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Today's Session



- Urban Forests in Context
- What is i-Tree: An Overview
- i-Tree Components & Tools
- Urban Tree Canopy Reports
- Examining Historical Data
- Telling Your Story

Urban Forests & Tree Canopy



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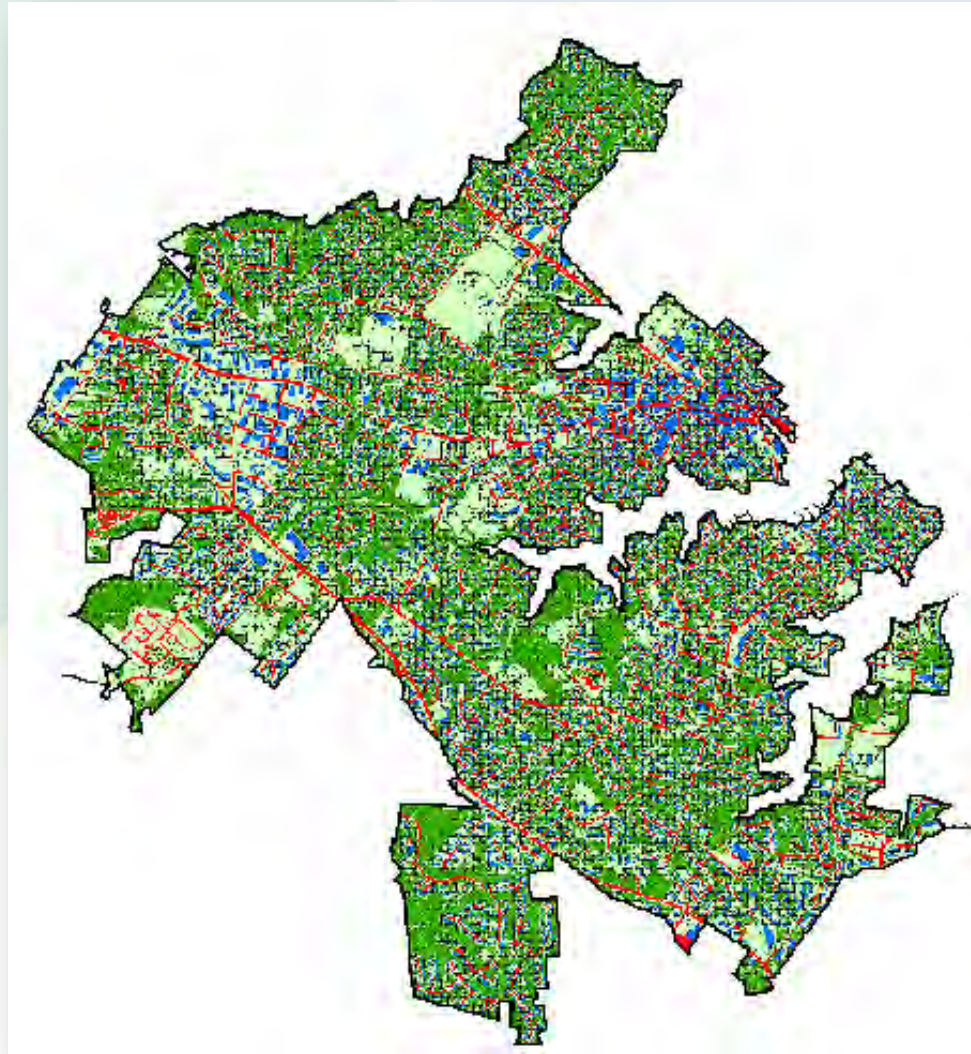
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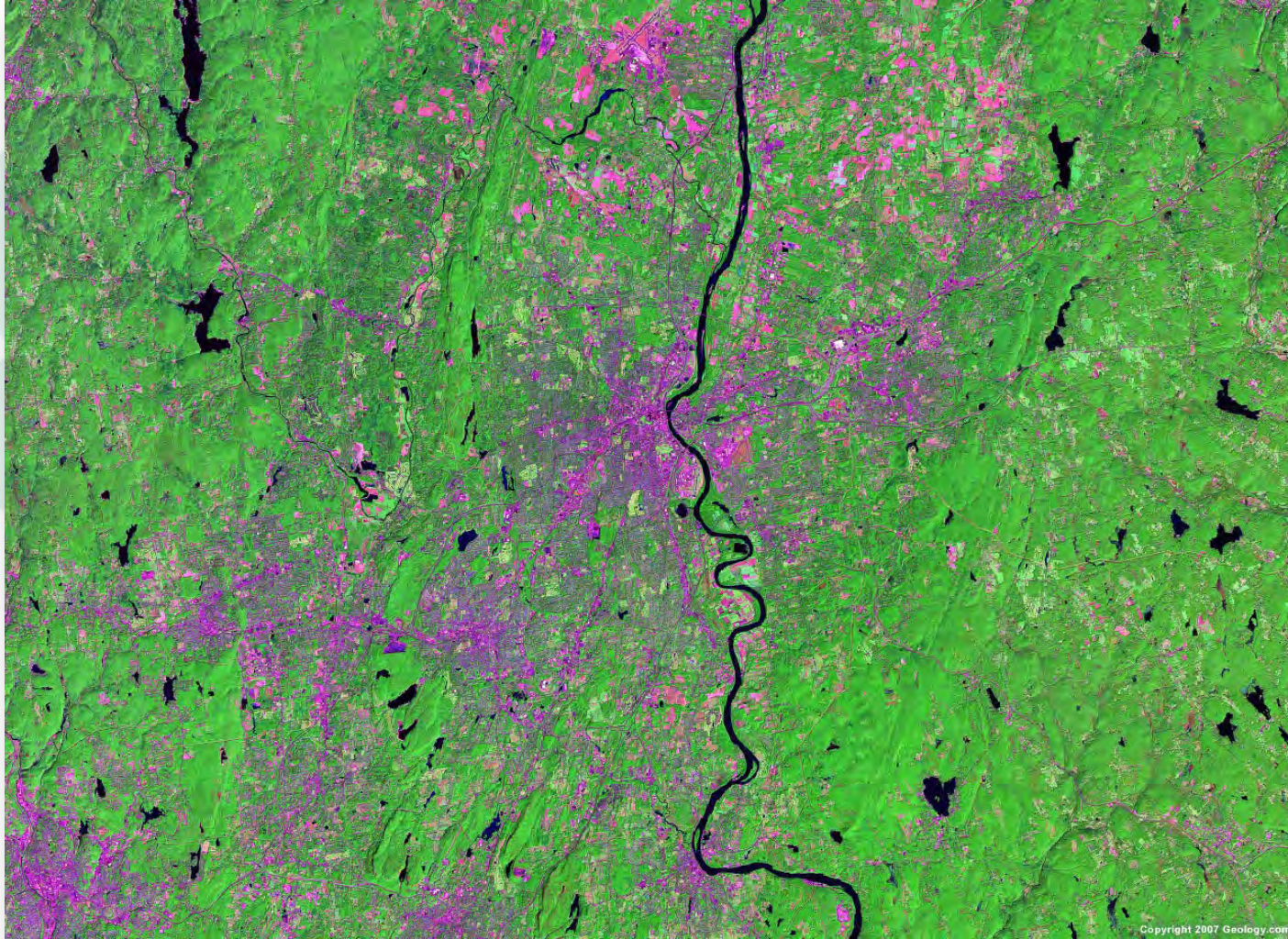
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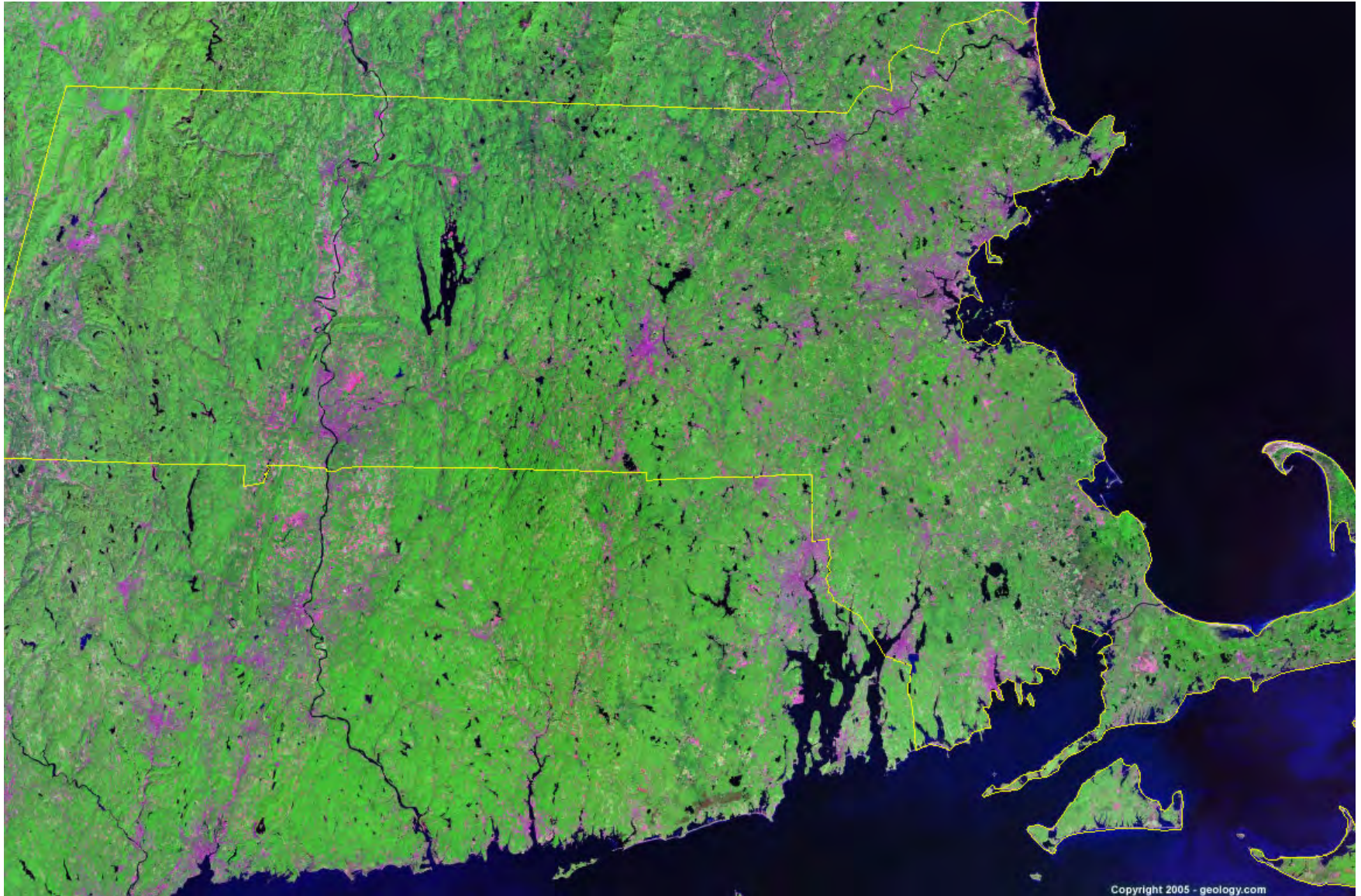
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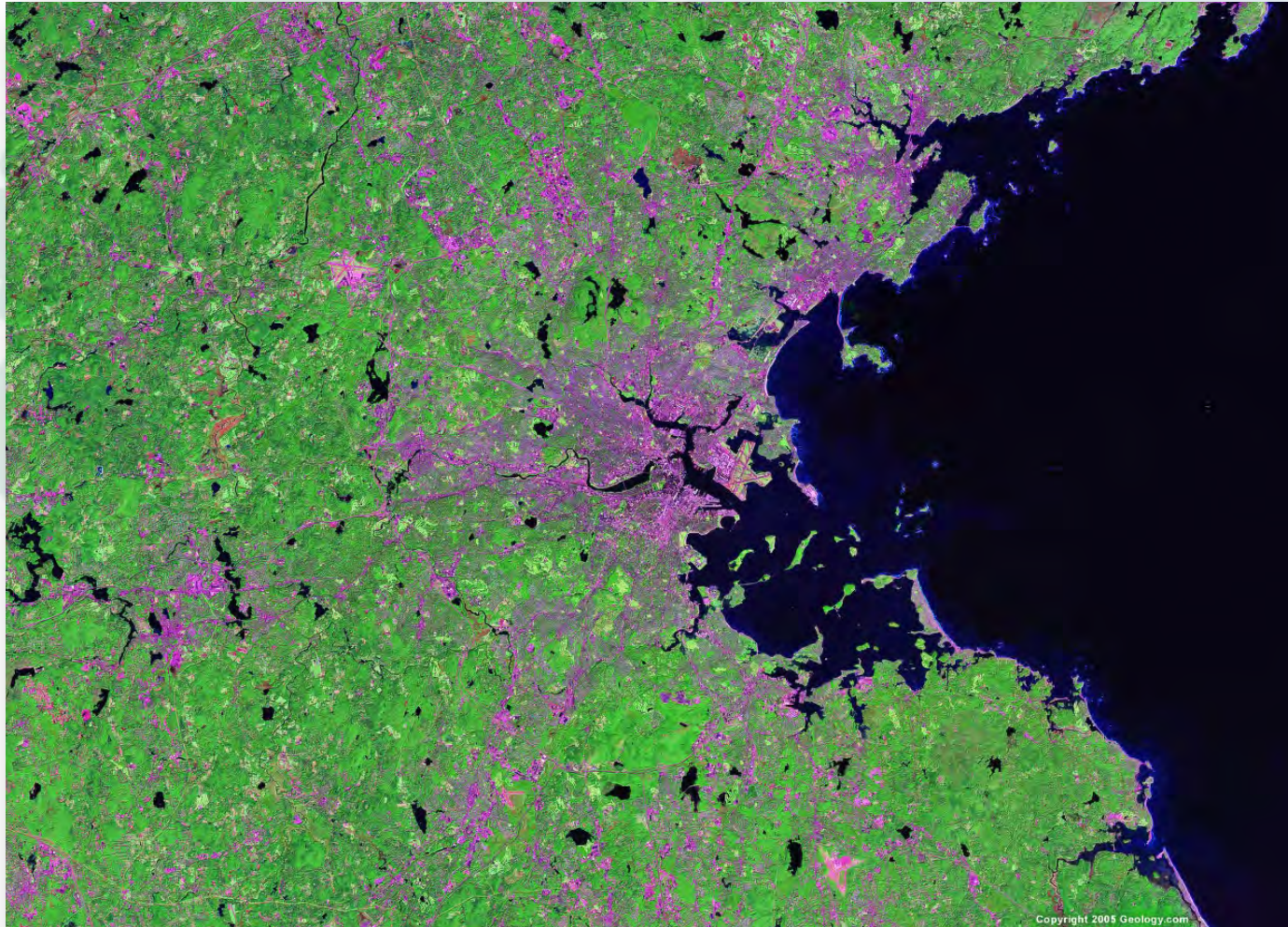


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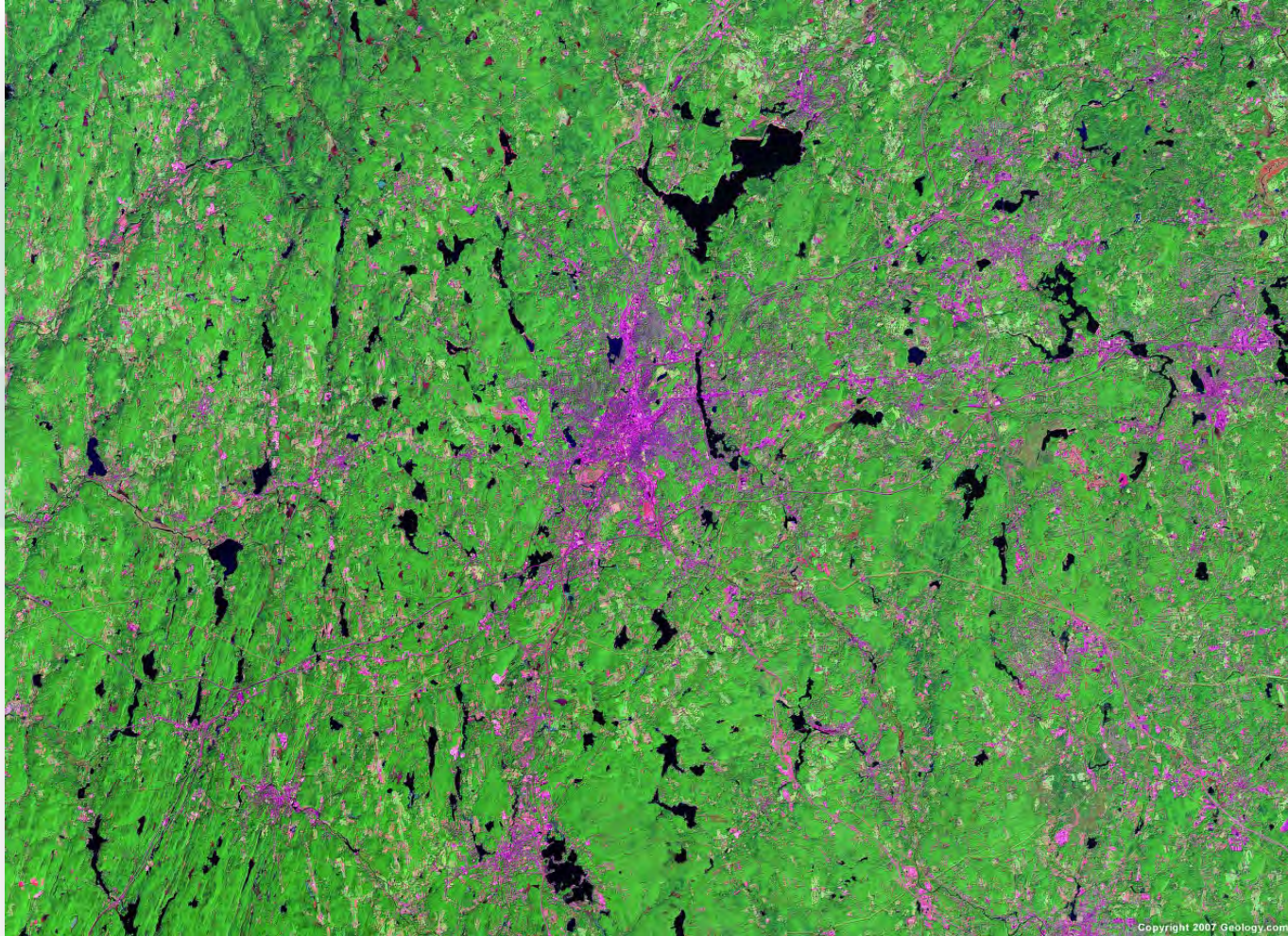


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What is i-Tree?

