POLICY

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ENHANCE CURRENT TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Change the Definition of Significant Trees

Today, only trees greater than 8" dbh require mitigation and only when part of new development projects.

Create an "Exceptional Tree" category

The addition of an "Exceptional Tree" category in the City's Tree Protection Ordinance would allow for a more stringent set of protections than those currently applied to Significant Trees in order to protect the city's most valuable trees.

- Change Mitigation Requirements
- Enhance the Role of the Committee on Public Planting

Provide the Public Planting Committee with resources to extend the discussion of subjects raised by the UFMP, including

- interpreting recommendations
- updating analysis based on current research
- reviewing pilot projects
- reviewing progress toward targets

Expand Tree Protections to Private Property

Many cities locally and across the country have expanded the jurisdiction of local governments through tree protection ordinances by requiring a removal permit for all trees, regardless of whether they are on public or private property. Circumstances under which the city approves a tree removal permit vary in stringency but could range from approving every request to prohibiting removal of any healthy tree. However, the success of this approach has not been well established.

• Earmark Tree Replacement Fund dollars for Community Grants

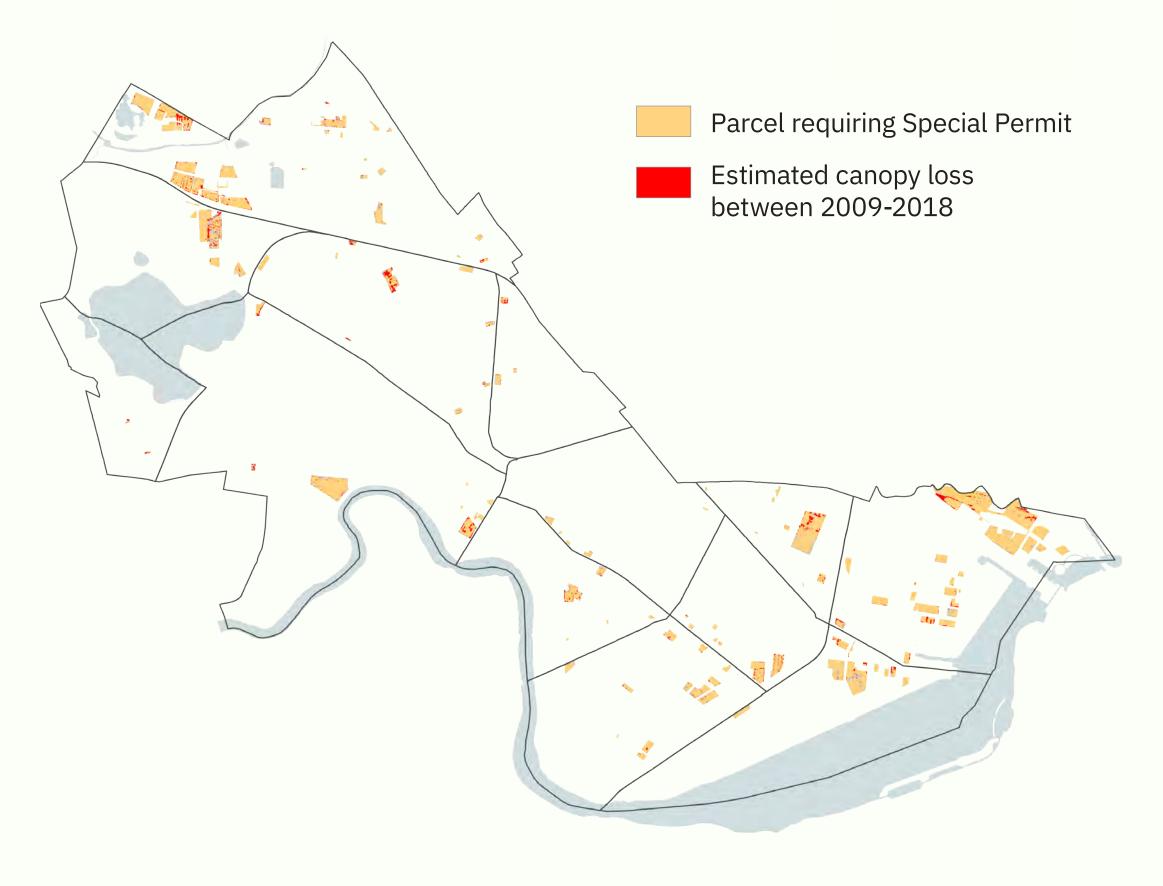
The city could earmark some of the funds in the Tree Replacement Fund for community-based grant making that could help fund operations to encourage planting on private property.

