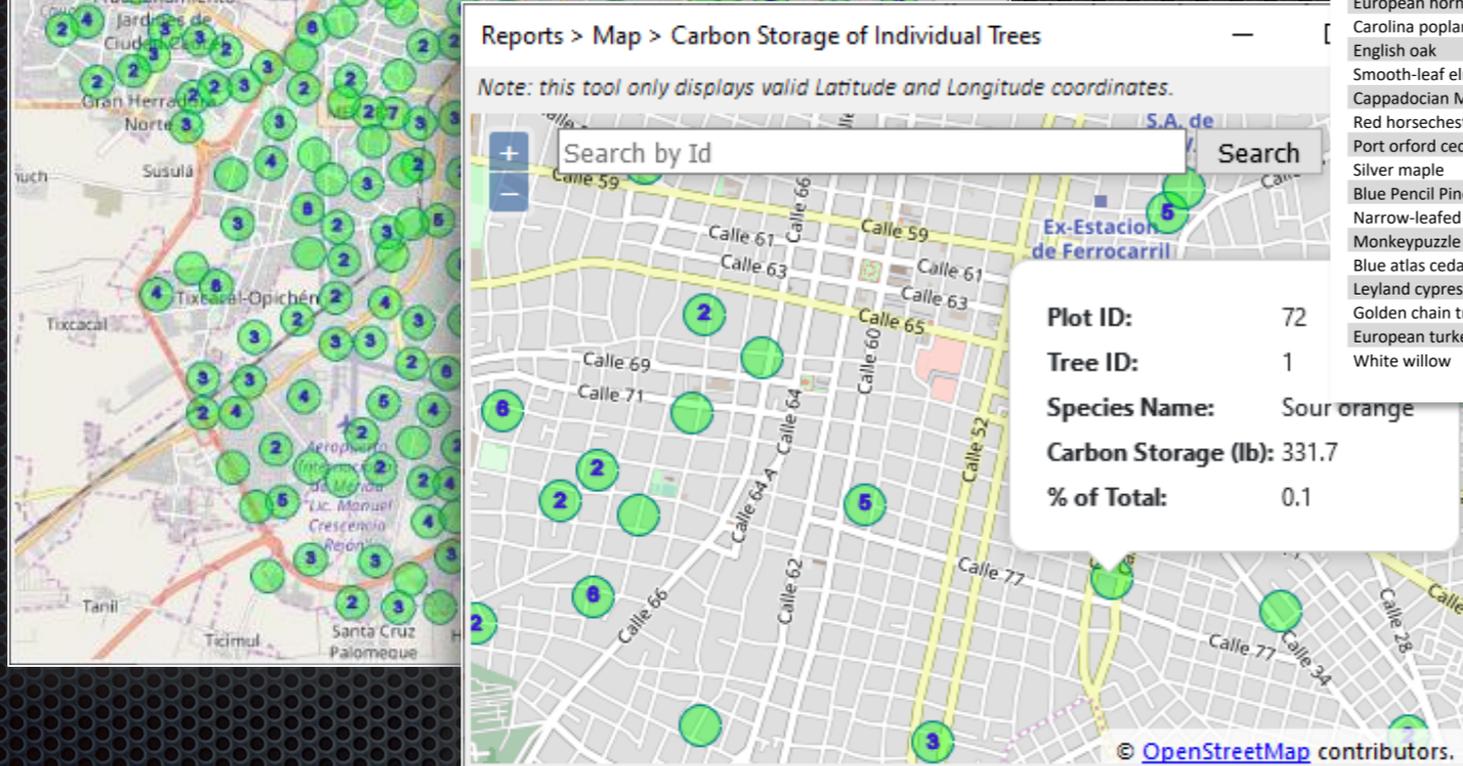
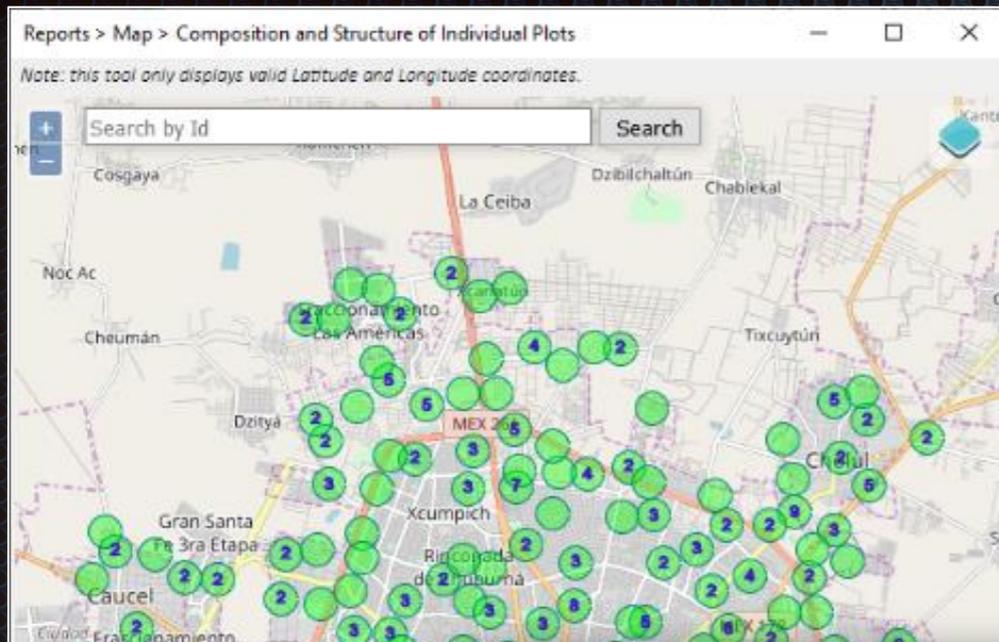
VI. Avoided Runoff

Surface runoff can be a cause for concern in many urban areas as it can contribute pollution to streams, wetlands, rivers, lakes, and oceans. During precipitation events, some portion of the precipitation is intercepted by vegetation (trees and shrubs) while the other portion reaches the ground. The portion of the precipitation that reaches the ground and does not infiltrate into the soil becomes surface runoff (Hirabayashi 2012). In urban areas, the large extent of impervious surfaces increases the amount of surface runoff.