**Inventory of Tree Resources:
Economic and Environmental**



i-Tree: Urban Forest Inventory Analysis Tool



The screenshot shows the i-Tree website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the i-Tree logo, the tagline "Tools for Assessing and Managing Community Forests", a "Get the Tools" button with a CD icon, and a Google Custom Search box. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of a city skyline at night. Underneath the banner is a horizontal menu with buttons for Home, About, Applications, Utilities, Resources, Support, and News. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column features a "Featured Report: Plano, Texas Urban Forest Ecosystem Analysis" with a thumbnail image and a link to "Visit the Video Learning Page". The middle column has a heading "What is i-Tree?" followed by a paragraph explaining the tool's purpose and a link to "Follow i-Tree on Twitter". The right column is titled "What's New?" and lists several recent events and reports, including the "European i-Tree Conference", "Breathe Easy: Urban Forests for Human Health", "A Case Study in using i-Tree at a City Scale: Minneapolis, MN", "The Cost of Not Maintaining Trees Symposium", "BGE Provides 360 Energy Saving Trees to Baltimore City", and the "International Union of Forest Research Organizations Directory". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "A Cooperative Initiative Between:" followed by logos for Davey, Arbor Day Foundation, SNA, ISA, and Casey Trees.

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What is i-Tree?

i-Tree is a state-of-the-art, peer-reviewed software suite from the USDA Forest Service that provides urban forestry analysis and benefits assessment tools. The i-Tree Tools help communities of all sizes to strengthen their urban forest management and advocacy efforts by quantifying the structure of community trees and the environmental services that trees provide.

Since the initial release of the i-Tree Tools in August 2006, numerous communities, non-profit organizations, consultants, volunteers and students have used i-Tree to report on individual trees, parcels, neighborhoods, cities, and even entire states. By understanding the local, tangible ecosystem services that trees provide, i-Tree users can link urban forest management activities with environmental quality and community livability. Whether your interest is a single tree or an entire forest, i-Tree provides baseline data that you can use to demonstrate value and set priorities for more effective decision-making.

i-Tree Tools are in the public domain and are freely accessible. We invite you to explore this site to learn more about how i-Tree can make a difference in your community.

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What's New?

European i-Tree Conference, March 12th, Alnarp, Sweden
[Visit the conference website for program details >>](#)

Breathe Easy: Urban Forests for Human Health
Archived ACT webinar featuring Dave Nowak >>

A Case Study in using i-Tree at a City Scale: Minneapolis, MN
[A deepproot.com case study>>](#)

The Cost of Not Maintaining Trees Symposium
ISA program in Tampa, FL - March 18th & 19th >>

BGE Provides 360 Energy Saving Trees to Baltimore City
Arbor Day Foundation and BGE featured in AFRO.com article>>

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A Cooperative Initiative Between:

DAVEY **Arbor Day Foundation** **SNA** **ISA** **Casey Trees**

What is i-Tree?



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



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Canopy

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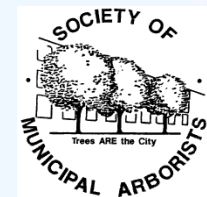
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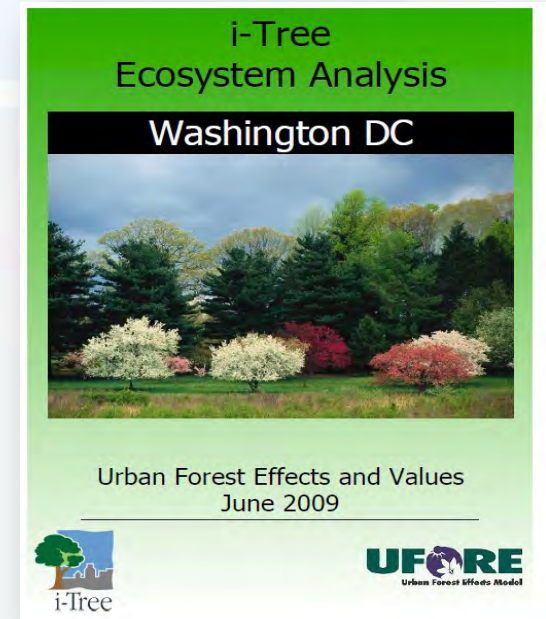


Goals



✿ 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

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).

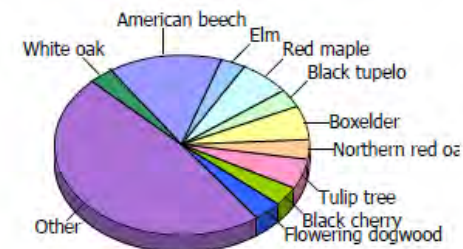


Figure 1. Tree species composition in Washington DC

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).

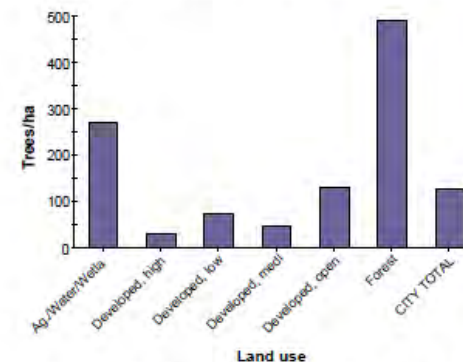
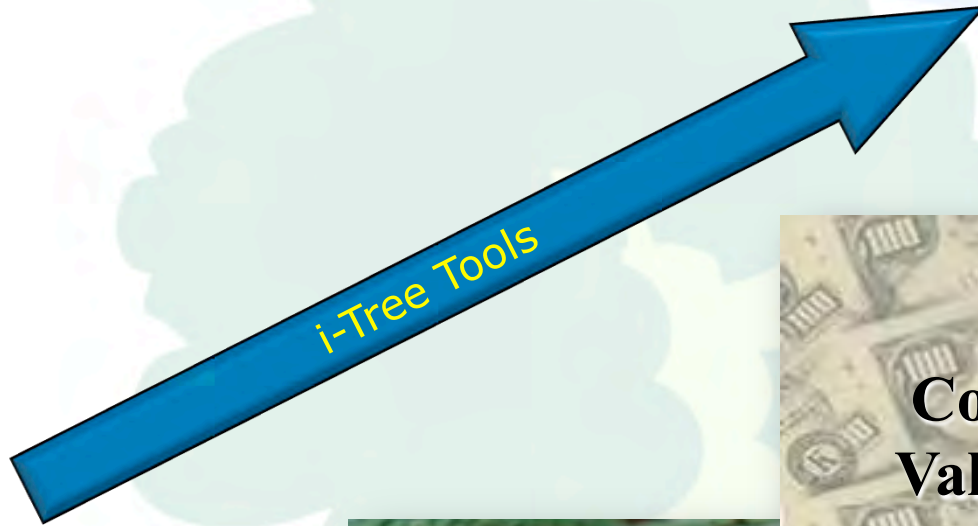


Figure 2. Number of trees/ha in Washington DC by land use

Benefit-Based Approach



**Strategic Management
& Advocacy**



**Comprehensive
Value**



**Environmental
Services**



Structure

The Foundation: Local Data

Local Sample or Inventory

Local information:

- 🌳 Weather
- 🌳 Pollution
- 🌳 Environmental Variables

Hourly simulations



Conserving Energy

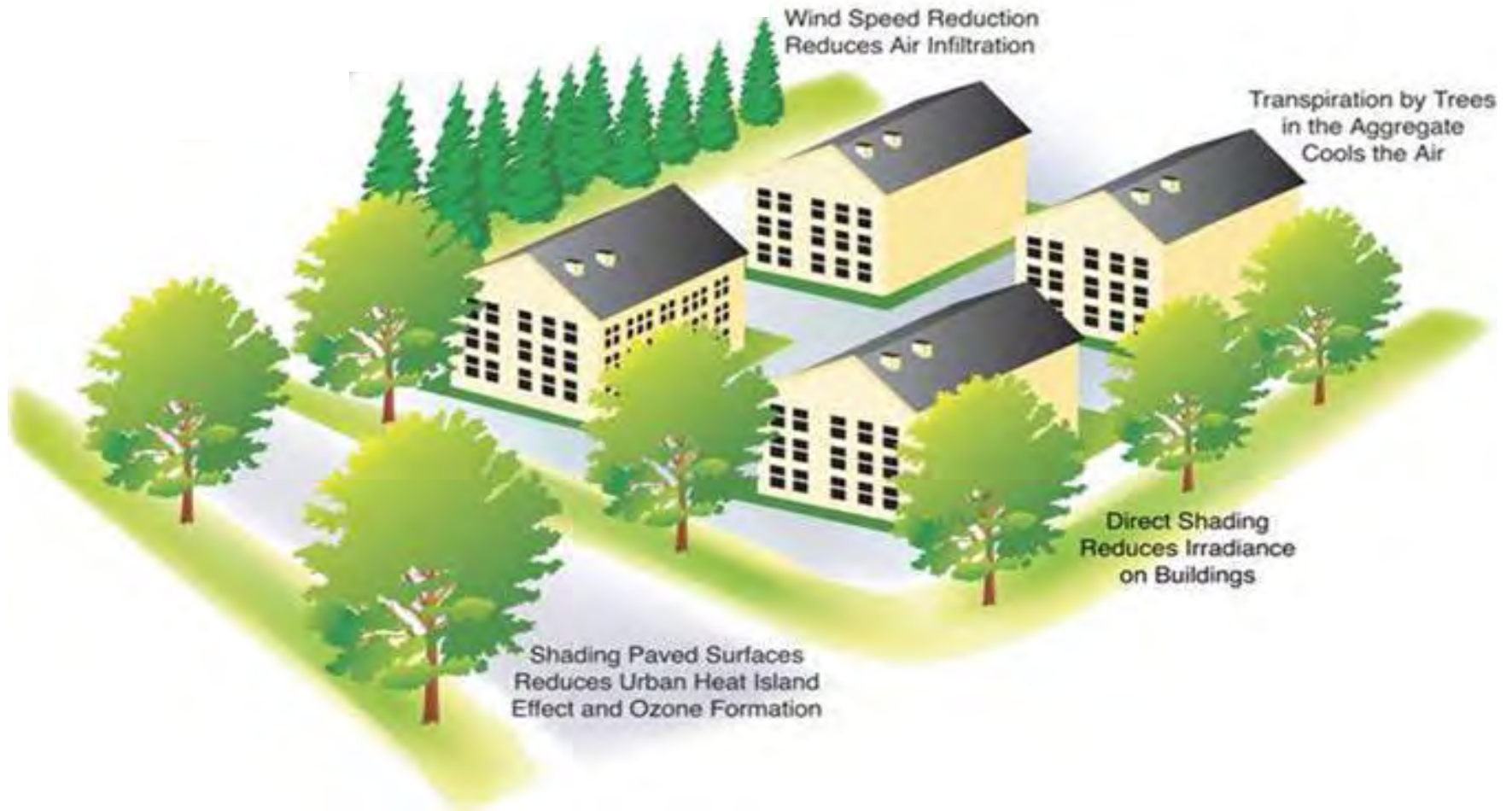


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Improving Air Quality



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Reducing Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide



Reducing Stormwater Runoff

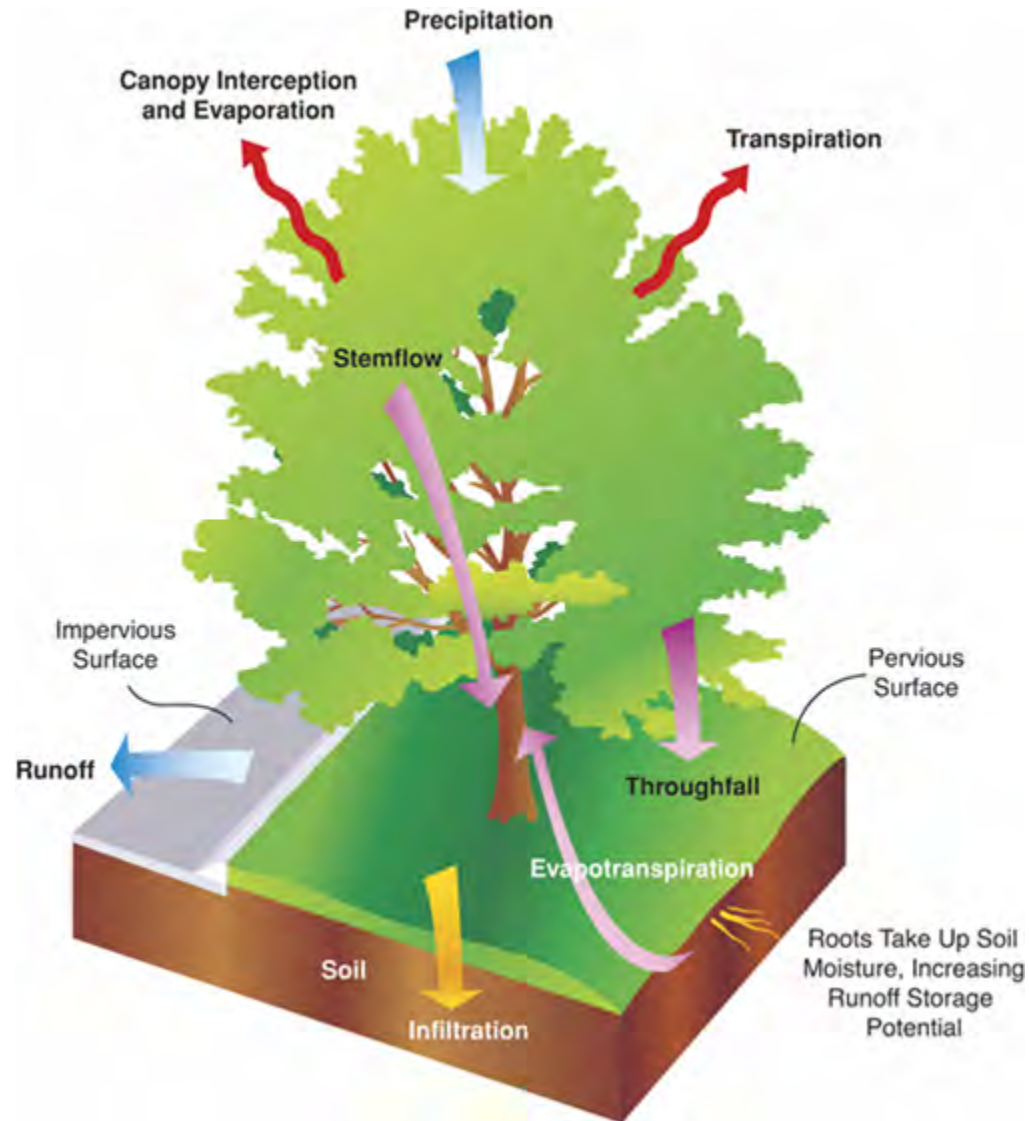


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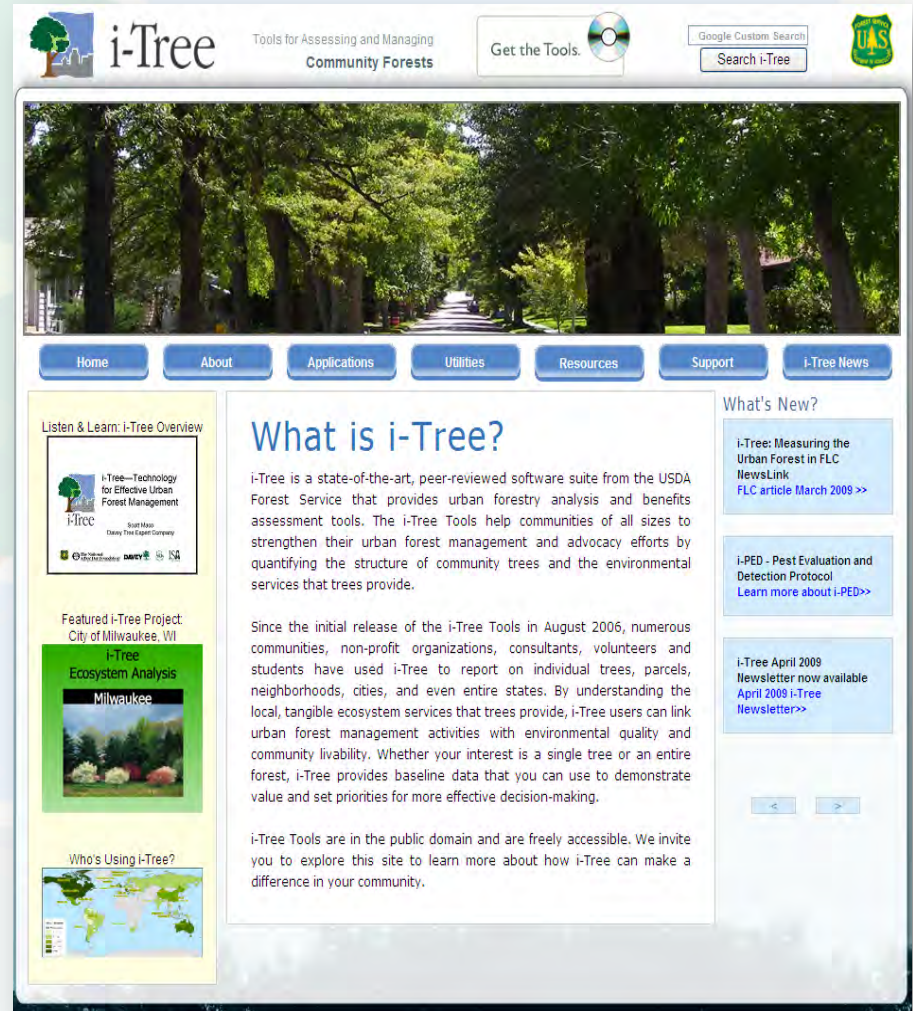
i-Tree is...