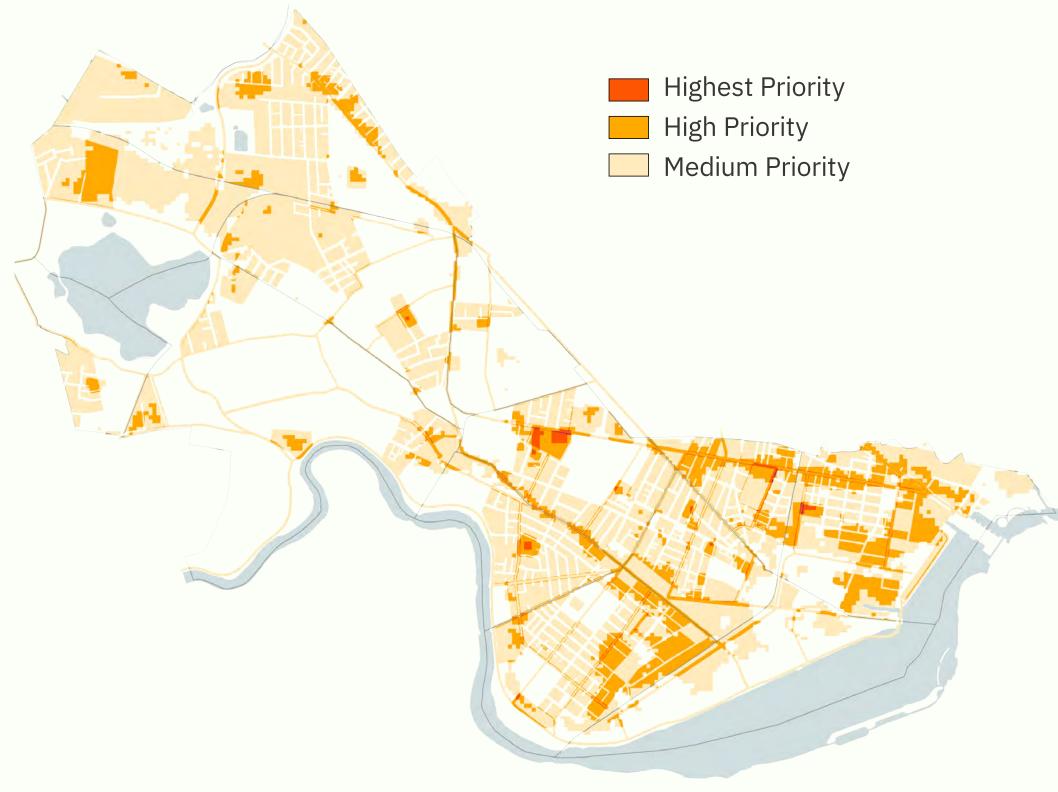
FORMALIZE CITY PRACTICES

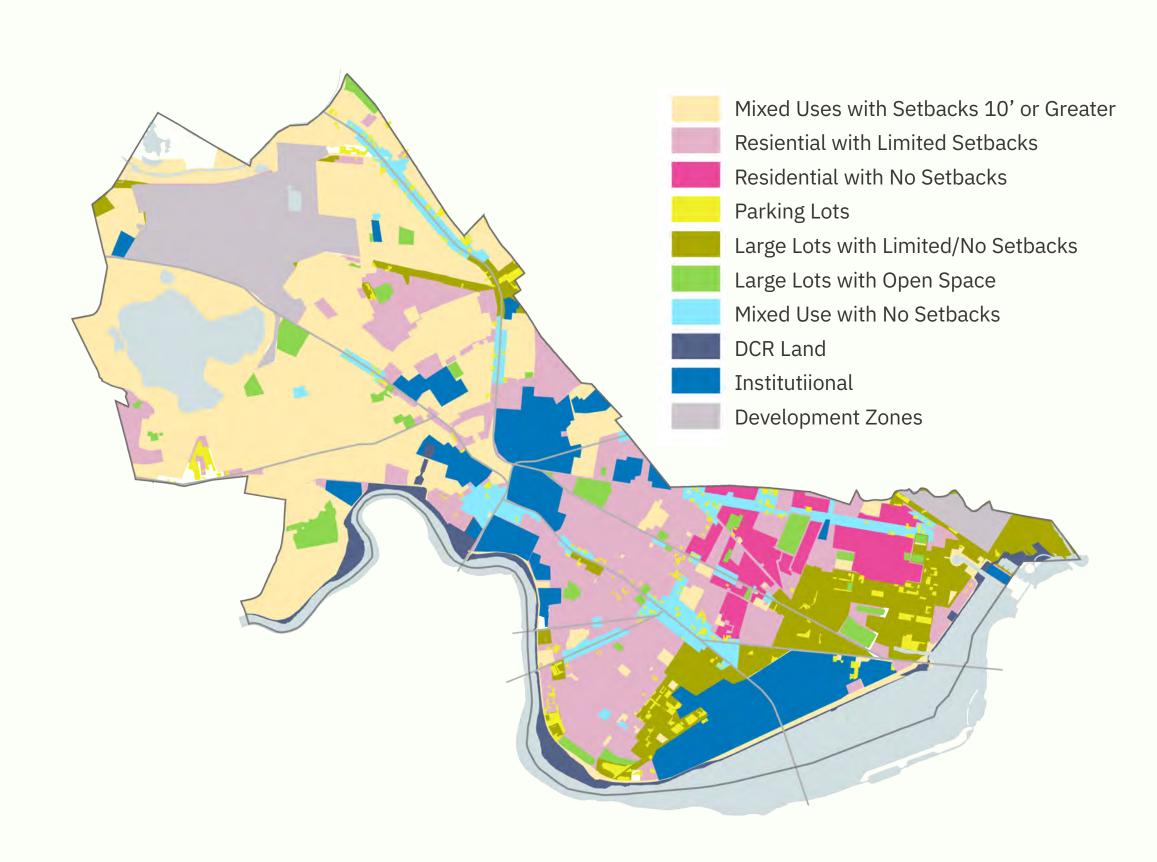
- Align Planting Priorities by City's Commitment To Equity
- Increase Oversight to Ensure Compliance
 - Currently, there is limited City oversight to ensure compliance. The Tree Protection Ordinance does not currently define standards for tree protection during construction.
 - Require increased offset from tree dripline to protect tree roots
 - Require periodic review per an order of conditions to improve tree protection measures (fencing, watering) during construction
 - Require city arborist/city engineer inspection
 prior to obtaining Certificate of Occupancy

