



Session 3.2

Do the right thing: Planning, designing and managing the urban forest to strengthen its resilience to external shocks.

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Look up: Shifting the urban forest composition in Washington, DC to enhance climate resilience



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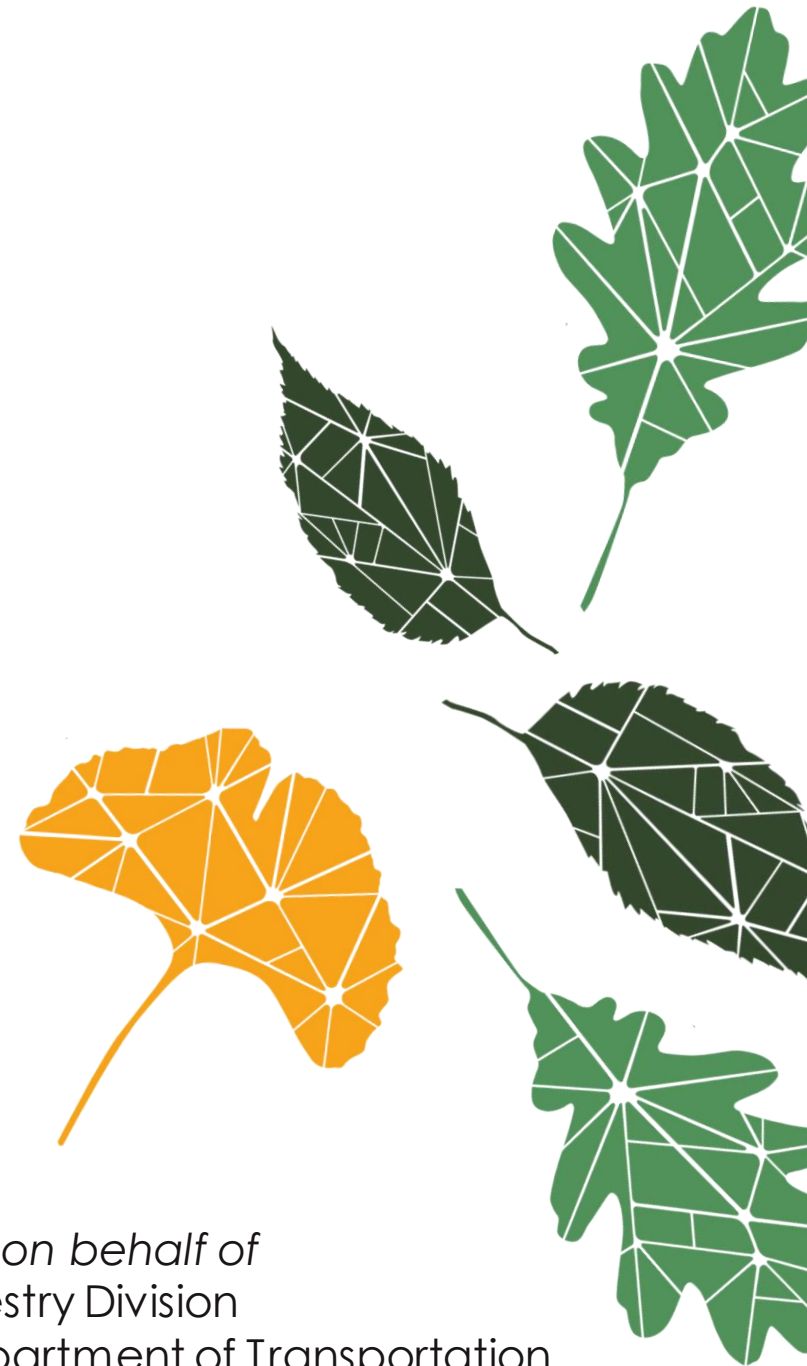
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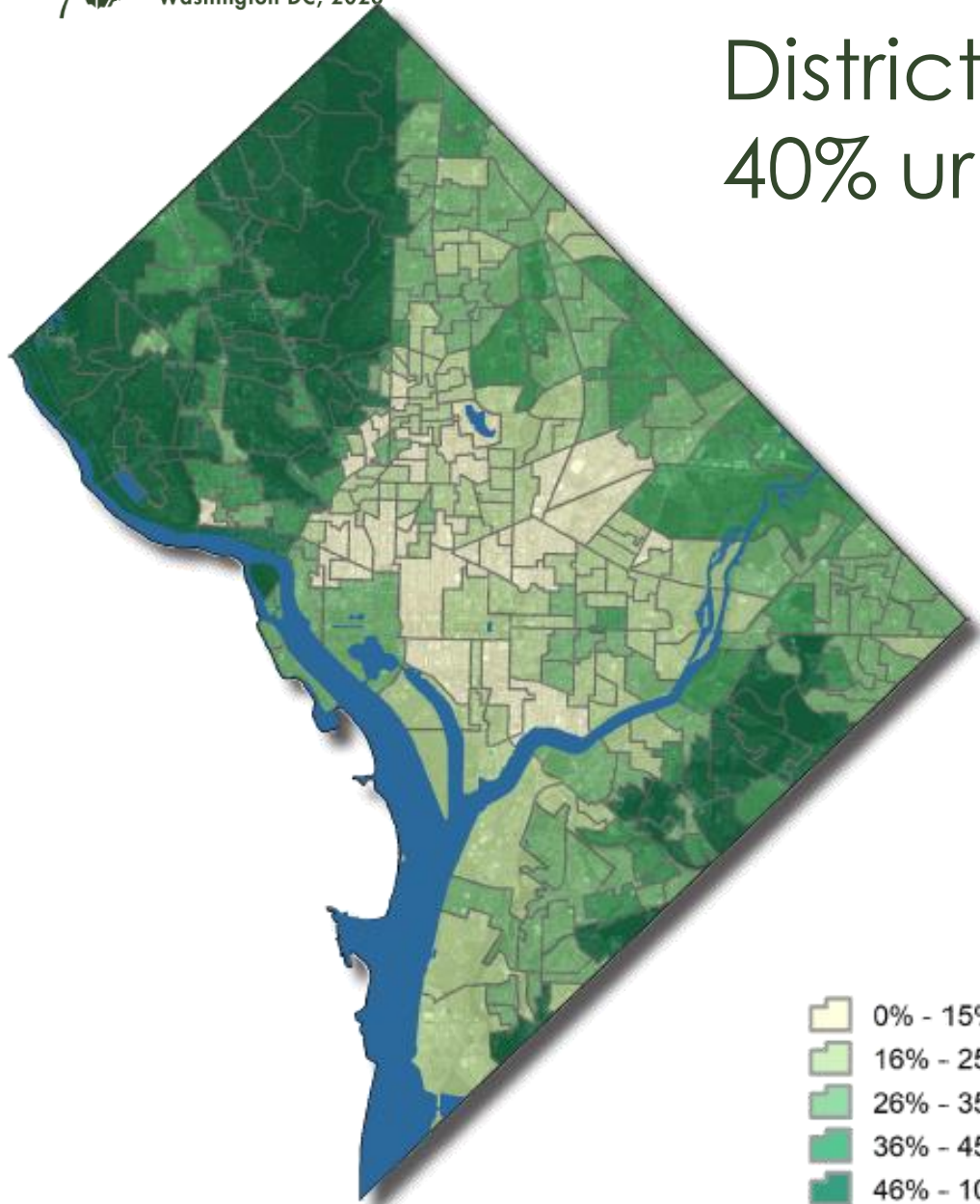