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”



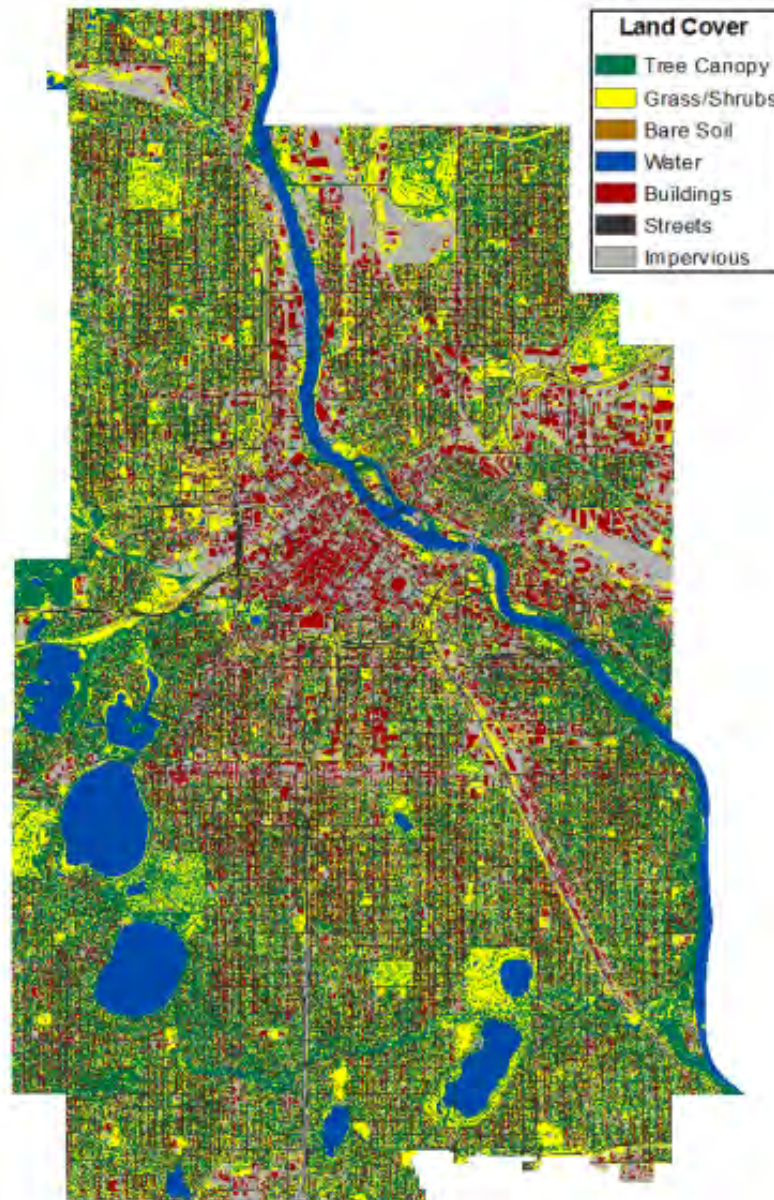
Urban Tree Canopy (UTC)

Assessment and Analysis

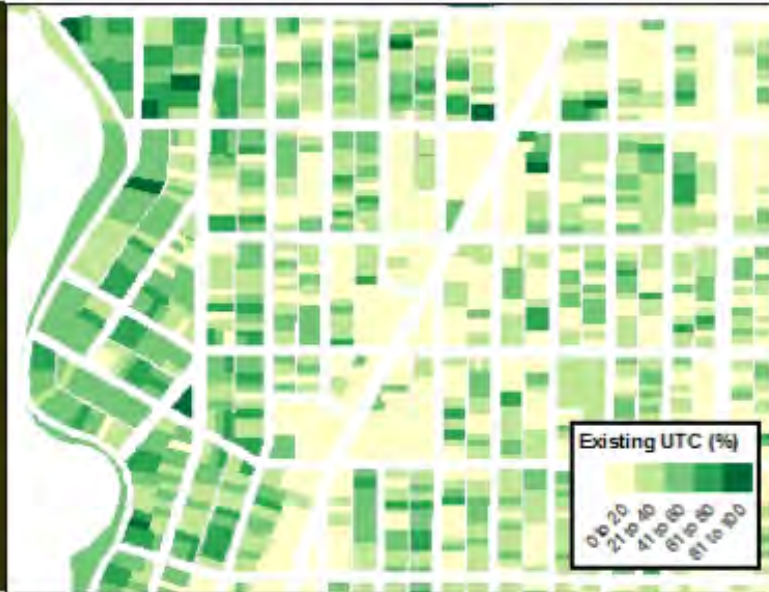




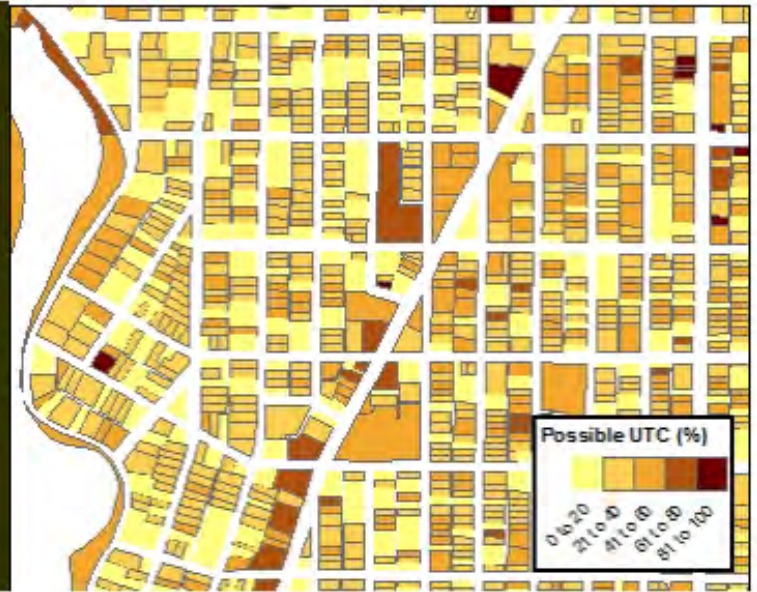
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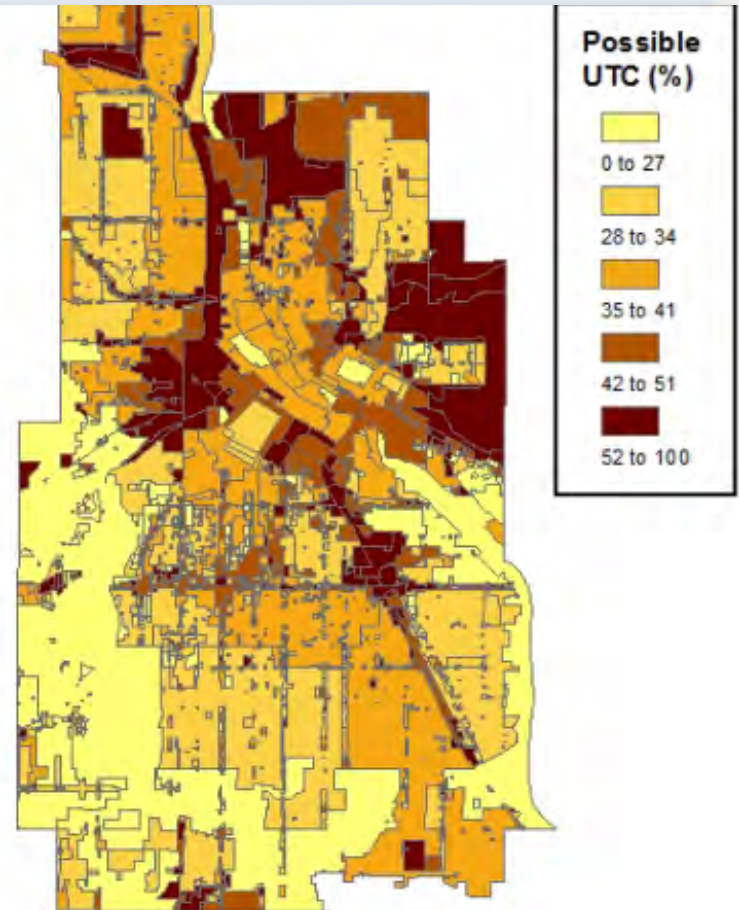
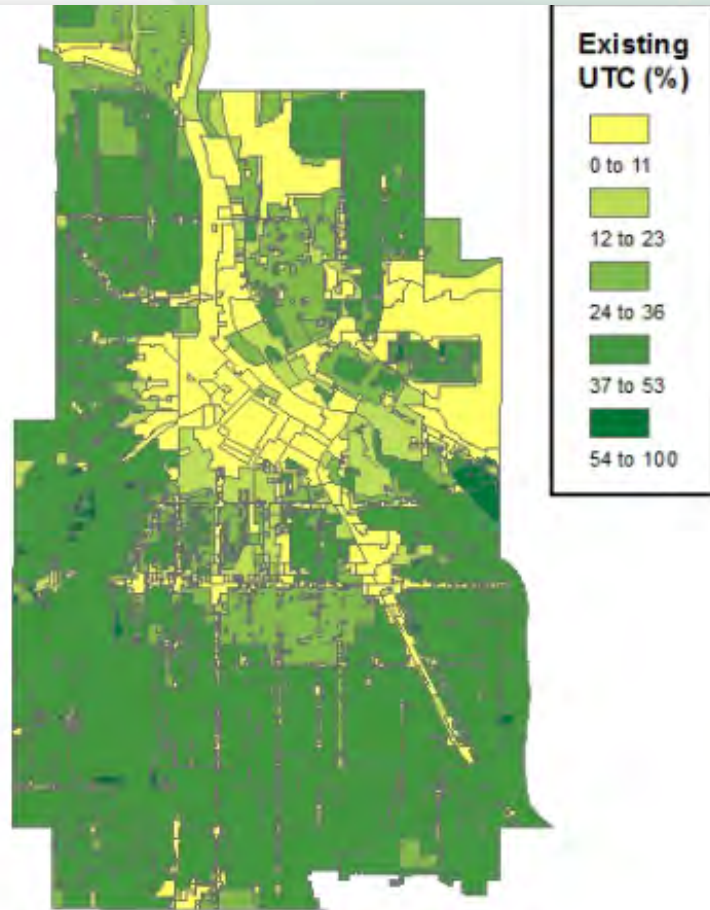


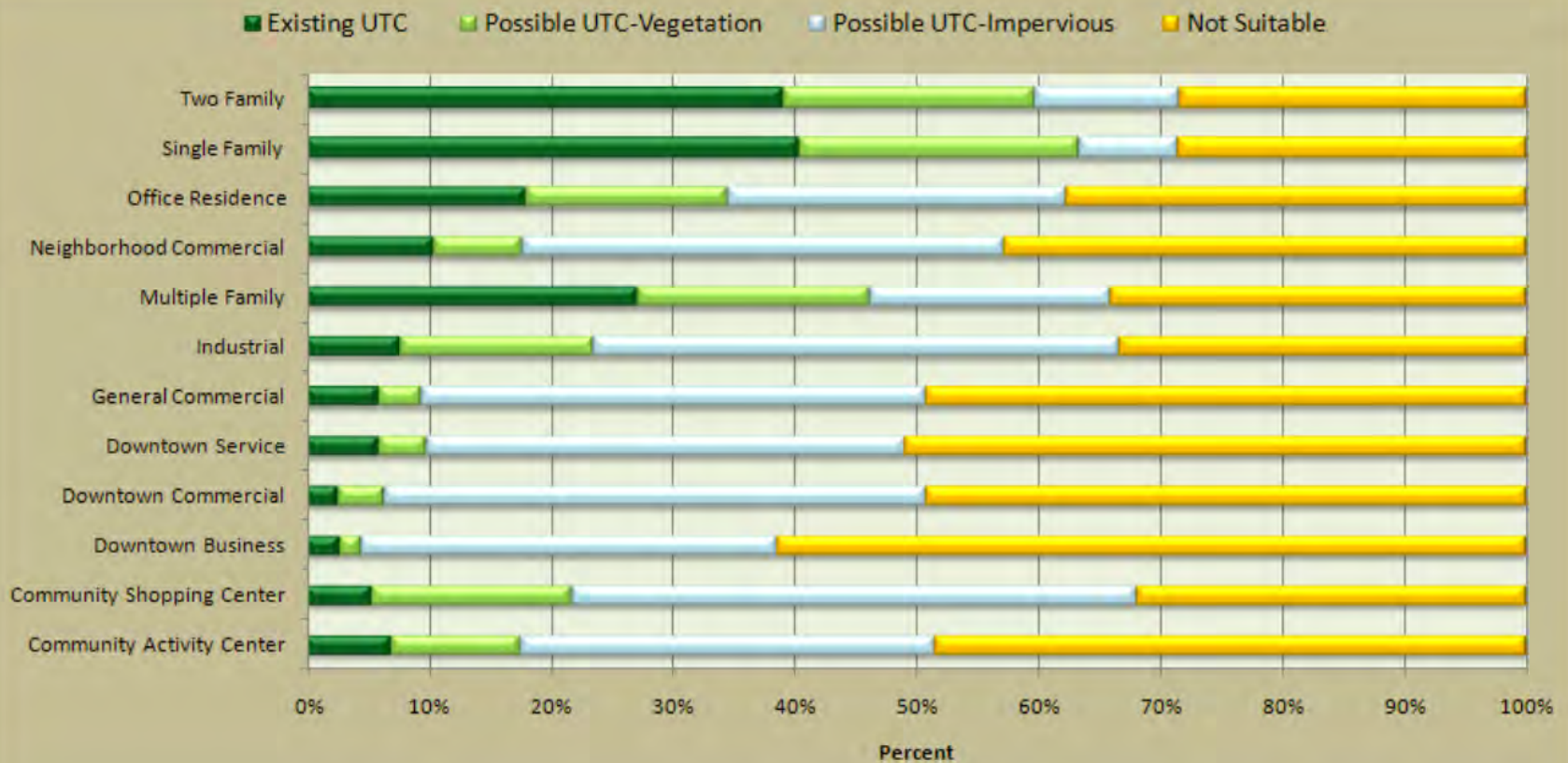
Existing UTC by Parcel



Possible UTC by Parcel









Vancouver, WA

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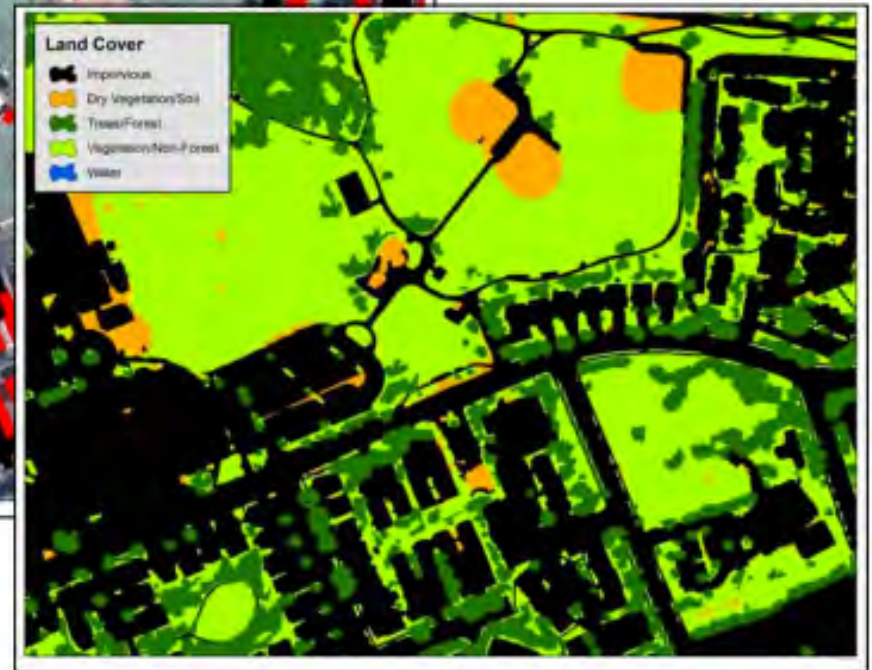
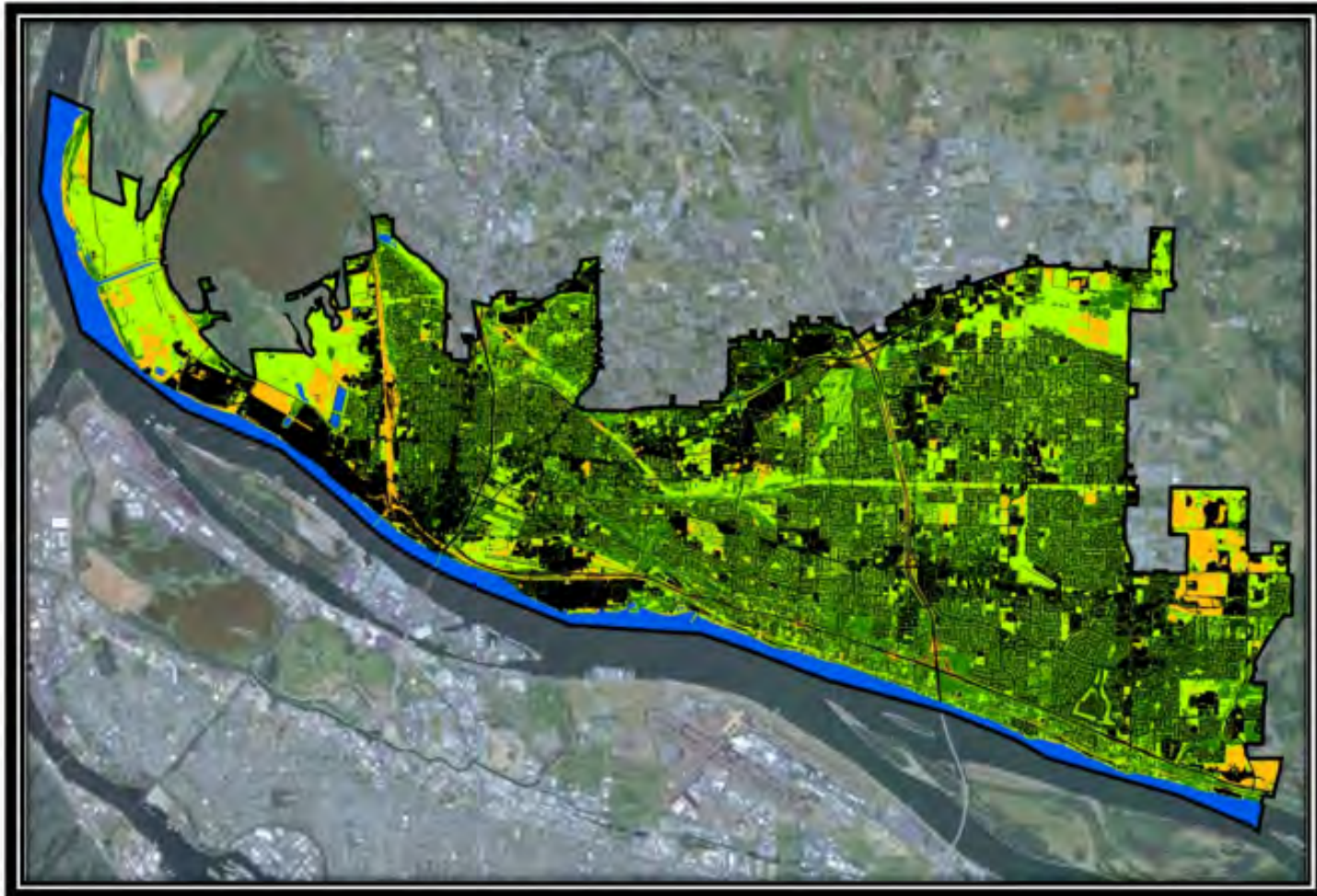
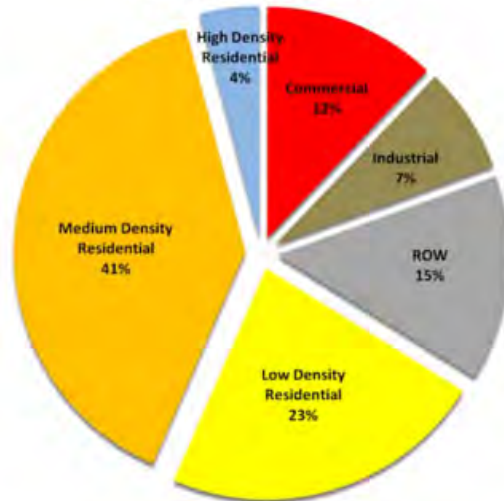


Figure 2. Classified land cover for Vancouver.