INTEGRATE CANOPY VALUES INTO PLANNING AND ZONING

- Broaden and Align Zoning Requirements
 - Establish canopy coverage requirements
 - Increase ratios for trees to parking spaces and/or dwelling units
 - Increase setback and open space requirements in priority areas
 - Establish flexible landscape mandate like Green Factor or Green Area Ratio
 - Resilient Task Force zoning opportunity







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MONITOR

- —Increase tree assessments
- Expand pest monitoring
- Expand Cartegraph tracking to monitor success of practices

REMEDIATE

- -Manage soils
 - Liquid biological amendments
 - Decompaction/Aeration
- —Treat private trees during severe pest outbreaks (EAB)

PLANT

- -Enhance soil specs
- —Ensure proper drainage
- Plant bare root trees

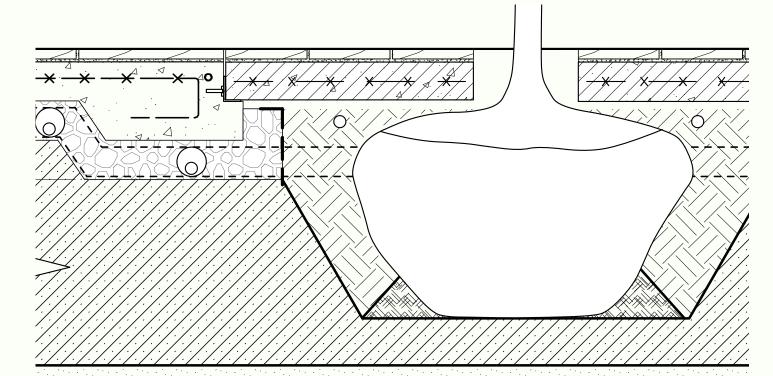
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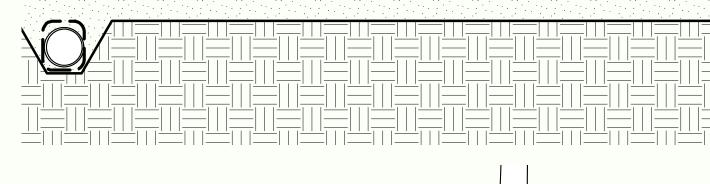
- -Formalize a City-wide management plan
- -Manage soils
 - Mulching
 - Liquid biological amendments
- —Structural pruning for young trees
- —Expand watering program