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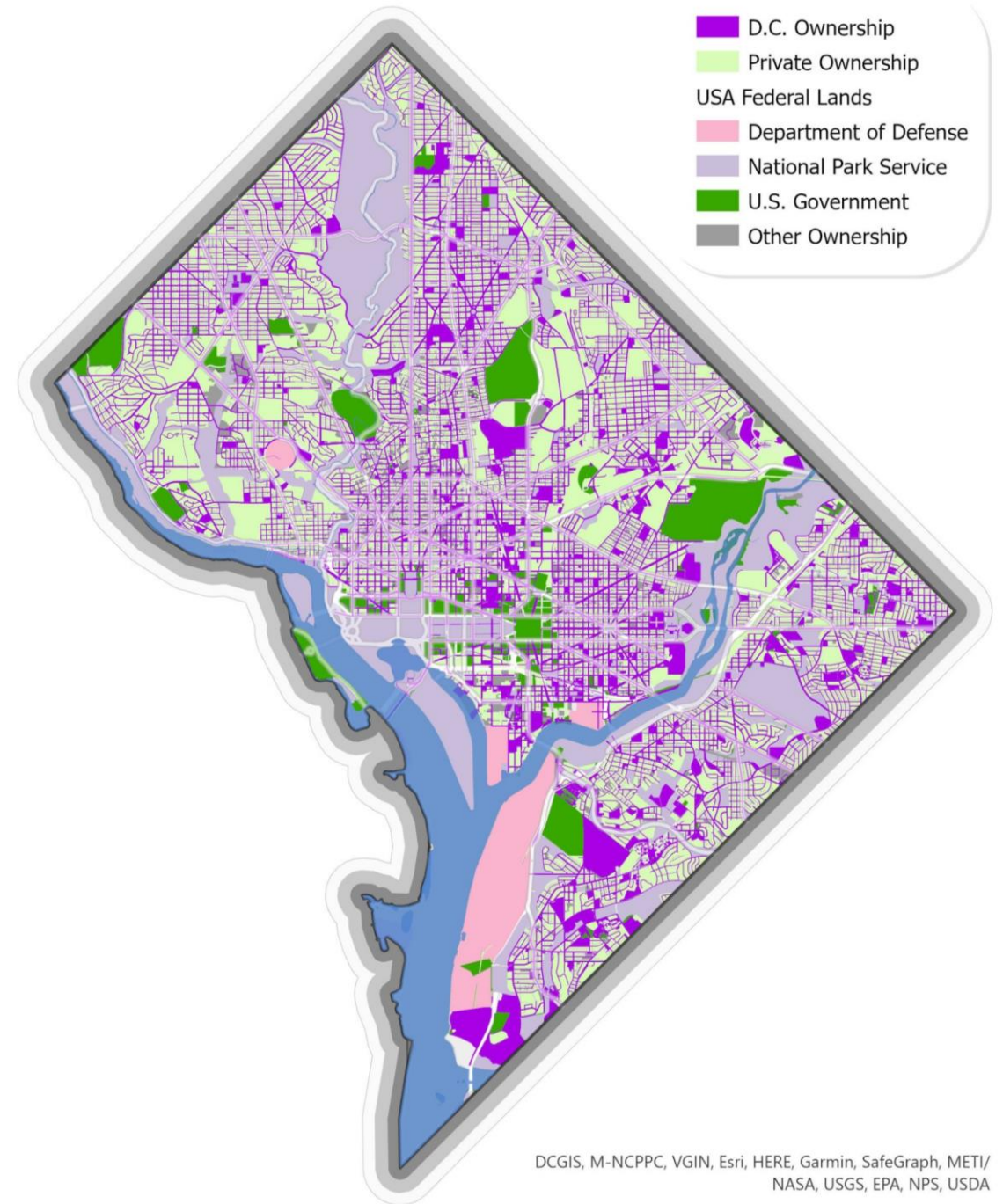