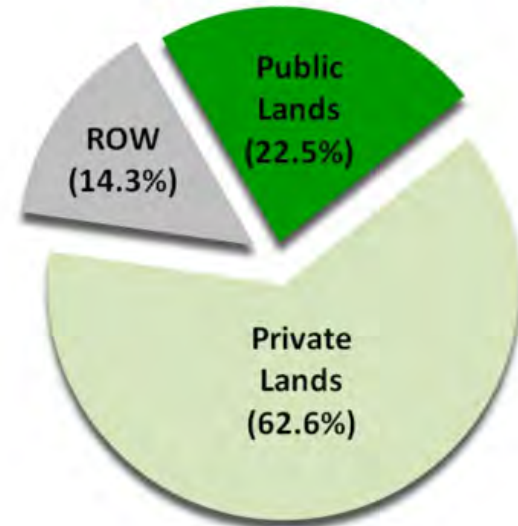
Dark green = Trees and Forest, Light green = other vegetation, Black = impervious surfaces, Blue = water, and Orange = soils and dry vegetation.



Percent Current UTC



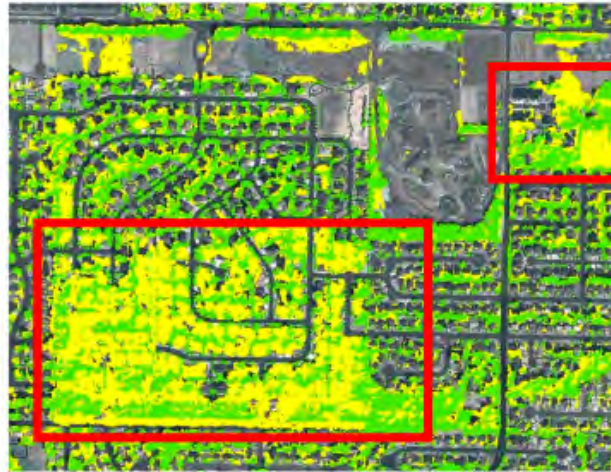
Percent of Current UTC



	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%

Yellow: 2003
Green: 2010 →

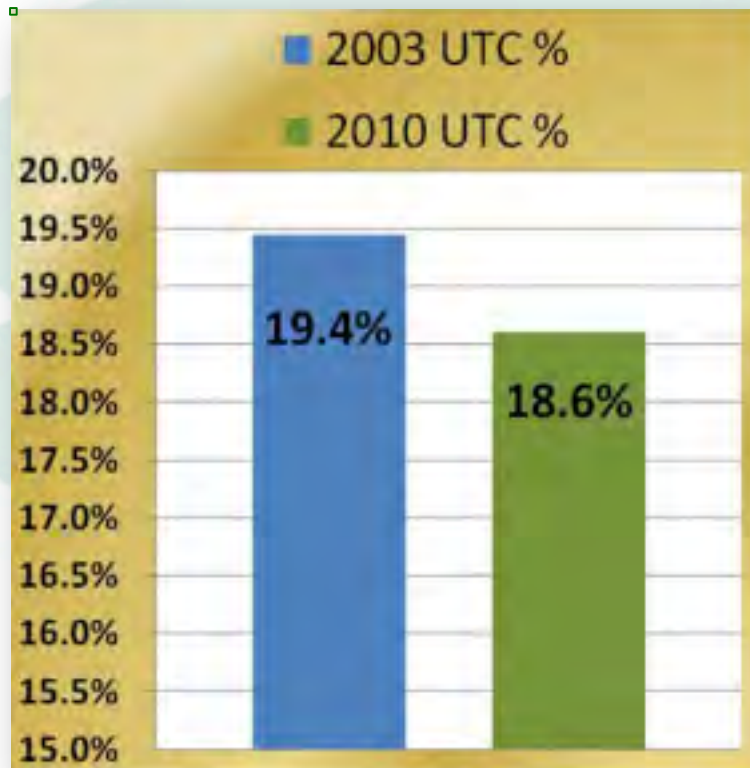
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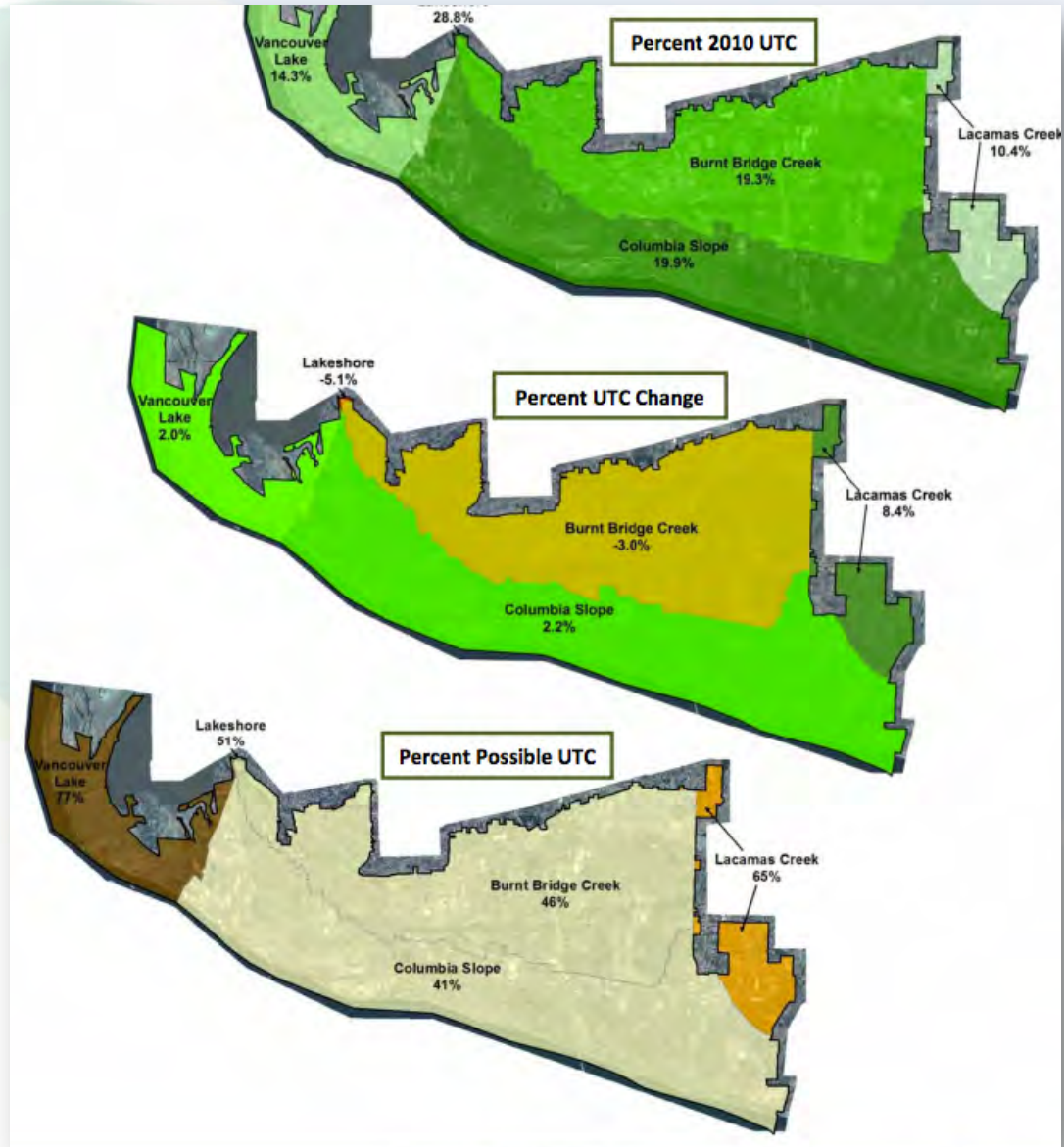


Urban Tree Canopy Changes



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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)



Target Feature Class	Features	Names	Average Area (Acres)	Average 2003 Canopy %	Average 2010 Canopy %	Average Canopy % Change
Citywide	1	Vancouver City Boundary	32,436	18.0%	17.2%	-0.8%
Neighborhoods	(86)	See Table A.1	377	22.9%	21.6%	-1.2%
Watersheds	1	Vancouver Lake/Lake Riv	6,486	16.9%	17.2%	0.3%
	2	Lacamas Creek				
	3	Lakeshore				
	4	Burnt Bridge Creek				
	5	Columbia Slope				
Ownership Type	1	Public	7,599	17.5%	15.4%	-2.0%
	2	Private				
	3	Right of Way				
	4	BPA Right of Way				
Zoning Type	1	Commercial	4,341	18.0%	17.1%	-0.9%
	2	Indisutrial				
	3	Right of Way				
	4	BPA Right of Way				
	5	Single Family High Density				
	6	Single Family Low Density				
	7	Single Family Medium Density				

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Percent of Vancouver land
area covered by Tree
Canopy in 2010

-9.4

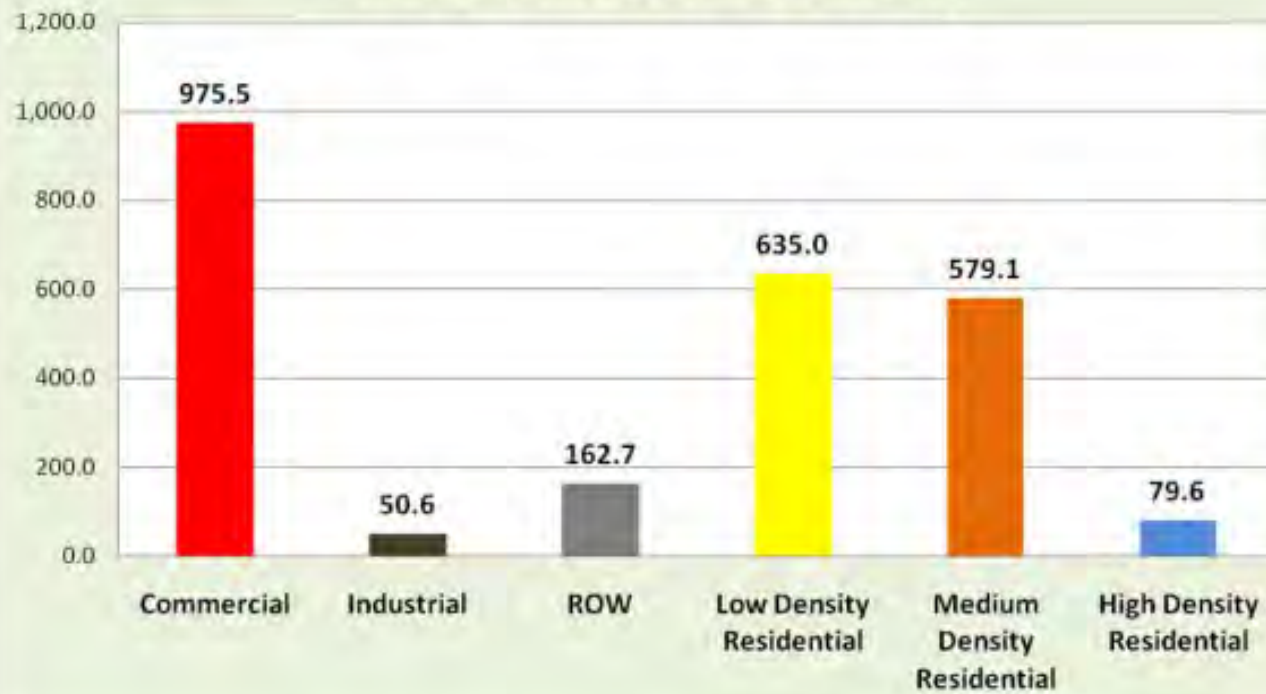
Citywide percentage below
canopy goal of 28%



NAME	Total Acres Excluding Water	2003 UTC Acres	2003 UTC Percent	2010 UTC Acres	2010 UTC Percent	Change in UTC Acres	Change in UTC Percent	Total Possible Acres	Total Possible %
Vancouver Lake	2,939.3	360.8	12.3%	420.8	14.3%	59.9	2.0%	2,259.7	76.9%
Lacamas Creek	1,692.0	34.3	2.0%	176.0	10.4%	141.7	8.4%	1,101.8	65.1%
Lakeshore	15.6	5.3	33.8%	4.5	28.8%	-0.8	-5.1%	8.0	51.1%
Burnt Bridge Creek	12,791.0	2,853.0	22.3%	2,472.0	19.3%	-381.0	-3.0%	5,869.2	45.9%
Columbia Slope	12,560.3	2,234.1	17.8%	2,505.6	19.9%	271.5	2.2%	5,141.8	40.9%

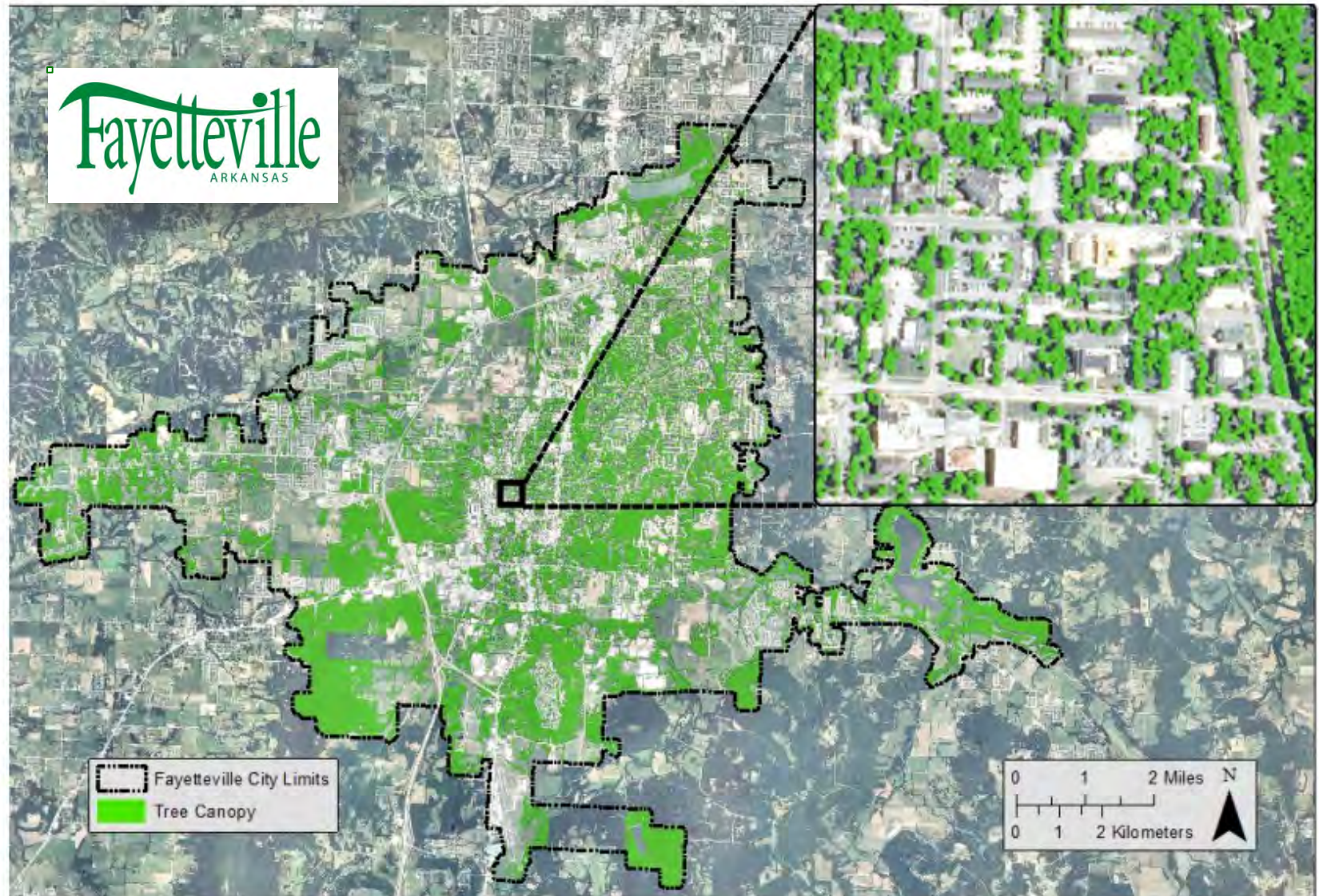


Additional Acres Required to Meet Canopy Goals by Zoning Category

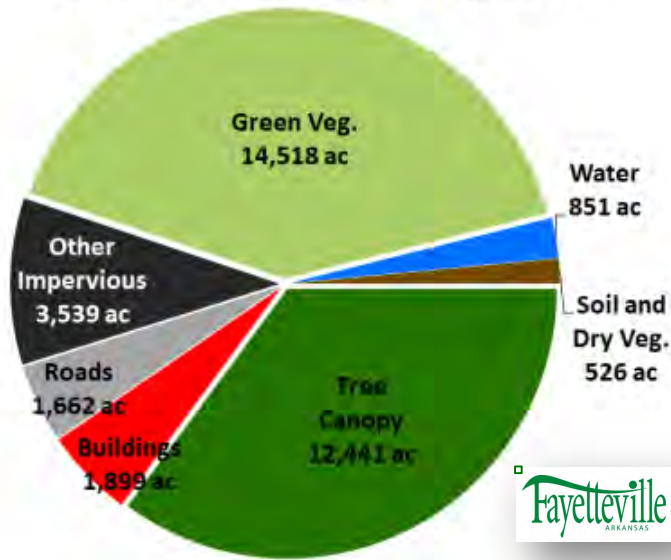


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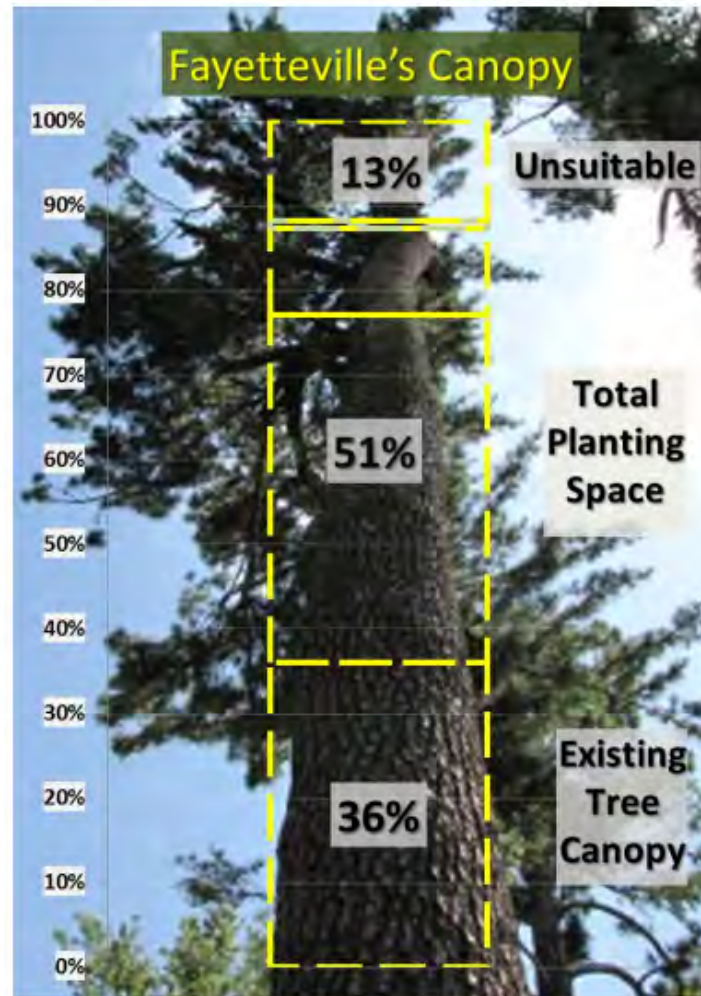
Land Cover Distribution by Acres