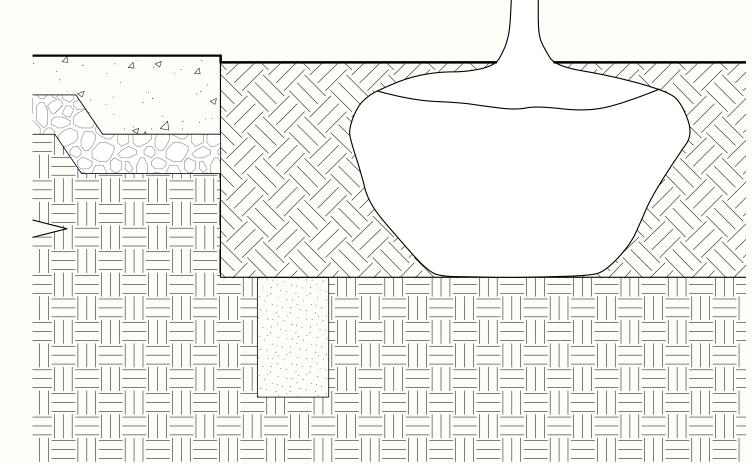
ENHANCE SOIL SPECS



ENSURE PROPER DRAINAGE

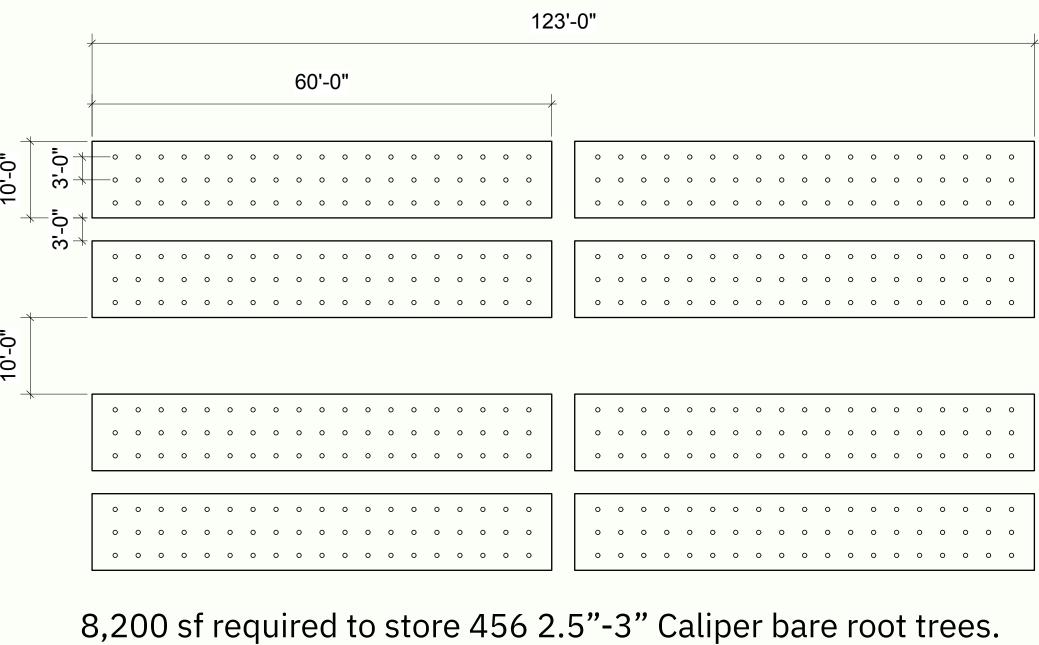






PLANT BARE ROOT TREES

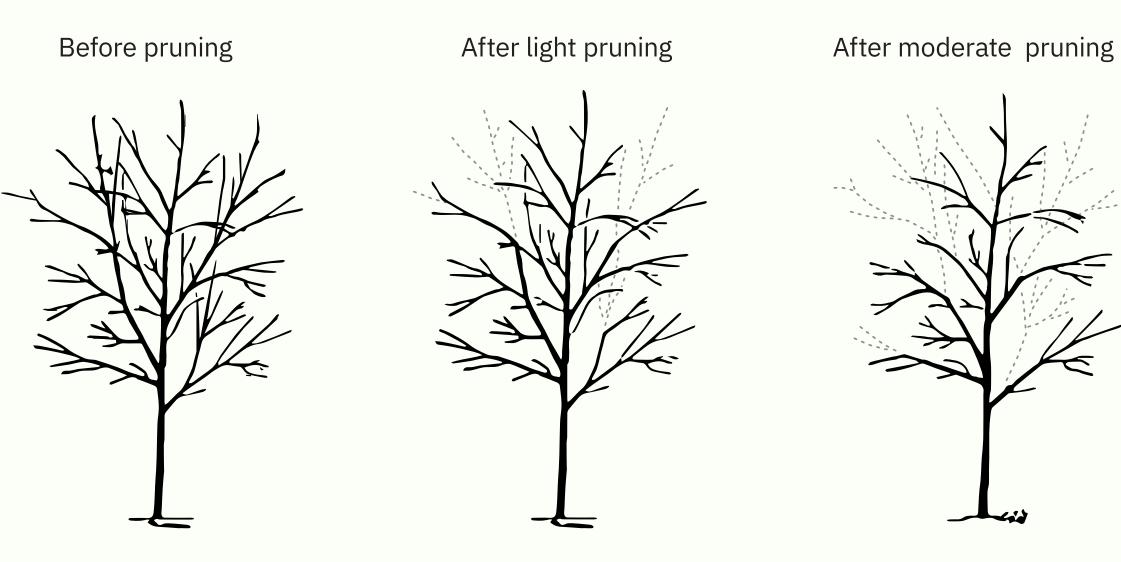




MANAGE SOILS

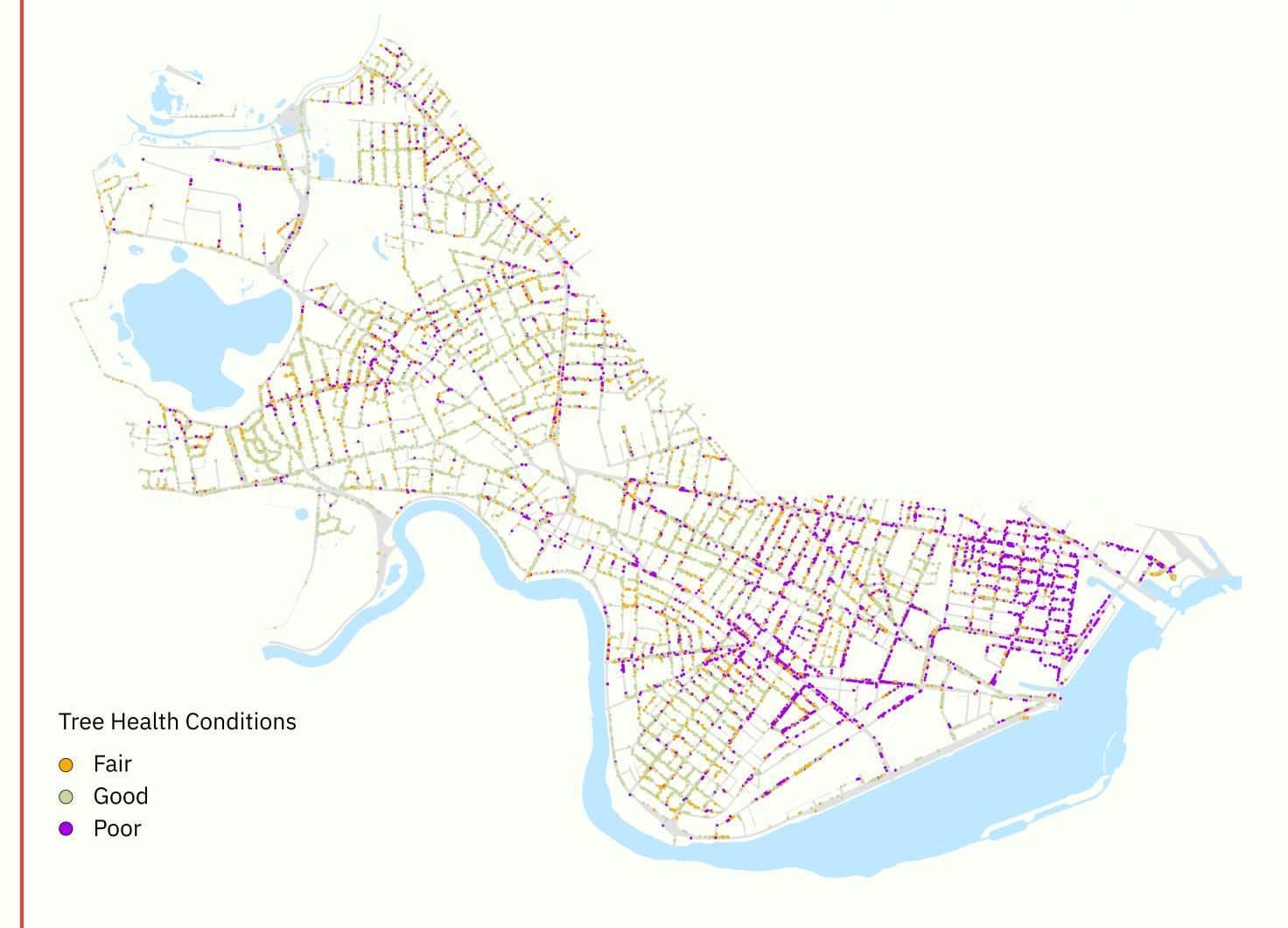