Urban trees, however, are beneficial in reducing surface runoff. Trees intercept precipitation, while their root systems promote infiltration and storage in the soil. The trees of Lake Forest Park help to reduce runoff by an estimated 80,600 cubic meters a year with an associated value of \$81 thousand (see Appendix I for more details).



i-Tree Eco v6



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The Urban Forest of New York City



TECHNICAL REPORT I-TREE URBAN FOREST ASSESSMENT IN SANTO DOMINGO'S COLONIAL CITY



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Impacts and key lessons: The views of stakeholders

Clare Hall, Liz O'Brien, Kathryn Hand, Susanne Raum, 2018



i-Tree Landscape



Environmental Justice and Demographic Analysis





Features

- Cornerstone of the exciting updates and features included in the i-Tree 2018 Suite.
- Builds on the success of tools like i-Tree Design and i-Tree Canopy.
- Sophisticated Forest Service science in an accessible, web-based platform.
- Preloaded with land cover data and US Census demographics.



How does it work

- Users select their areas of interest to begin exploring.
- Create engaging maps and graphs that capture how people and trees interact.
- In less than ten minutes, a user can identify locations of interest and begin to explore the challenges and opportunities facing their urban forest.



Why Landscape Matters

- ***Engaging Visuals*** - Maps convey a wealth of information that is easily understood by target audiences.
- ***Affordability*** - Traditionally, the expertise and cost necessary to create informative maps place them out of reach of many managers.
- ***Adaptable*** - communities of all sizes can create maps and summaries to convey information for more effective management and advocacy efforts.



Quick & Simple

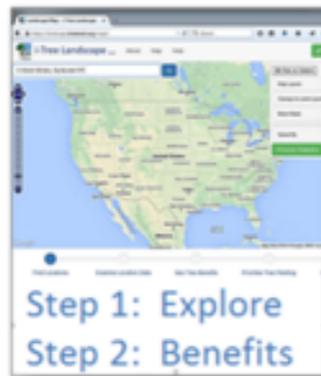
- Landscape is not designed to replace other assessment tools.
- Augments them by quickly showing where the tree canopy is.
- Estimates the services trees provide.
- Prioritize stewardship efforts based on US Census demographic data.



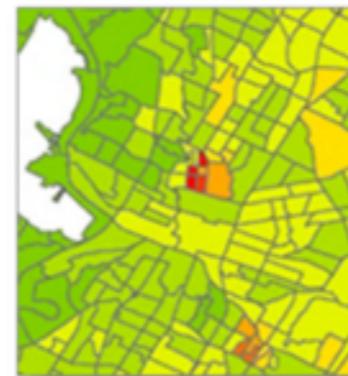
“All Lands” Approach

- Allows for planning that extends beyond public spaces and truly encompasses all lands including urban and rural forests.
- Includes backyards, commercial and corporate campuses, and other private ownerships falling outside typical public tree management.
- This supports an “all lands” approach to capturing the services trees provide regardless of where they have their roots.

The Process



Ozone	
\$	g/m ² /yr
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PM2.5	
\$	g/m ² /yr
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Find Locations



Explore Location Data



See Tree Benefits



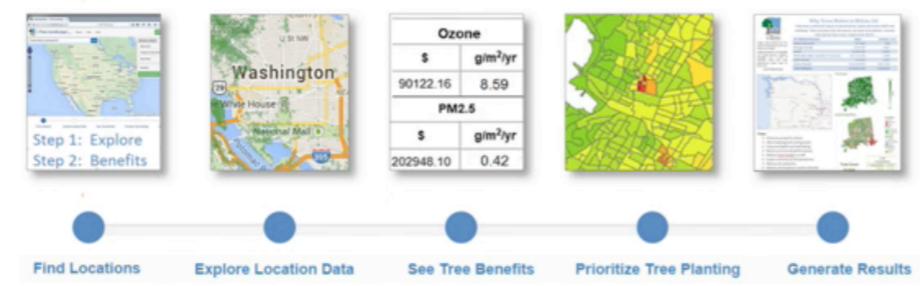
Prioritize Tree Planting



Generate Results

Welcome to i-Tree Landscape! v1.2 beta

Offering more than just beauty and shade, trees provide intangible benefits, such as removal of atmospheric carbon dioxide and pollution, stormwater reduction, temperature modification, and more. i-Tree Landscape allows you to explore tree canopy, land cover, and basic demographic information in a location of your choosing. With the information provided by i-Tree Landscape, you will learn about the benefits of trees in your selected location, see how planting trees will increase the benefits provided, and map the areas where you decide to prioritize your tree planting efforts.



[Get Started](#)

By removing carbon dioxide, trees help mitigate climate change. The shade provided by urban tree canopies can also help minimize the urban heat island effect. In addition, trees intercept stormwater, which can reduce flooding and improve water quality, and reduce air pollution, such as ozone, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and fine particulate matter. Reduction of air pollution has proven benefits to human health - trees truly can enhance our lives! Click [Get Started](#) to begin an i-Tree Landscape project now.

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i-Tree: a suite of software tools to assess urban vegetation and their ecosystem services and values



Examining the Structure, Function and Value of Urban Forests: Using i-Tree as a Tool for Analysis and Action



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