Fayetteville
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	Land Use Category	Total Acres	Land Area (acres)	% of Total City Area	UTC (acres)	Existing UTC %	Distribution of UTC by Land Use	Total Possible Planting (acres)	Total Possible Planting %	Distribution of Total PPA by Land Use
City of Fayetteville	Agriculture	9,880	9,757	27.9%	4,353	44.6%	35.0%	5,329	54.6%	29.5%
	Commercial	3,985	3,943	11.2%	702	17.8%	5.6%	2,705	68.6%	15.0%
	Industrial	957	949	2.7%	258	27.2%	2.1%	549	57.9%	3.0%
	Public Land	6,731	6,106	19.0%	2,285	37.4%	18.4%	3,190	52.2%	17.7%
	Residential	11,017	10,968	31.1%	4,475	40.8%	36.0%	5,038	45.9%	27.9%
	Public Right Of Way	2,867	2,863	8.1%	368	12.9%	3.0%	1,247	43.6%	6.9%
	TOTALS	35,437	34,586	100.0%	12,441	36.0%	100.0%	18,058	52.2%	100.0%

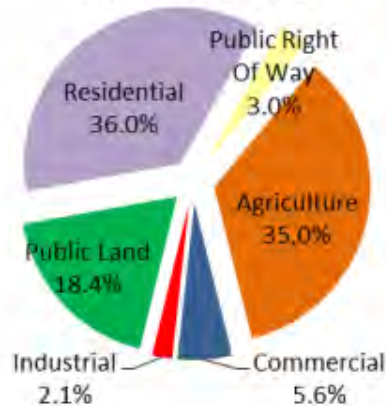
	Total Acres	Land Area (acres)	2010 UTC (acres)	2010 UTC %
City of Fayetteville	35,437	34,586	12,441	36.0%



Distribution of Land Use

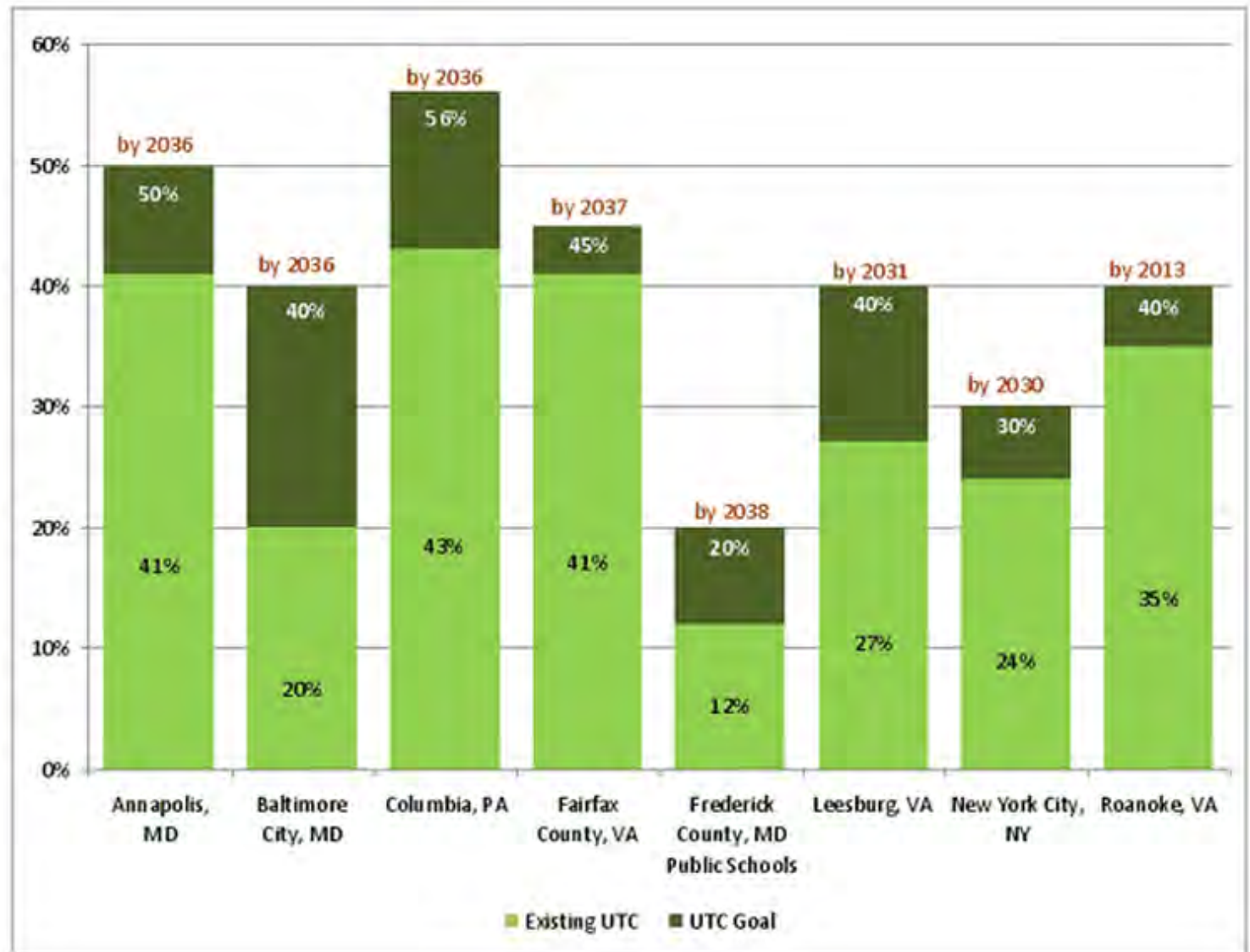


Distribution of Existing UTC by Land Use

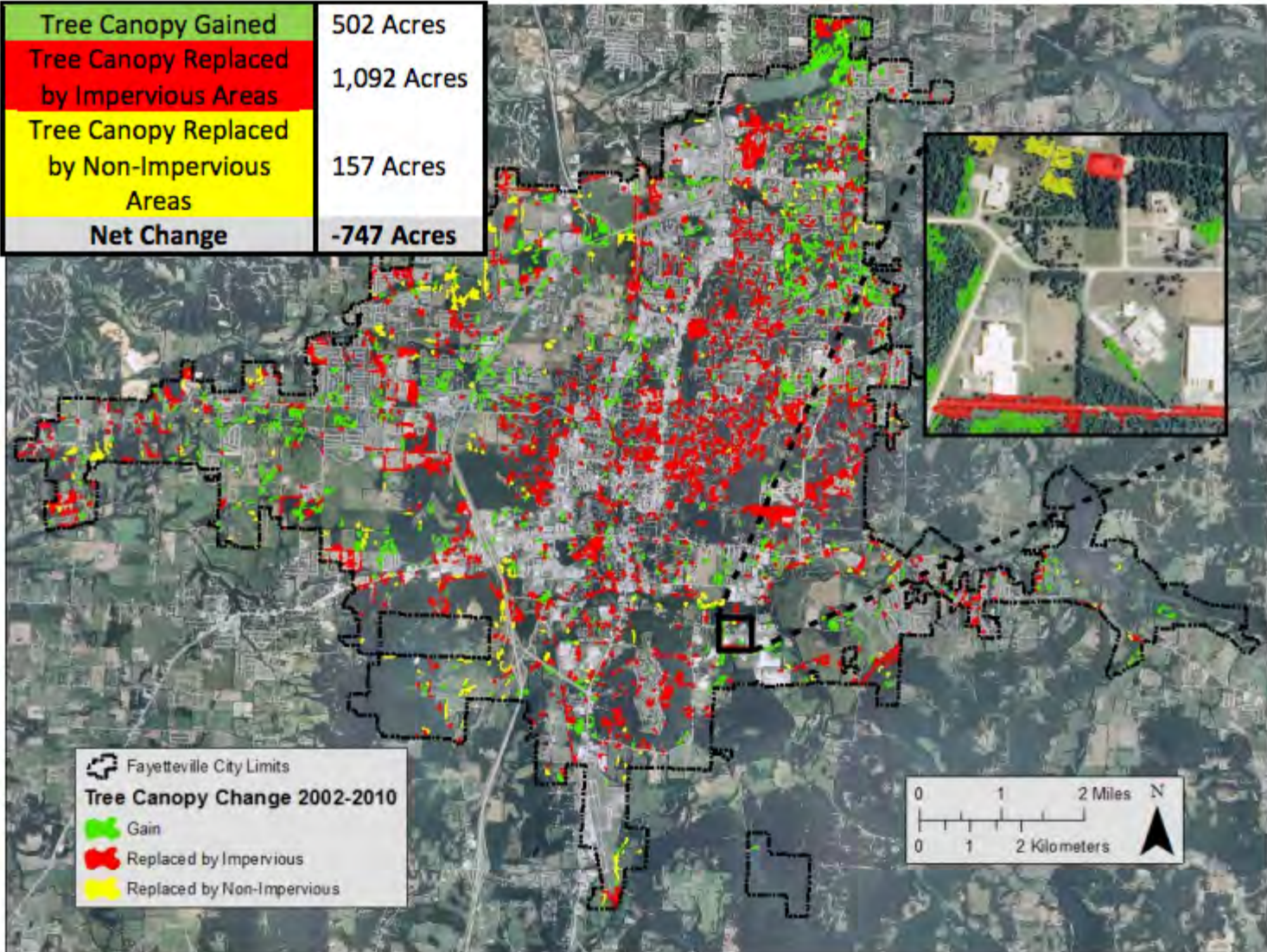


Distribution of Total PPA by Land Use





Tree Canopy Gained	502 Acres
Tree Canopy Replaced by Impervious Areas	1,092 Acres
Tree Canopy Replaced by Non-Impervious Areas	157 Acres
Net Change	-747 Acres



City of Fayetteville "Tree Canopy & Environmental Benefit Scenarios"

Benefit Type	UTC-%	Citywide 36%	SCENARIOS				Residential 41%
			Decline to 30%	Increase #1 to 40%	Increase #2a to 45%	Increase #2b to 45%	
Air Quality	Annual \$ Benefit	\$3.5 million	\$3.0 million	\$4.0 million	\$4.5 million	\$5.0 million	\$1.3 million
	Lbs. Removed/Year	1.3 million	1.1 million	1.4 million	1.6 million	1.8 million	461,000
Carbon Storage & Sequestration	Total CO2 stored	1.1 billion	915 million	1.2 billion	1.4 billion	1.5 billion	391 million
	Annual Rate Stored	8.4 million	7.1 million	9.5 million	10.7 million	11.9 million	3.0 million
Stormwater Savings	Total \$ Benefit	\$64.1 million	\$43.9 million	\$65.5 million *	\$67.1 million *	\$84.9 million **	\$22.2 million
	Total Gallons Benefit . . .	21.4 million	14.6 million	21.9 million	22.4 million	28.3 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

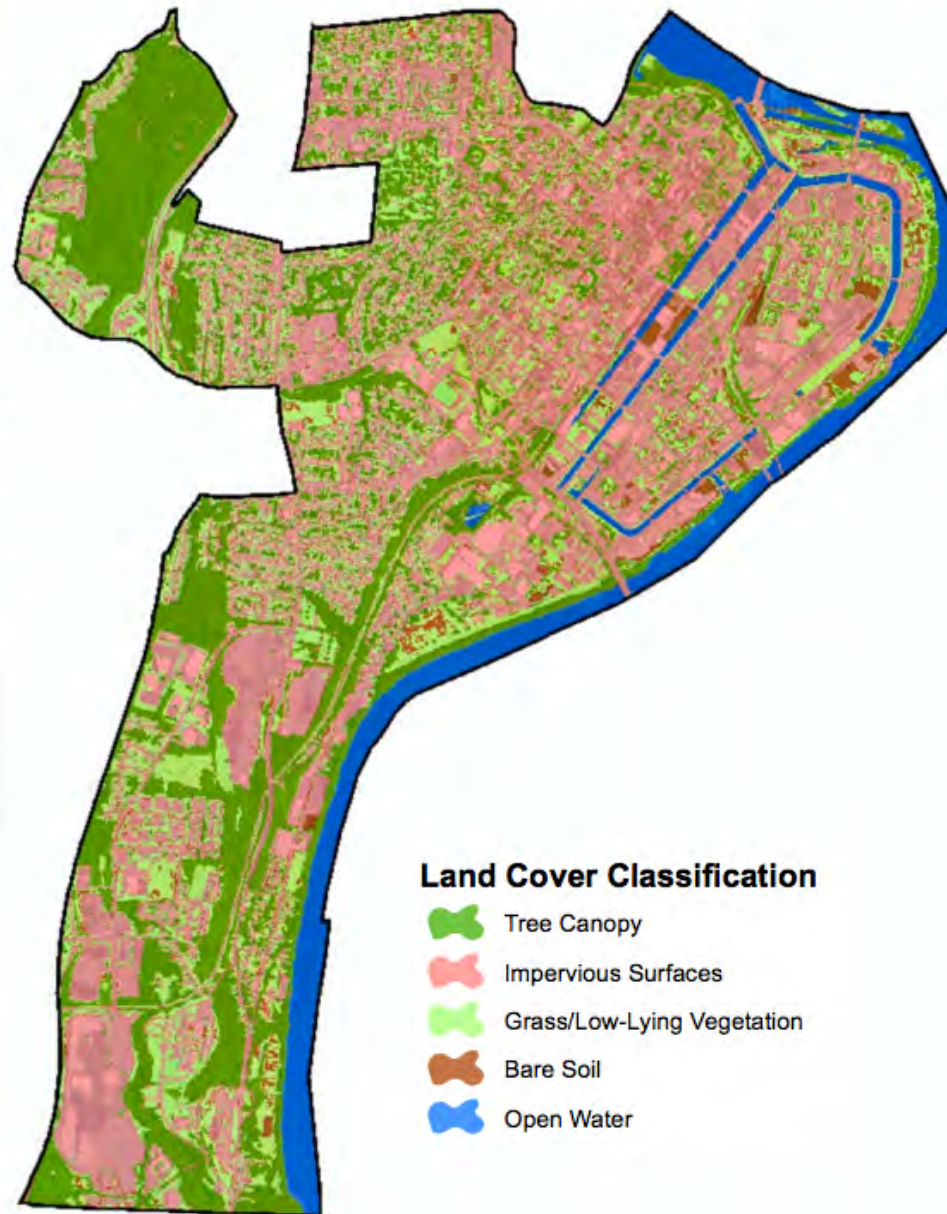
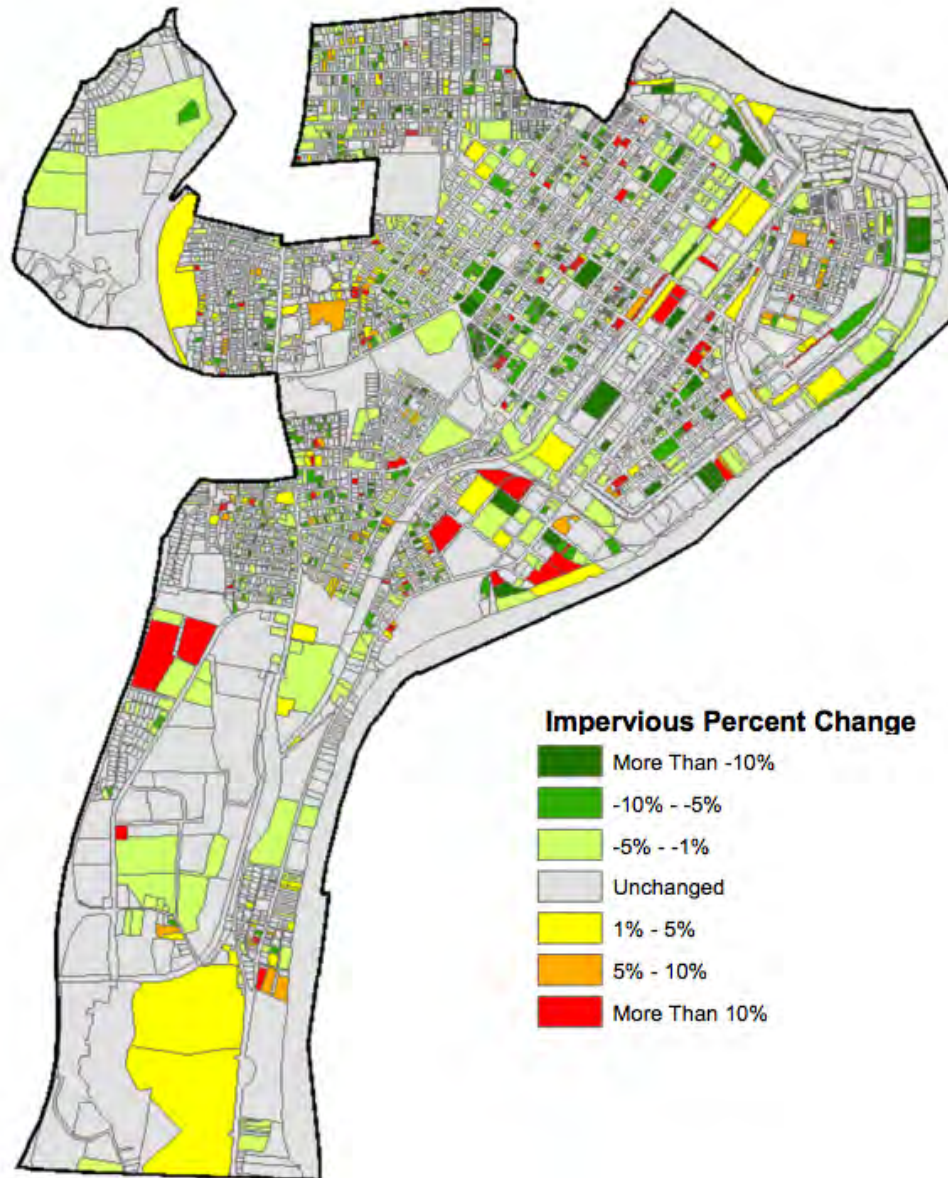