PRUNE YOUNG TREES FOR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY



Graphic from "Structural Pruning of Shade Trees," Gilman and Eisner

MONITOR THE TREES



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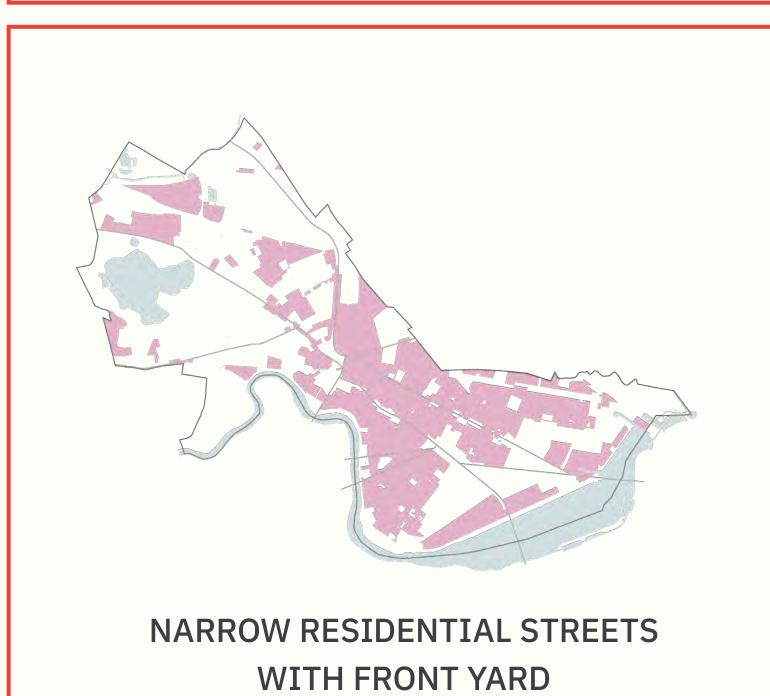


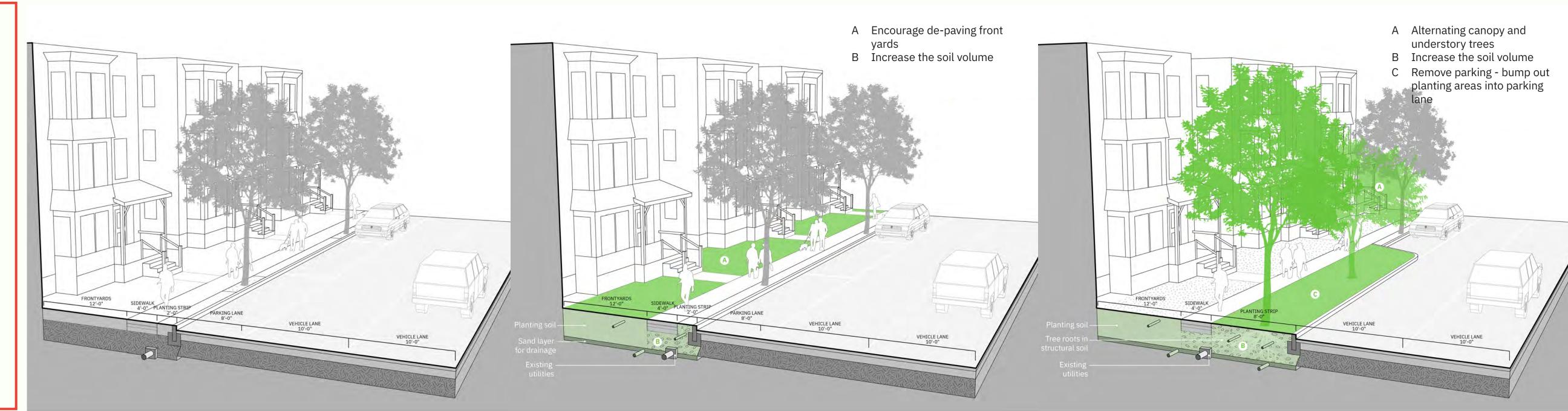


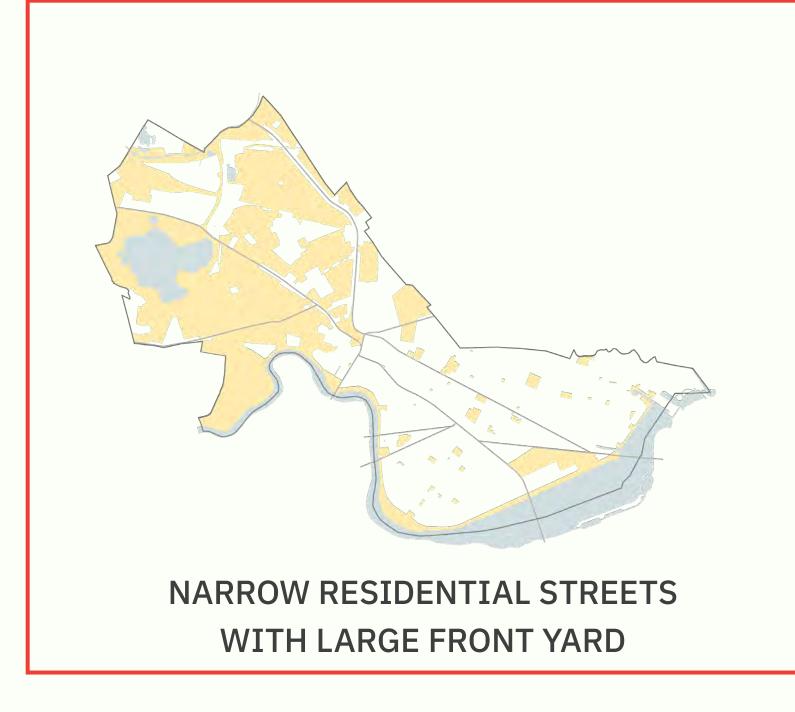














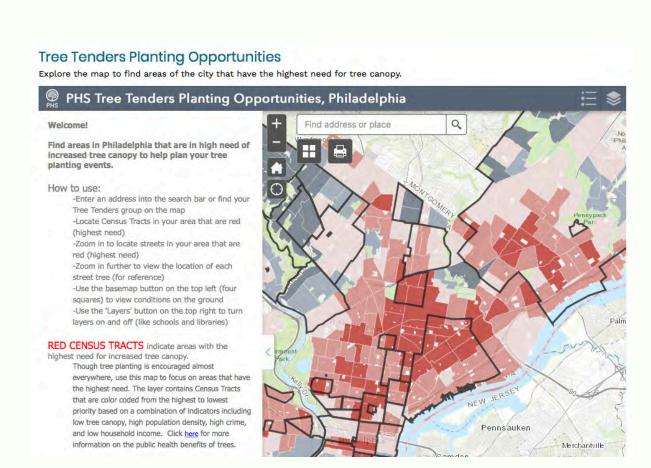


OUTREACH

Empower existing NGOs to plant and maintain more trees, including on private property.

- Hands-on tree care training, covering biology, identification, planting and proper care
- Tree Planting Opportunities Map for tree planting events
- Book Club
- Video Library





TREE TENDERS (PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

Support community employment and involvement in tree planting and constructing bioswales.

- Community Greenspace provides material supplies, technical advice, and clasroom-based and hands-on training to support resident-driven community greening projects.
- GreenSkills is a local green jobs program that employs high school students and adults with employment barriers through the planting of trees.
- Green Infrastructure, a partnership with the City of New Haven to construct bioswales.







YALE URBAN RESOURCES INITIATIVE

Build capacity of existing NGOs through partnerships with national organizations.

- Nonprofit organizations, urban forest councils, municipalities and individuals can join the alliance.
- Offering education & training to its members and providing online tree planting and care resources.







Educate city staff, institutions, and other grounds managers on the value of trees and how to be stewards of them.

- Employee education programs
- Supporting arboriculture and urban forestry education





Continuing Education at Davey

Davey Establishes Educational Endowment for TREE Fund

DAVEY TREE

Educate the public on the value of trees and how to be stewards of them.

Green City Teachers

a training program that enables educators to start school gardens

ABROR DAY FOUNDATION — ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY NETWORK

Garden Tenders

a training program for starting community gardens on vacant lots, in parks, around schools and churches etc.

City Harvest

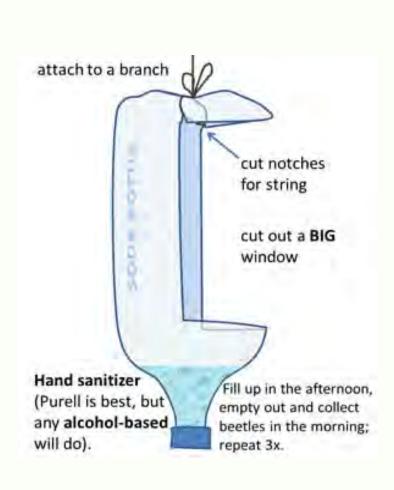
thousands of seedlings are started at neighborhood-based greenhouses by nonprofit partners as well as by inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System at a prison greenhouse through a training program.

PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Educate the public on pests.

Citizen science project helps to protect the forest and tree species





BACKYARD BARK BEETLE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Train citizens to survey trees in the city and for diagnosis and management of diseases.

Diagnosis and management include

- knowing the hosts and symptoms,
- best management practices,
- treatments and restoration options,
- sanitation measures to reduce the risk of spreading pathogen
- regulations
- response plans





Create a program that prevents the spread of pests from imported wood pellets.