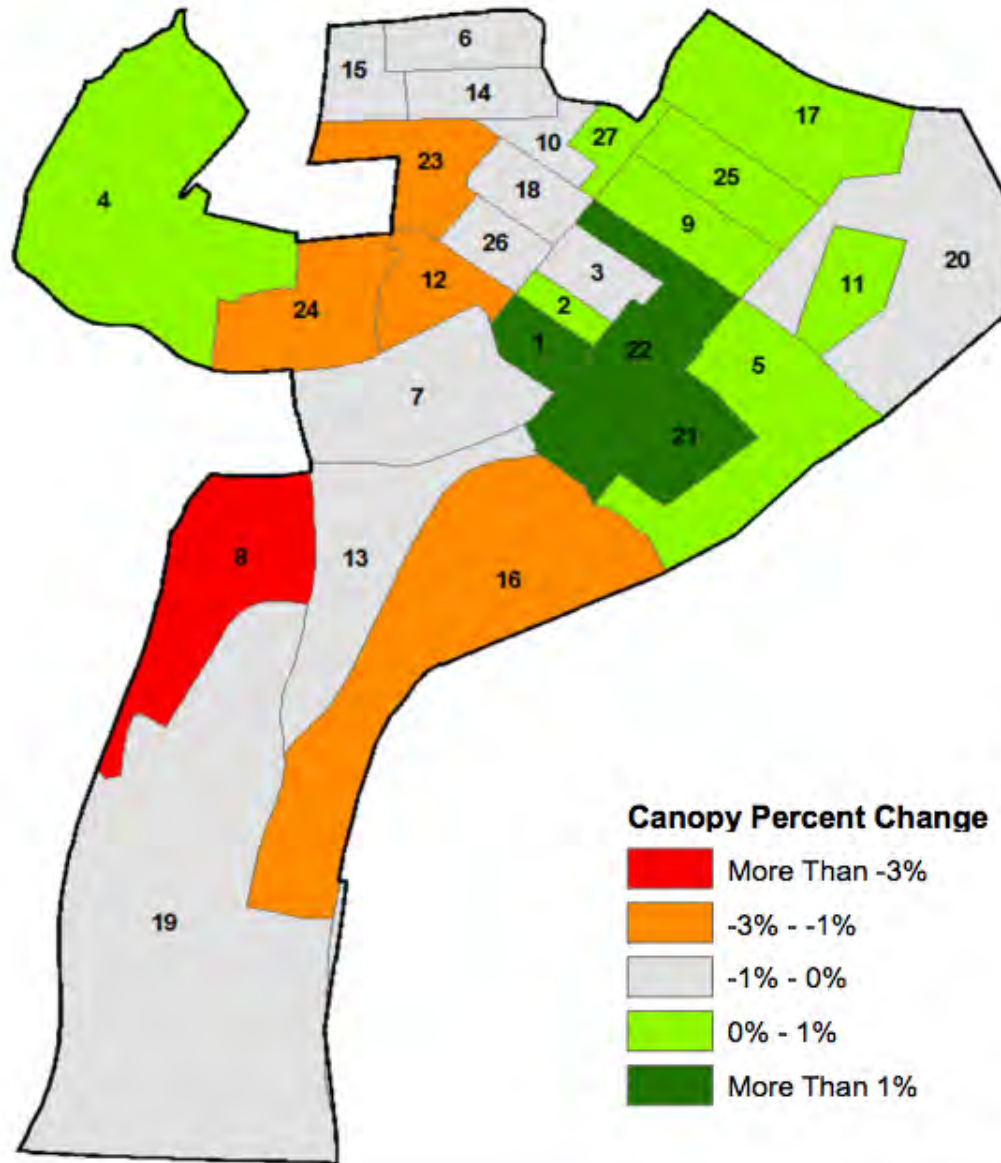
Table 1. 2012 Land Cover Classification

Land Cover Classification	Acres	Percentage
Total Area	3,367.87	100
Tree Canopy	893.18	26.52
Impervious		
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





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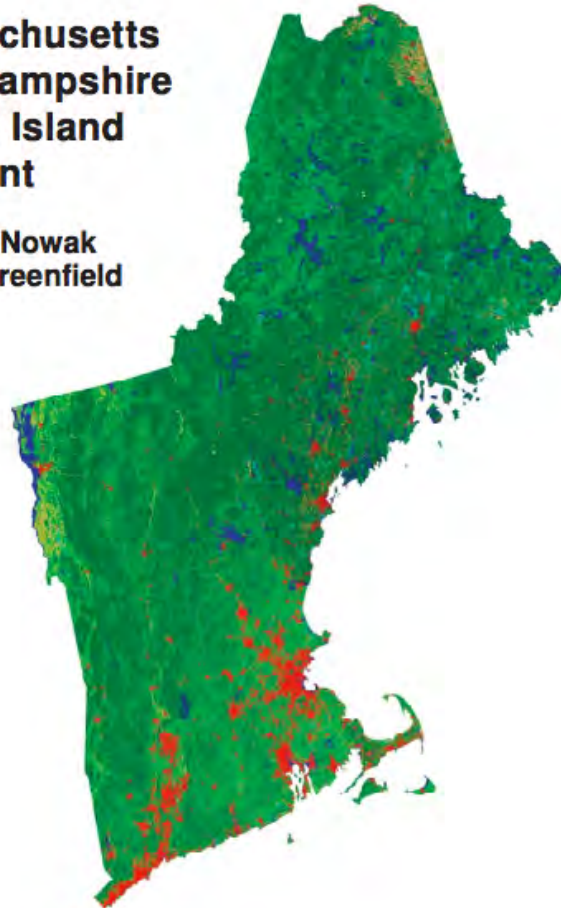
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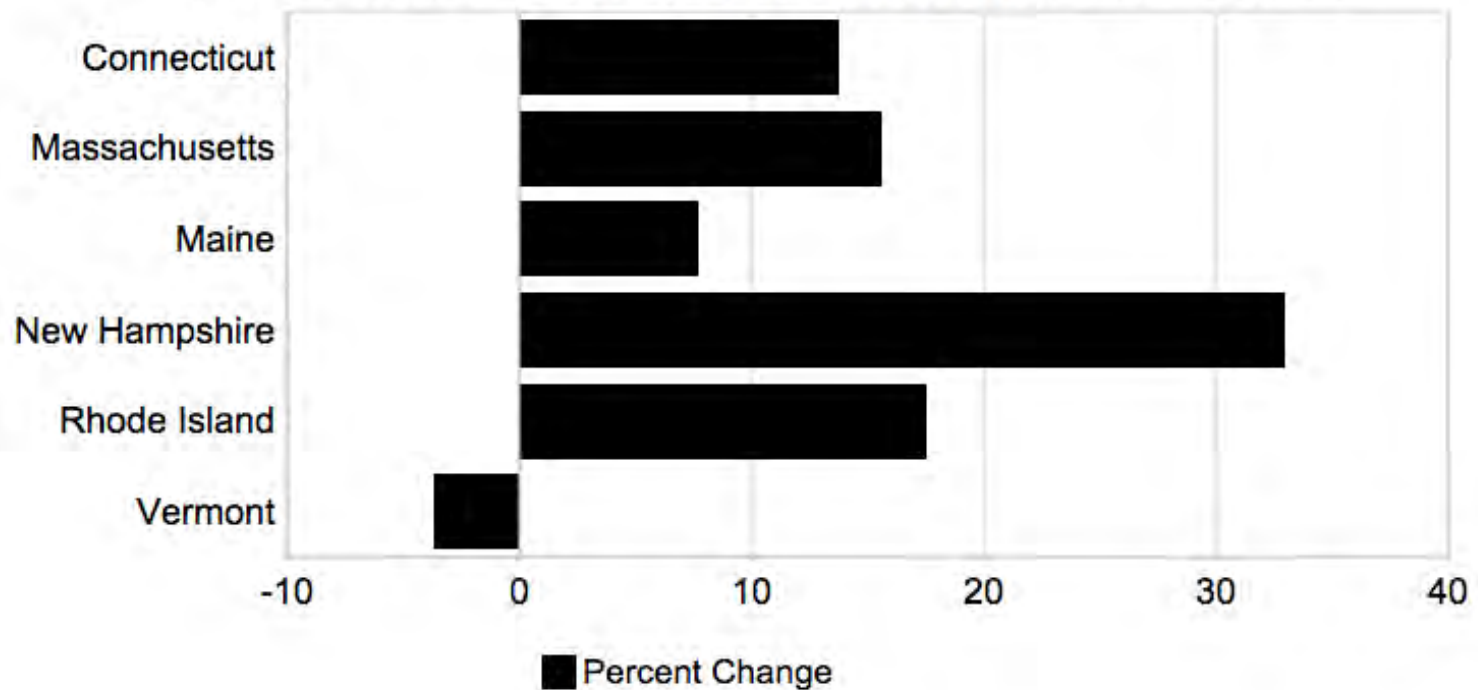
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Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
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Percent Urban Land Change from 1990 for New England States



Percent Urban Tree Canopy Cover of Urban Land for New England States

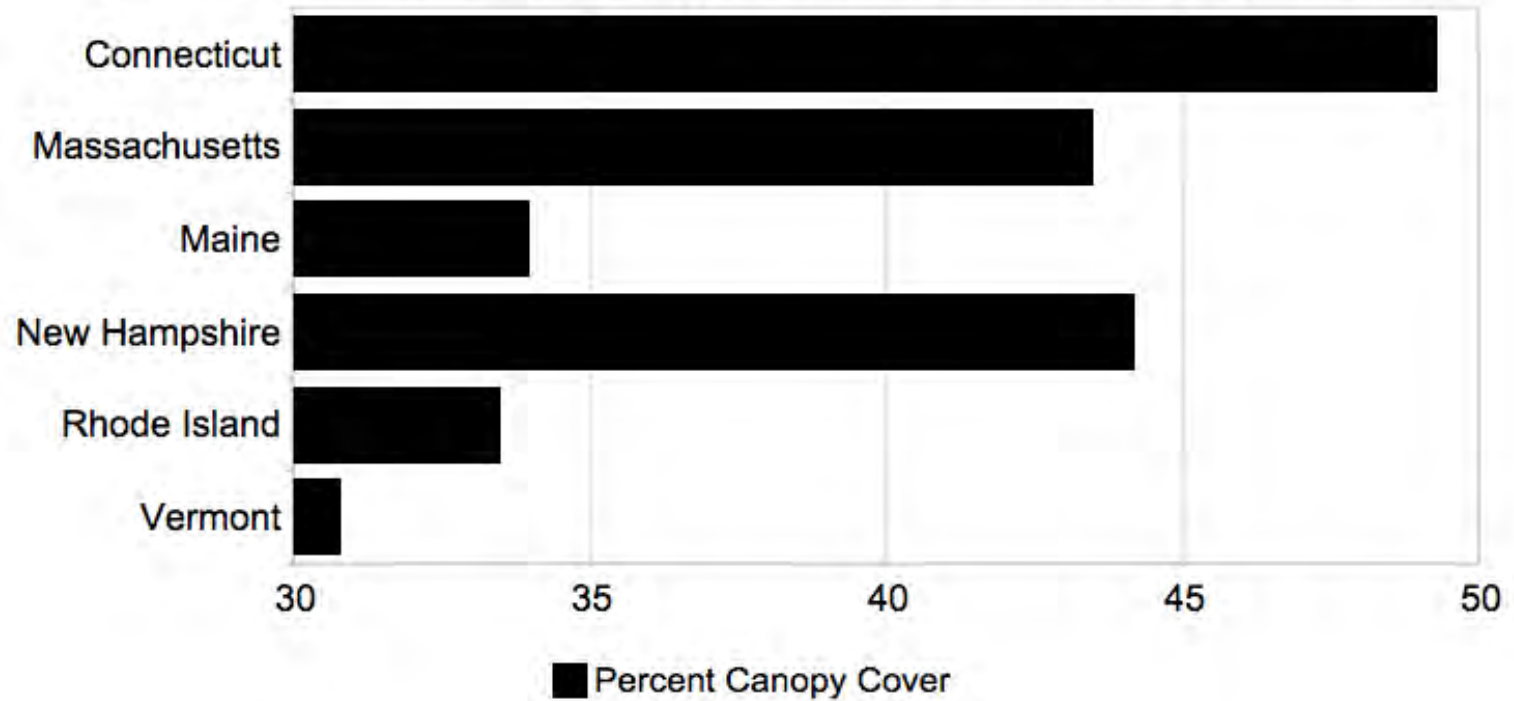
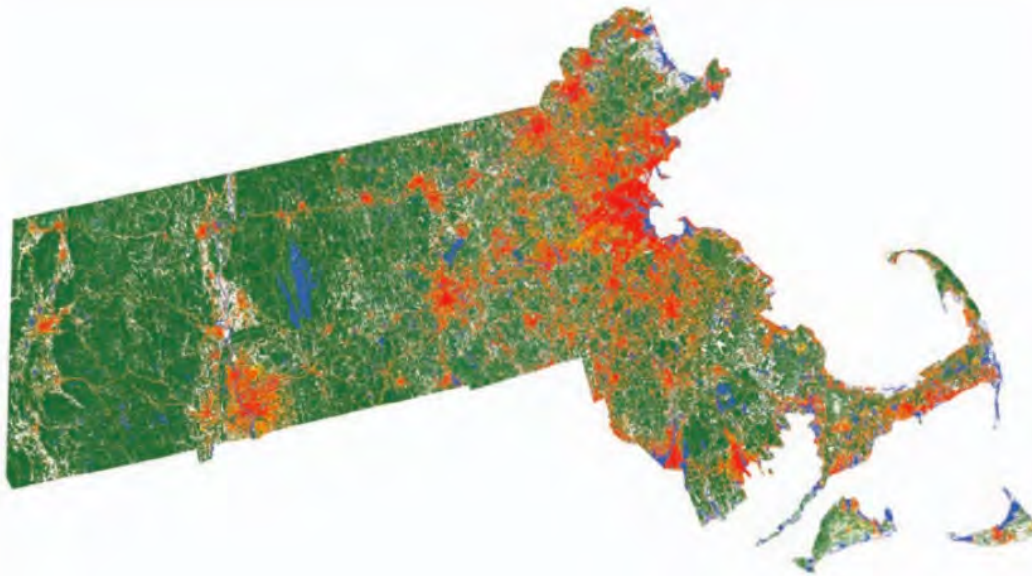


Table A.—Average number of trees, carbon storage, and carbon sequestration rates per unit of canopy cover for several U.S. cities

City	Trees (no./ha cover)	Carbon	
		Storage (kg C/m ² cover)	Sequestration (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 ^g	468.1	12.3	0.3
Syracuse, NY ^h	583.1	10.5	0.3
Oakland, CA ⁱ	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



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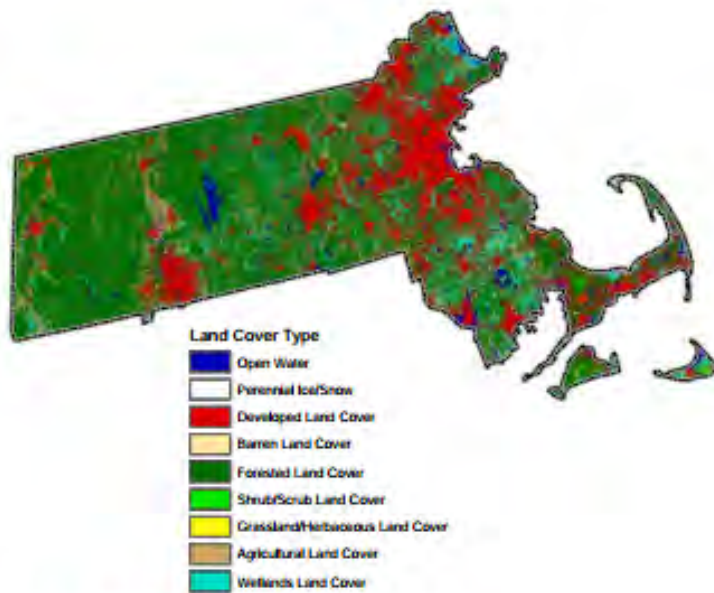


Figure MA-9.—Classified land cover.

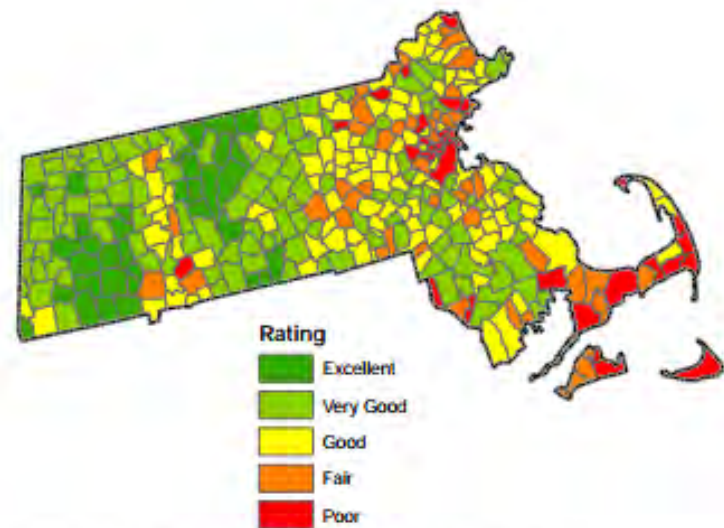


Figure MA-10.—Relative comparisons of urban and community forests for county subdivisions.

	Statewide	Urban	Community	Urban or Community
Estimated number of trees	n/a	150,200,000	87,500,000	178,000,000
Carbon				
Carbon stored (metric tons)	n/a	28,700,000	16,700,000	34,000,000
Carbon stored (\$)	n/a	\$654,400,000	\$380,800,000	\$775,200,000
Carbon sequestered (metric tons/year)	n/a	945,000	551,000	1,120,000
Carbon sequestered (\$/year)	n/a	\$21,546,000	\$12,563,000	\$25,536,000
Pollution				
CO removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	586	342	695
CO removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$824,900	\$480,900	\$977,700
NO ₂ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	3,619	2,110	4,289
NO ₂ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$35,848,600	\$20,898,500	\$42,488,700
O ₃ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	13,201	7,696	15,646
O ₃ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$130,770,000	\$76,234,000	\$154,992,000
SO ₂ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	1,635	953	1,938
SO ₂ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$3,965,100	\$2,311,500	\$4,699,600
PM ₁₀ removed (metric tons/year)	n/a	5,304	3,092	6,286
PM ₁₀ removed (\$/year)	n/a	\$35,079,900	\$20,450,300	\$41,577,600
Total pollution removal (metric tons/year)	n/a	24,350	14,190	28,850
Total pollution removal (\$/year)	n/a	\$206,500,000	\$120,400,000	\$244,700,000

^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).



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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:

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3. Enter your tree's information:

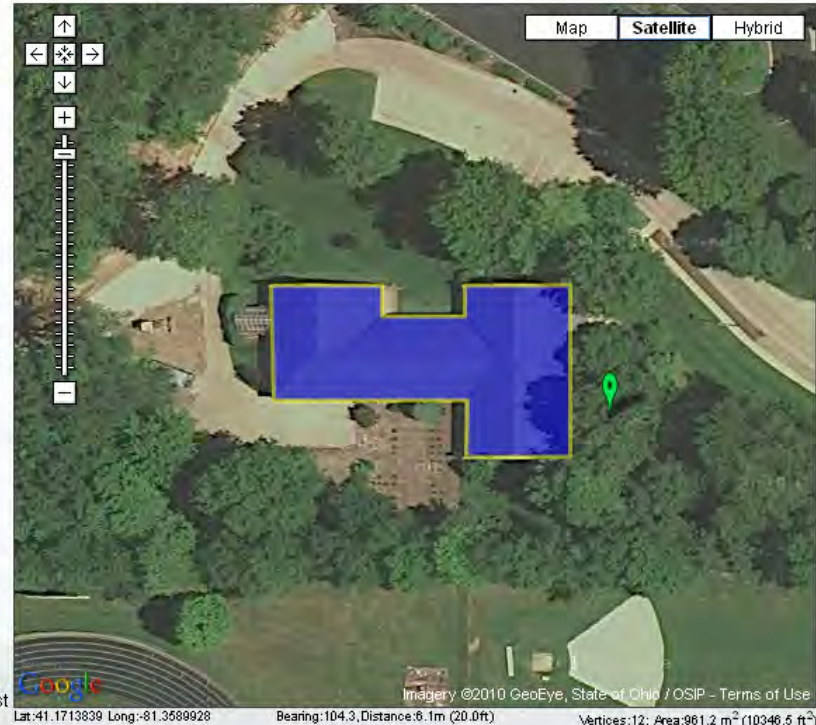
Oak, Northern pin

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?

Good Finally, enter what type of condition best describes your tree.


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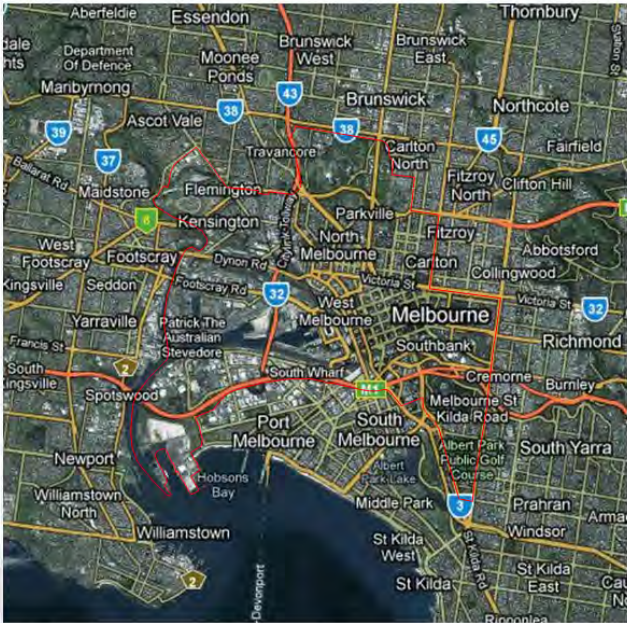
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Three Begin i-Tree Canopy Survey > ?

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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 will be.

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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 total canopy cover.

i-Tree Canopy

Percent Cover (\pm SE)


42.9 \pm 24.7 57.1 \pm 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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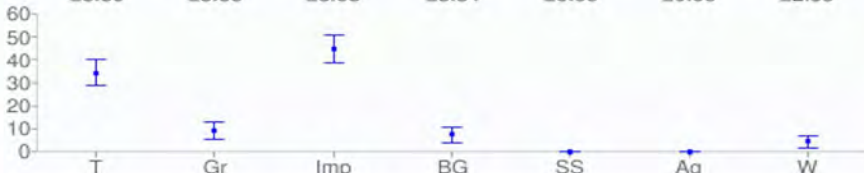
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Percent Cover (\pm SE)

34.3	8.96	44.8	7.46	0.00	0.00	4.48
± 5.80	± 3.66	± 6.08	± 3.34	± 0.00	± 0.00	± 2.59



Id	Cover Class	Latitude	Longitude
61	Tree	38.902153927112	-76.965047428253
62	Water	38.923799096149	-77.110429223729
63	Tree	38.961324676131	-77.03983893727
64	Impervious	38.866540734234	-76.965398989474
65	Tree	38.888206252128	-76.951066339859
66	Grass	38.891553823381	-77.04287817671
67	Impervious	38.907230806429	-77.049487697045
68	Bare Ground		
69	Shrub/Scrub		
70	Agriculture		
71	Water		
72	Other		

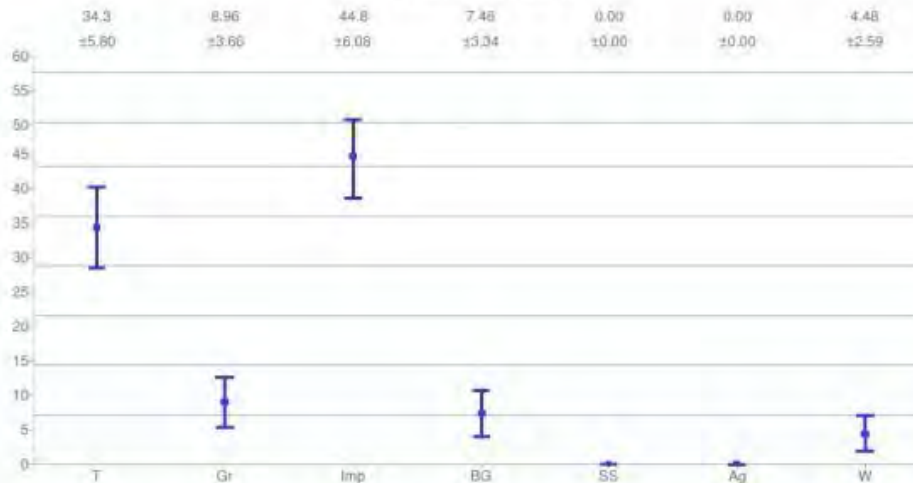
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i-Tree Canopy Cover Report

Percent Cover (\pm SE)

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

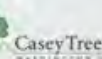
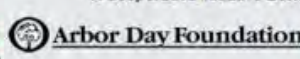
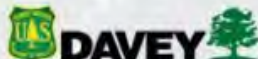
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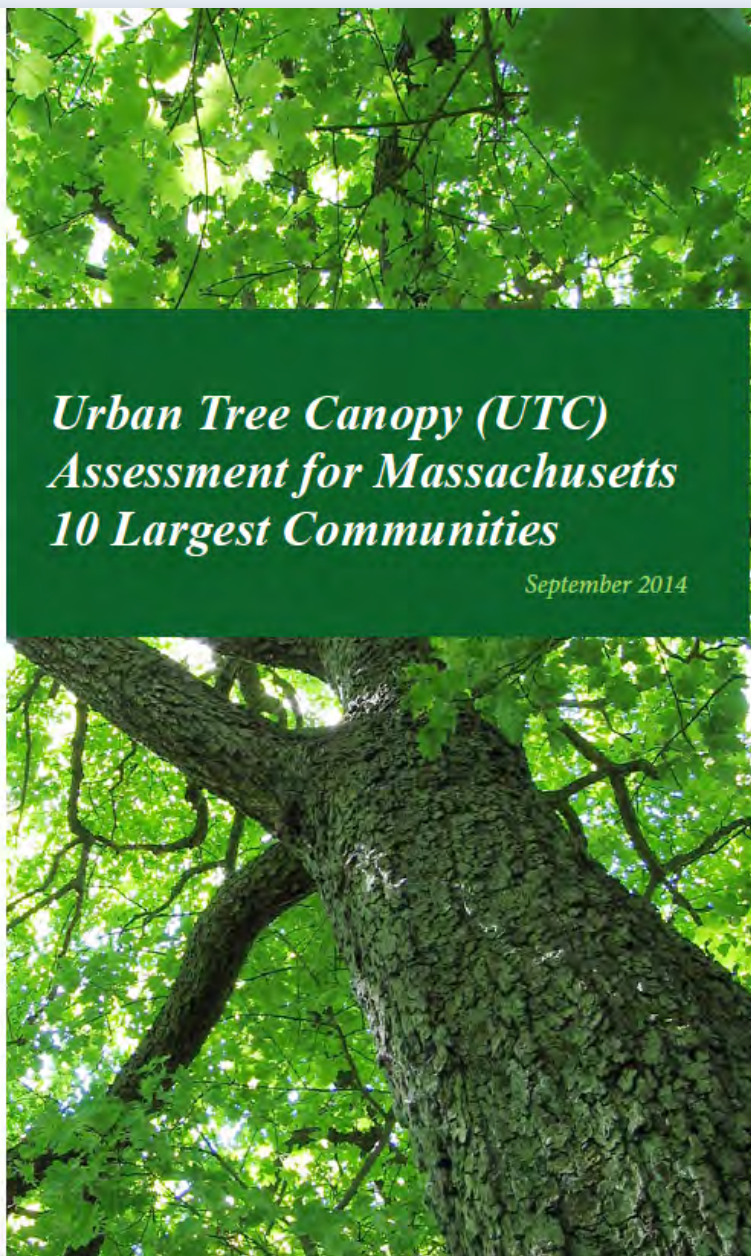






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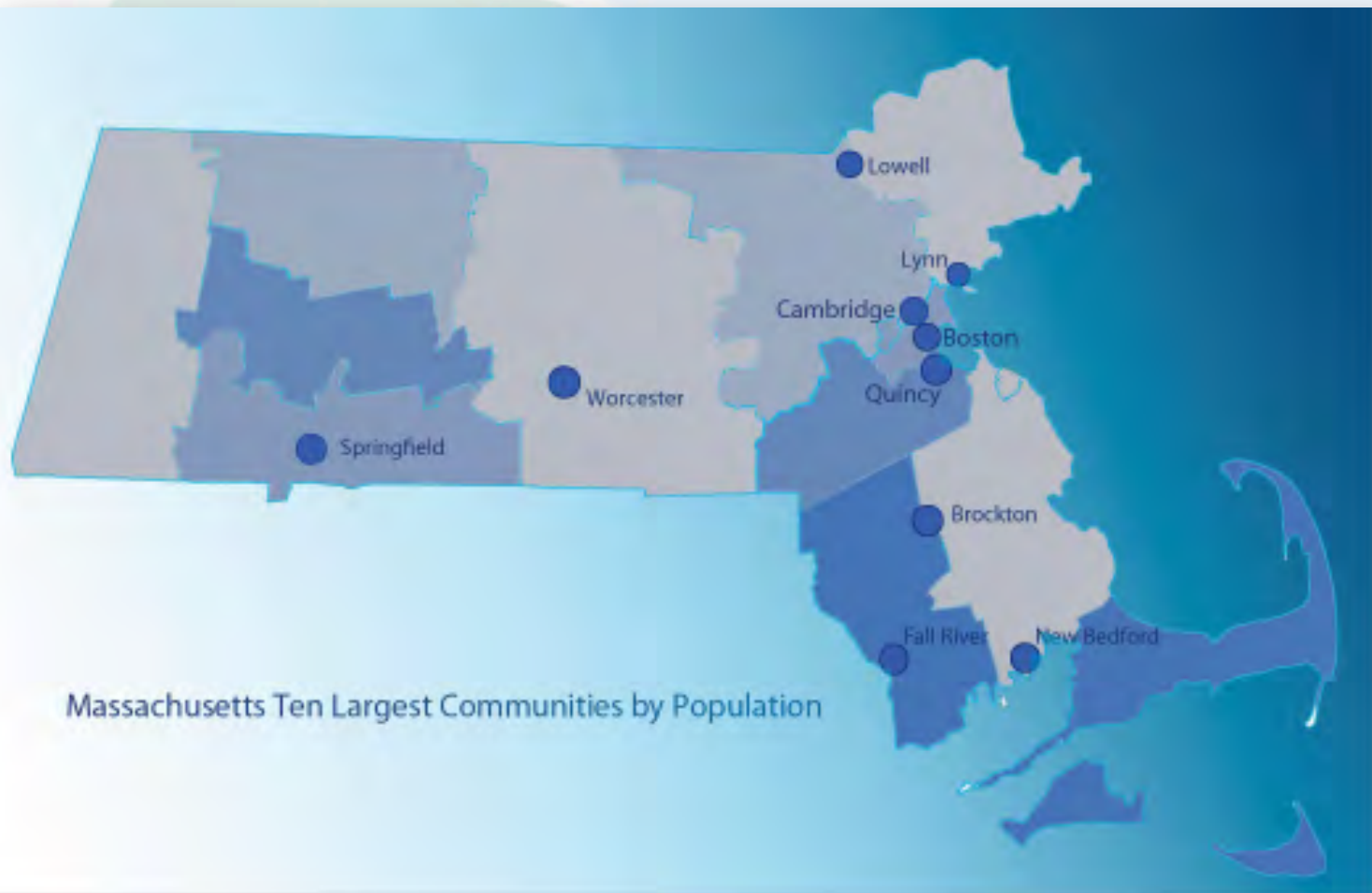
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Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) Assessment for Massachusetts 10 Largest Communities

September 2014





City Size Rank	City	Total Area (Sq. Mi.)	Population
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	Quincy	16.57	93,494
9	Lynn	10.74	91,589
10	Fall River	33.13	88,697



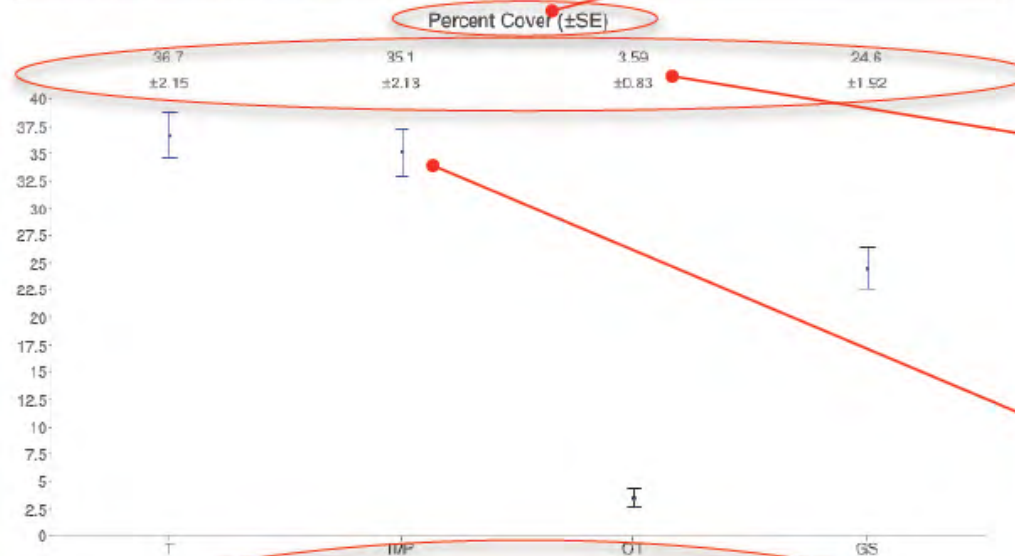
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Cover Assessment and Tree Benefits Report

Estimated using random sampling statistics on 3/28/14



Reporting Value - % or Area

Standard Error

Confidence Intervals

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

Cover Class Reporting

Tree Benefit Estimates

Abbr.	Benefit Description	Value	±SE	Amount	±SE
CO	Carbon Monoxide removed annually	\$288.62	±18.98	3.42 T	±0.20
NO2	Nitrogen Dioxide removed annually	\$498.62	±29.24	18.83 T	±1.09
O3	Ozone removed annually	\$25,800.92	±1,522.73	185.52 T	±10.88
PM2.5	Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns removed annually	\$53,678.39	±3,147.76	9.01 T	±0.53
SO2	Sulfur Dioxide removed annually	\$87.15	±5.11	11.74 T	±0.68
PM10*	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
CO2seq	Carbon Dioxide sequestered annually in trees	\$719,454.29	±42,189.57	37,155.49 T	±2,178.84
CO2stor	Carbon Dioxide stored in trees (Note: this benefit is not an annual rate)	\$21,823,394.55	±1,279,747.12	1,127,047.17 T	±66,091.25

I-Tree Canopy Annual Tree Benefit Estimates based on these values in lbs/acre/yr and \$/T/yr: CO 0.002 @ \$85.08 | NO2 4.917 @ \$25.80 | O3 48.568 @ \$140.47 | PM2.5 2.370 @ \$5,675.07 | SO2 3.008 @ \$7.45 | PM10 16.403 @ \$304.43 | CO2seq 0.807.385 @ \$10.43 | CO2stor is a total biomass amount of 297,480,961 @ \$10.43*

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Amount (Tons)

Dollar Value of Benefits (\$)