Asian long-horned beetle

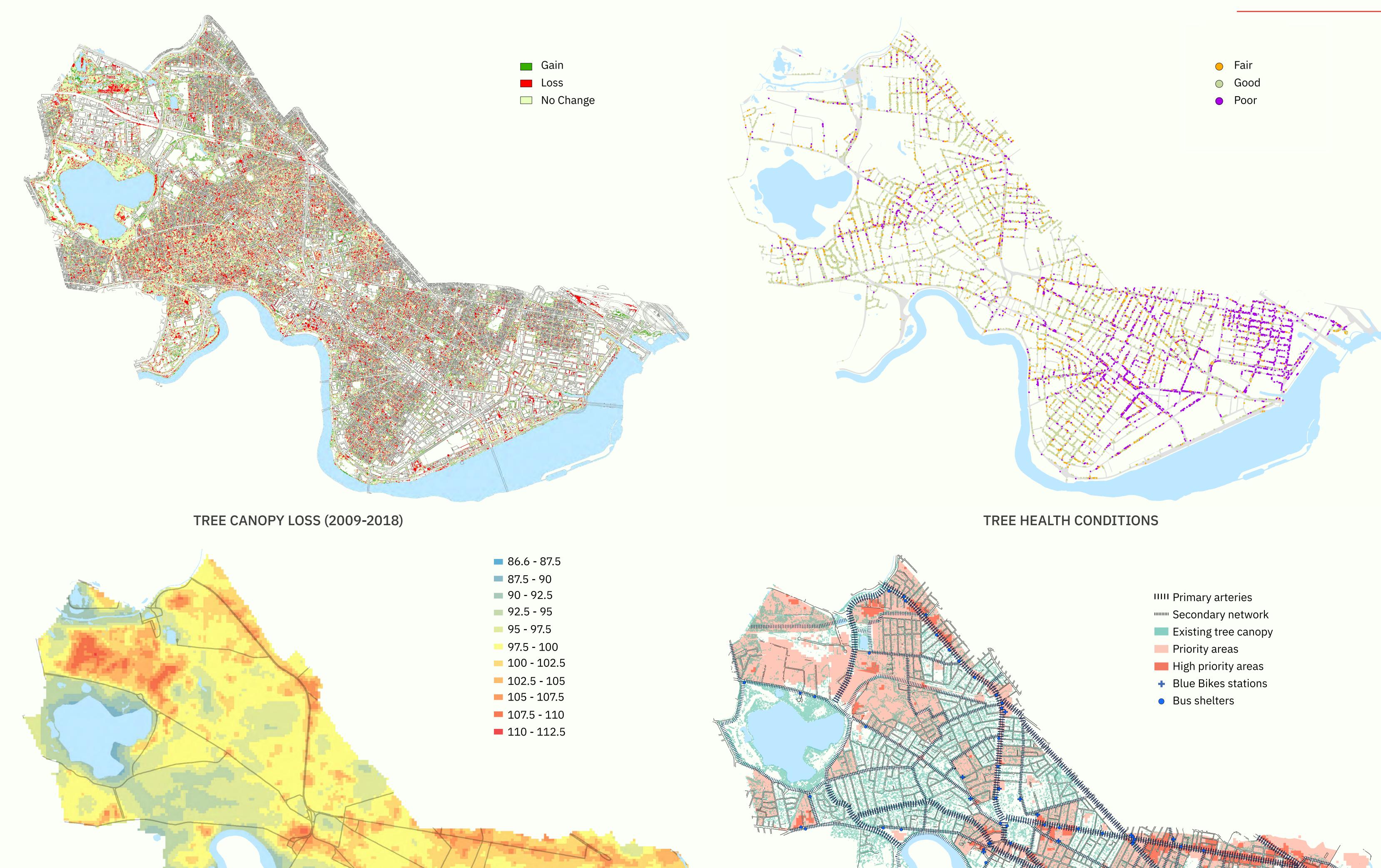
Wood pellets

SUDDEN OAK DEATH (SOD BLITZ)

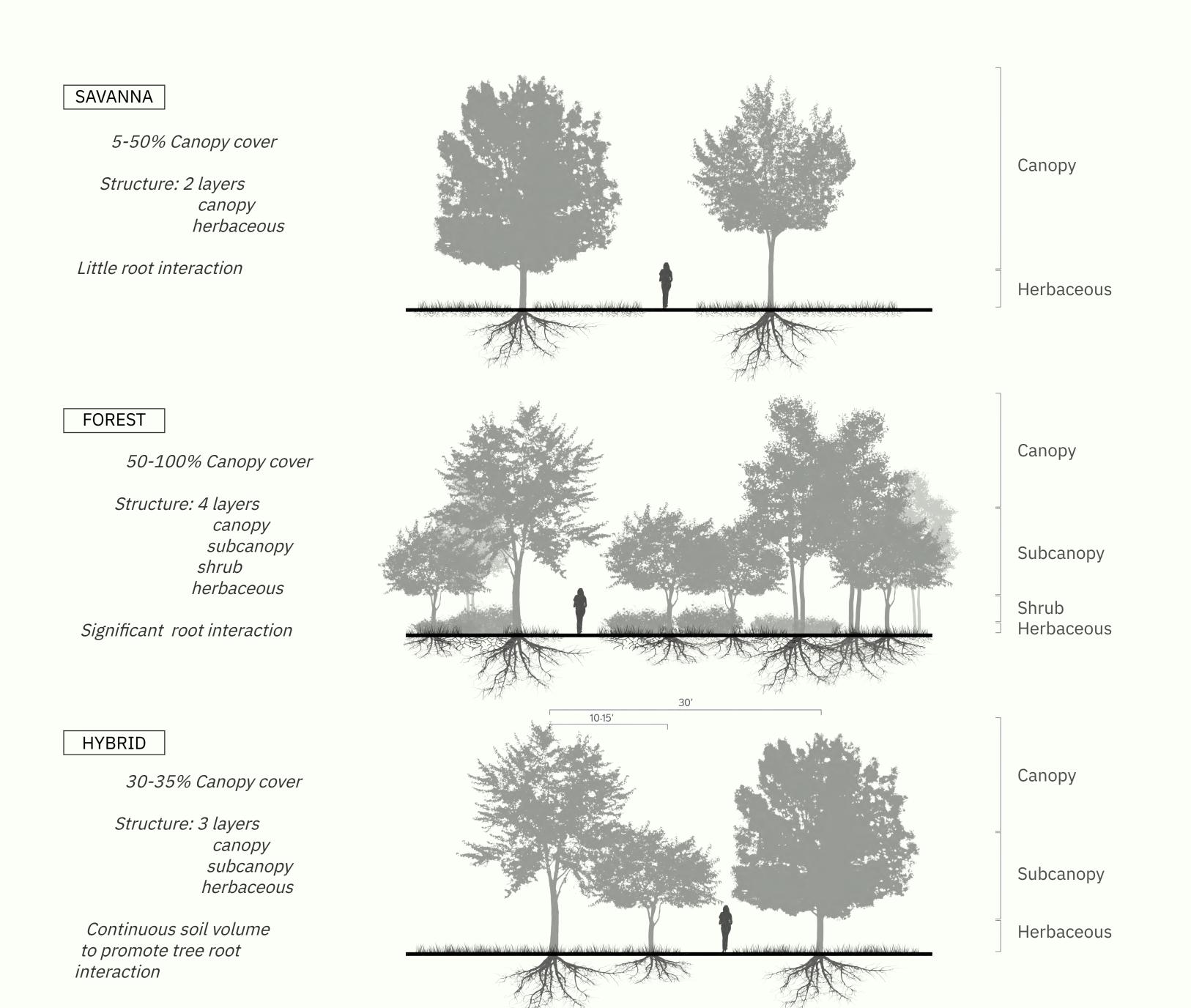
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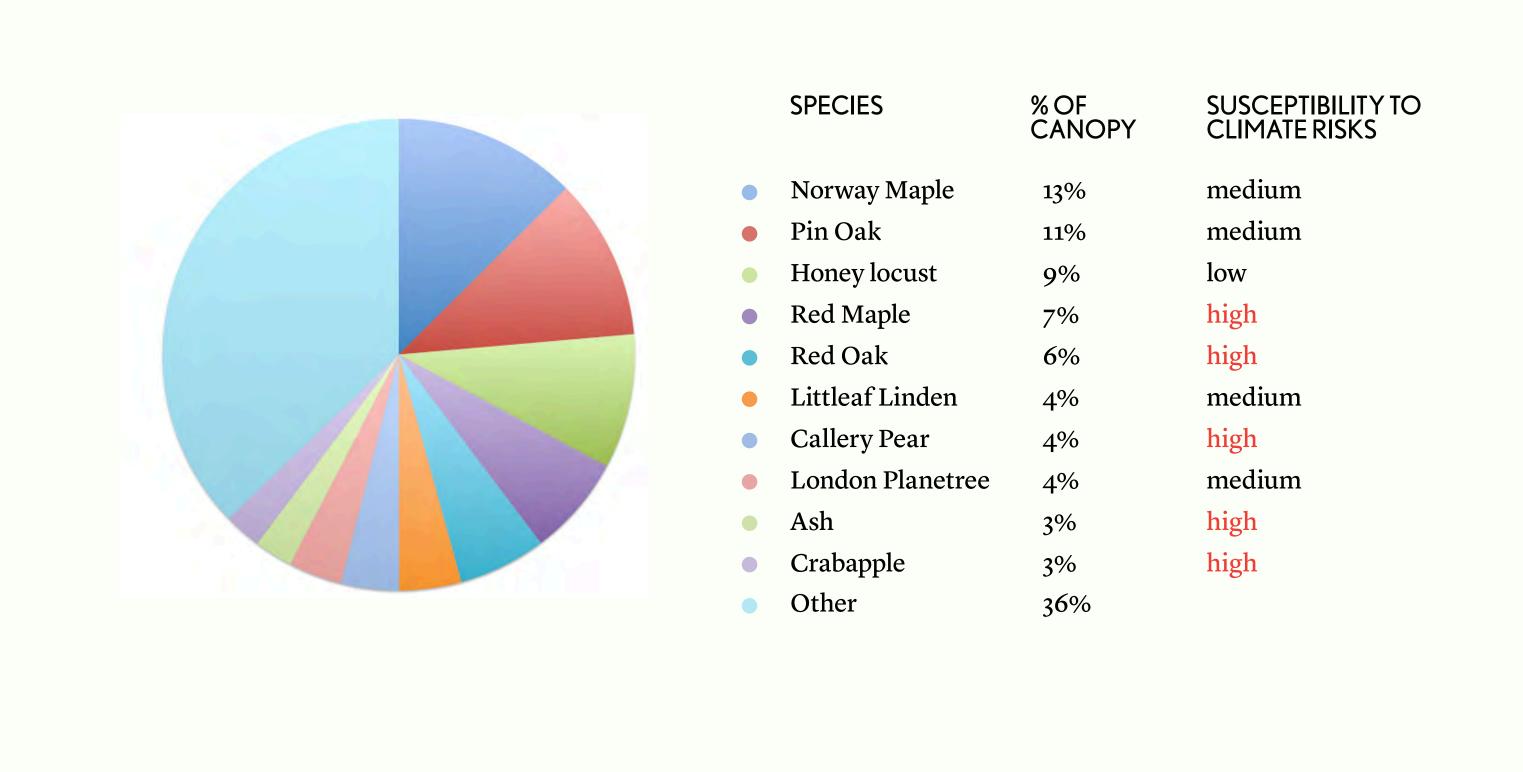
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HEAT ISLAND ESTIMATED AMBIENT AIR TEMPERATURE ON A 100°F DAY IN 2070 Source: CCVA 2070 Urban Heat Island





TREE CANOPY AND COOL CORRIDORS

PLANT COMMUNITIES SPECIES DISTRIBUTION