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

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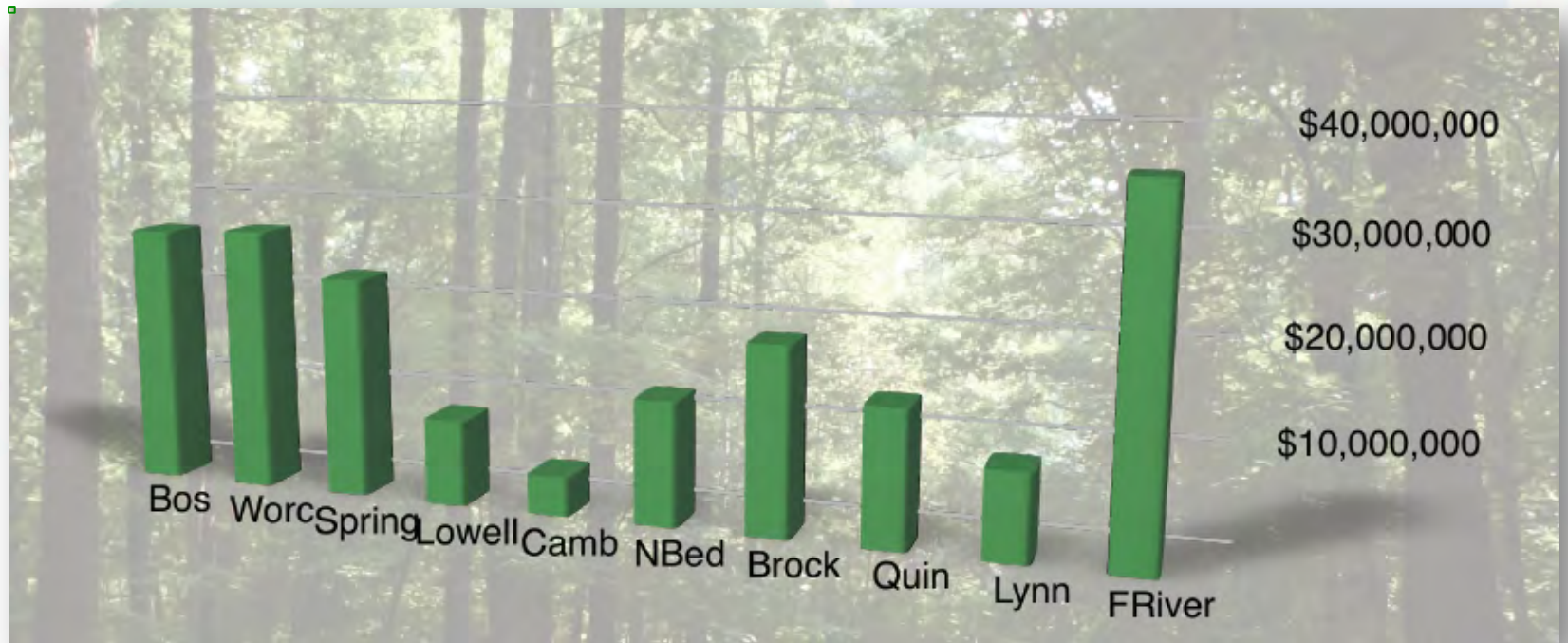


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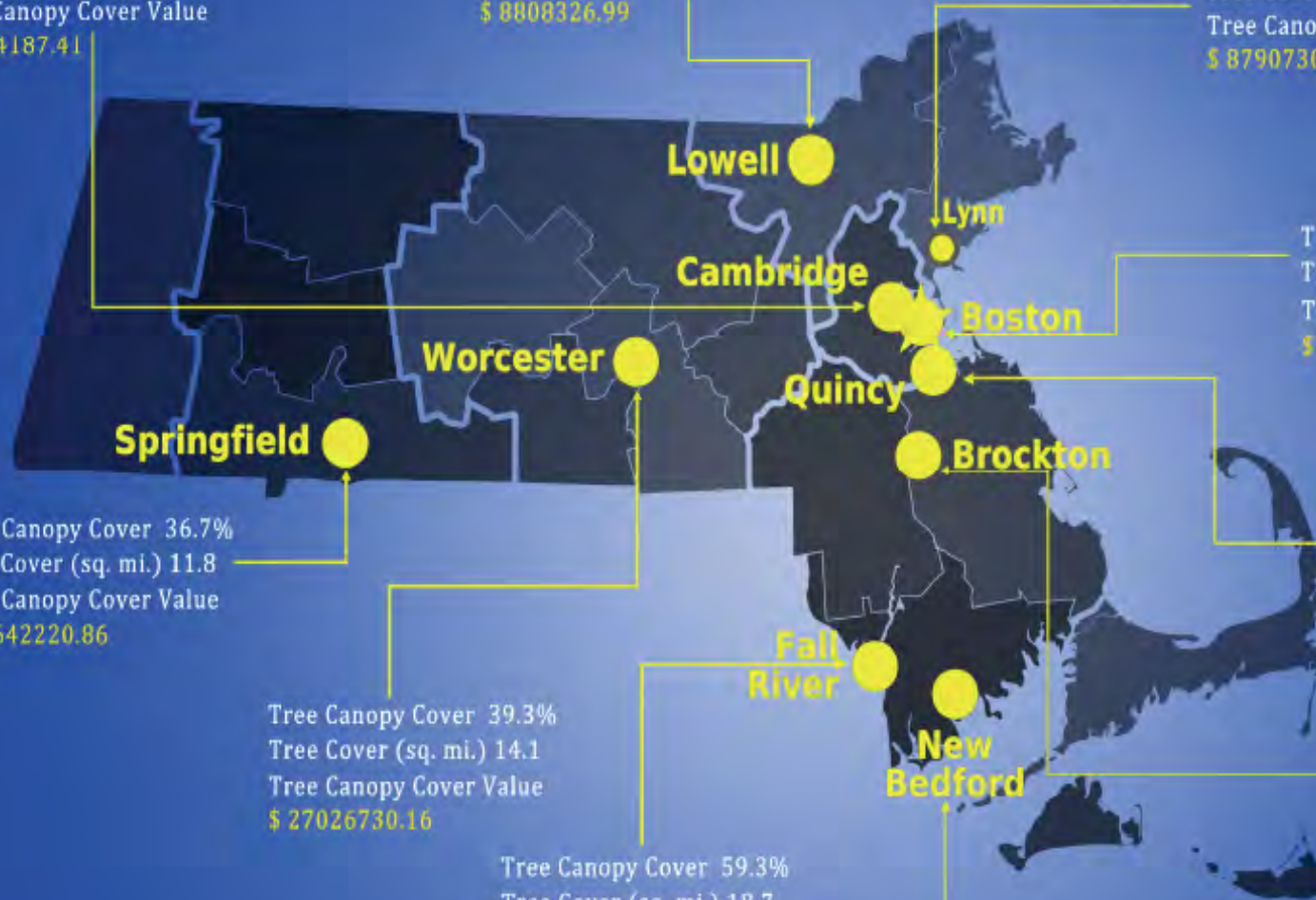
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Tree Canopy Cover 34%
Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 2.08
Tree Canopy Cover Value
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Tree Canopy Cover 31%
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Tree Cover (sq. mi.) 4.58
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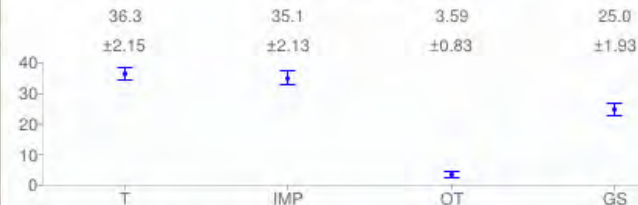
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Percent Cover (\pm SE)



Id	Cover Class	Latitude	Longitude
1	Grass and Shrubs	42.11763	-72.50107
2	Tree	42.10498	-72.54716
3	Grass and Shrubs	42.12164	-72.50396
4	Impervious Surface	42.09491	-72.53938
5	Impervious Surface	42.14111	-72.52199
6	Impervious Surface	42.14030	-72.58199
7	Tree	42.12689	-72.52767
8	Tree	42.13502	-72.57876
9	Impervious Surface	42.11119	-72.56362
10	Impervious Surface	42.12072	-72.54743

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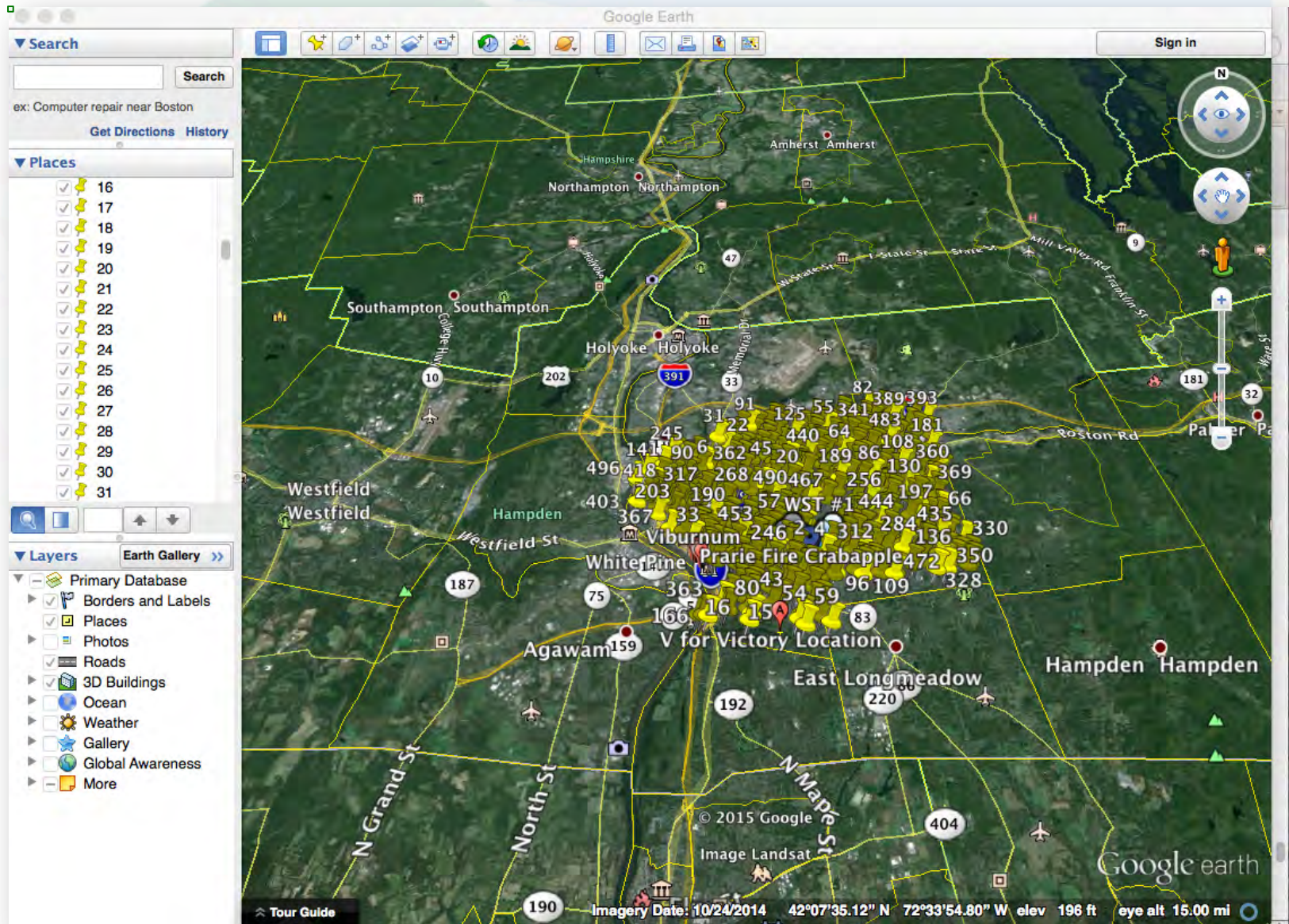
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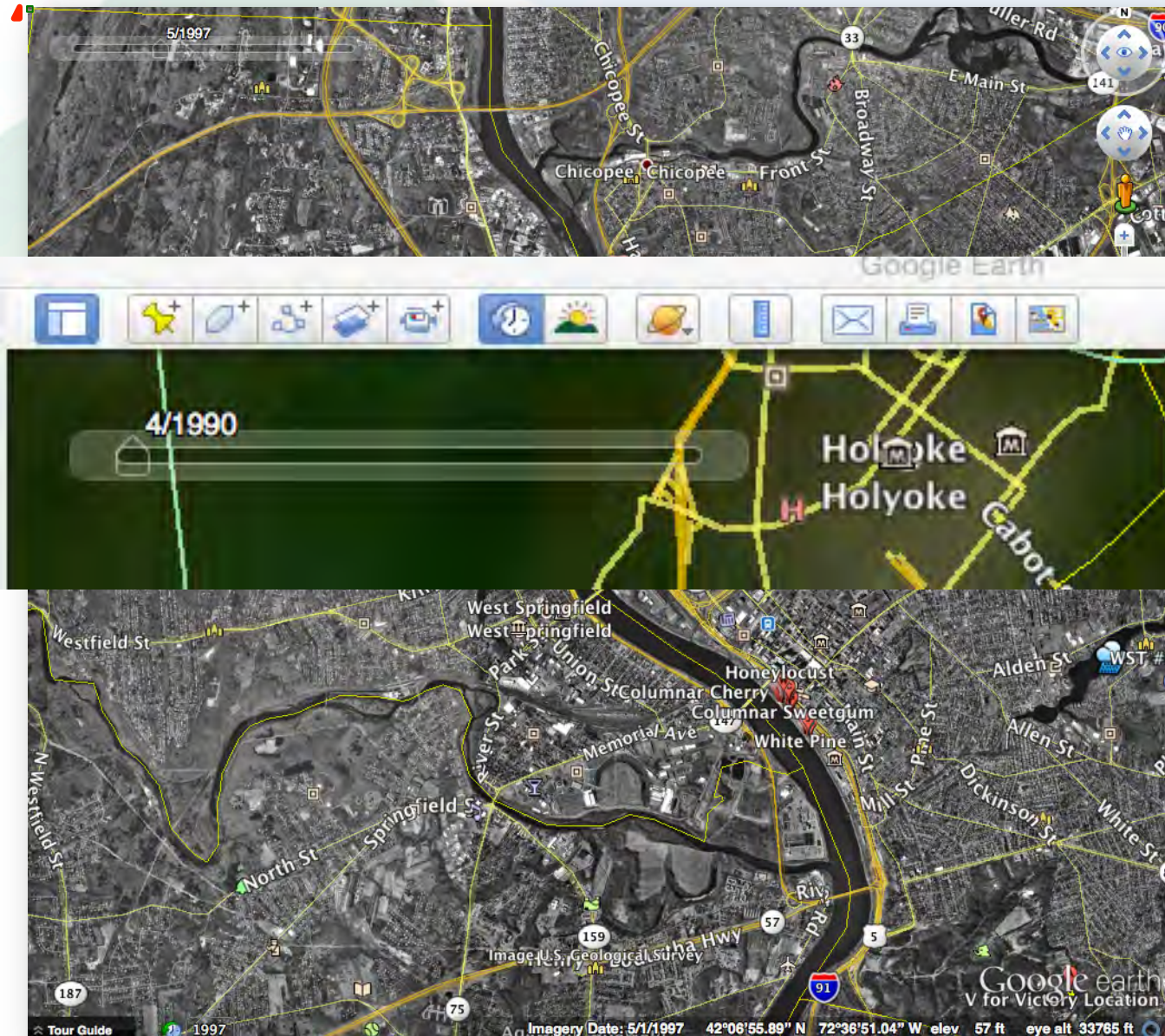
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i-Tree Canopy: Timeline Photos





Historic Comparison



Historic Comparison

2001
12.0%

Cover Class	Description	Abbr.	Points	% Cover
Tree	Tree, non-shrub	T	60	12.0 ±1.45
Impervious Paved	Road, asphalt, parking lots	Imp. Paved	104	20.8 ±1.82
Impervious Building	Houses, roofs, buildings	Imp. Build.	59	11.8 ±1.44
Pervious Surface	Grass, Brush, soil, dirt	Per. Sur.	259	51.8 ±2.23
Water	Water	H2O	18	3.60 ±0.83

Tree Benefit Estimates					
Abbr.	Benefit Description	Value	±SE	Amount	±SE
CO	Carbon Monoxide removed annually	\$96.40	±11.67	1.14 T	±0.14
NO2	Nitrogen Dioxide removed annually	\$165.96	±20.10	6.20 T	±0.75
O3	Ozone removed annually	\$8,642.84	±1,046.70	61.75 T	±7.48
PM2.5	Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns removed annually	\$17,866.33	±2,163.72	3.00 T	±0.36
SO2	Sulfur Dioxide removed annually	\$29.01	±3.51	3.91 T	±0.47
PM10*	Particulate Matter greater than 2.5 microns and less than 10 microns removed annually	\$6,274.48	±759.88	20.68 T	±2.50
CO2seq	Carbon Dioxide sequestered annually in trees	\$239,463.43	±29,000.46	12,366.85 T	±1,497.70
CO2stor	Carbon Dioxide stored in trees (Note: this benefit is not an annual rate)	\$7,263,706.50	±879,678.54	375,126.79 T	±45,430.11

i-Tree Canopy Annual Tree Benefit Estimates based on these values in lbs/acre/yr and \$/T/yr: CO 0.302 @ \$85.02 | NO2 4.917 @ \$26.26 | O3 48.968 @ \$140.47 | PM2.5 2.373 @ \$5,975.67 | SO2 3.098 @ \$7.45 | PM10* 16.403 @ \$304.43 | Total amount of 297,489,961 @ \$19.43
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Cover Class	Description	Abbr.	Points	% Cover
Tree	Tree, non-shrub	T	114	22.8 ±1.88
Impervious Paved	Road, asphalt, parking lots	Imp. Paved	95	19.0 ±1.75
Impervious Building	Houses, roofs, buildings	Imp. Build.	61	12.2 ±1.46
Pervious Surface	Grass, Brush, soil, dirt	Per. Sur.	211	42.2 ±2.21
Water	Water	H2O	19	3.80 ±0.86

Tree Benefit Estimates					
Abbr.	Benefit Description	Value	±SE	Amount	±SE
CO	Carbon Monoxide removed annually	\$183.15	±15.07	2.16 T	±0.18
NO2	Nitrogen Dioxide removed annually	\$315.32	±25.95	11.78 T	±0.97
O3	Ozone removed annually	\$16,421.40	±1,351.35	117.32 T	±9.65
PM2.5	Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns removed annually	\$33,946.03	±2,793.48	5.70 T	±0.47
SO2	Sulfur Dioxide removed annually	\$55.11	±4.54	7.42 T	±0.61
PM10*	Particulate Matter greater than 2.5 microns and less than 10 microns removed annually	\$11,921.51	±981.04	39.30 T	±3.23
CO2seq	Carbon Dioxide sequestered annually in trees	\$454,980.51	±37,441.14	23,497.01 T	±1,933.61
CO2stor	Carbon Dioxide stored in trees (Note: this benefit is not an annual rate)	\$13,801,042.34	±1,135,711.73	712,740.89 T	±58,652.69

i-Tree Canopy Annual Tree Benefit Estimates based on these values in lbs/acre/yr and \$/T/yr: CO 0.302 @ \$85.02 | NO2 4.917 @ \$26.26 | O3 48.968 @ \$140.47 | PM2.5 2.373 @ \$5,975.67 | SO2 3.098 @ \$7.45 | PM10* 16.403 @ \$304.43 | CO2seq 9,807.325 @ \$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.

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