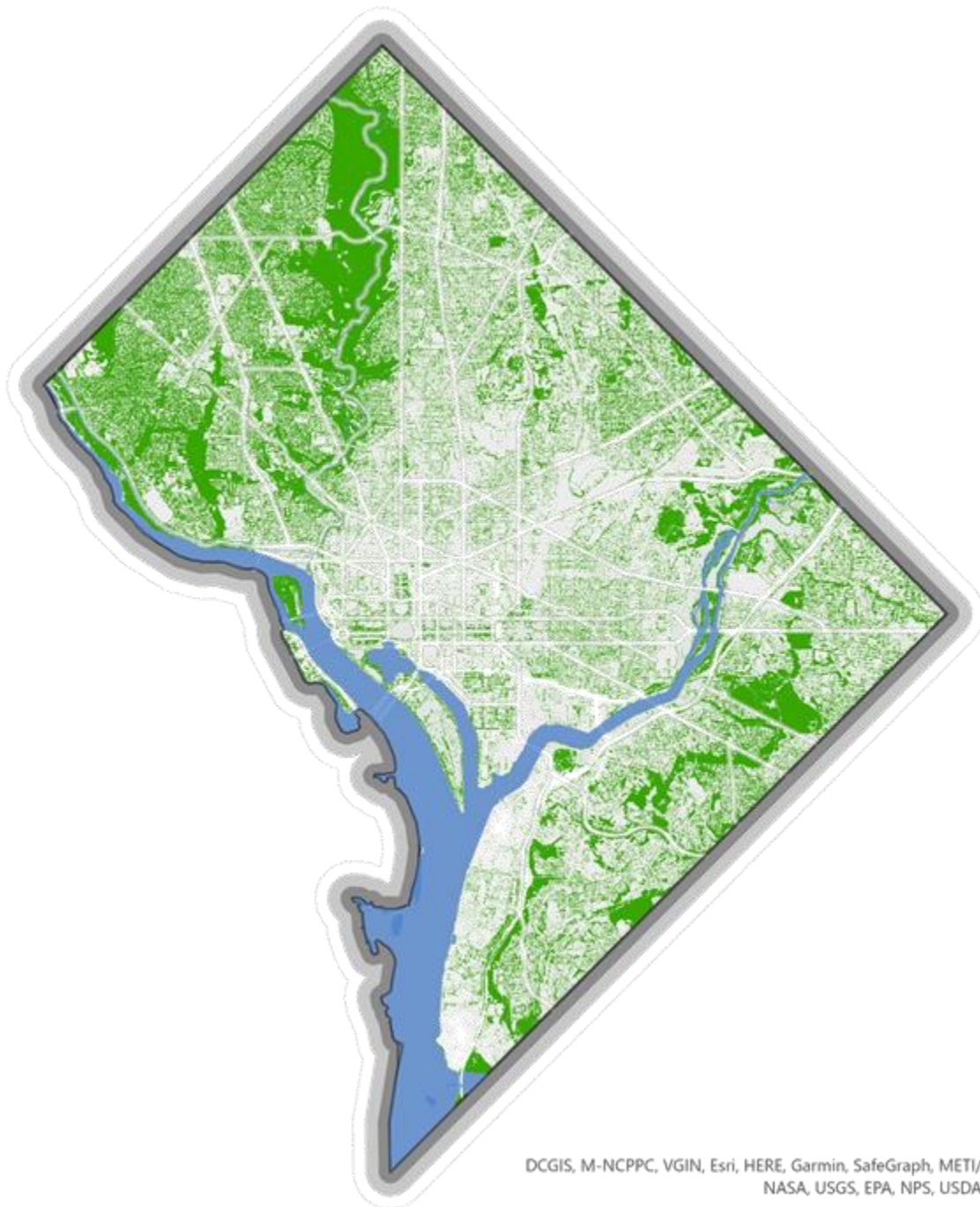




District of Columbia 40% urban tree canopy cover by 2032

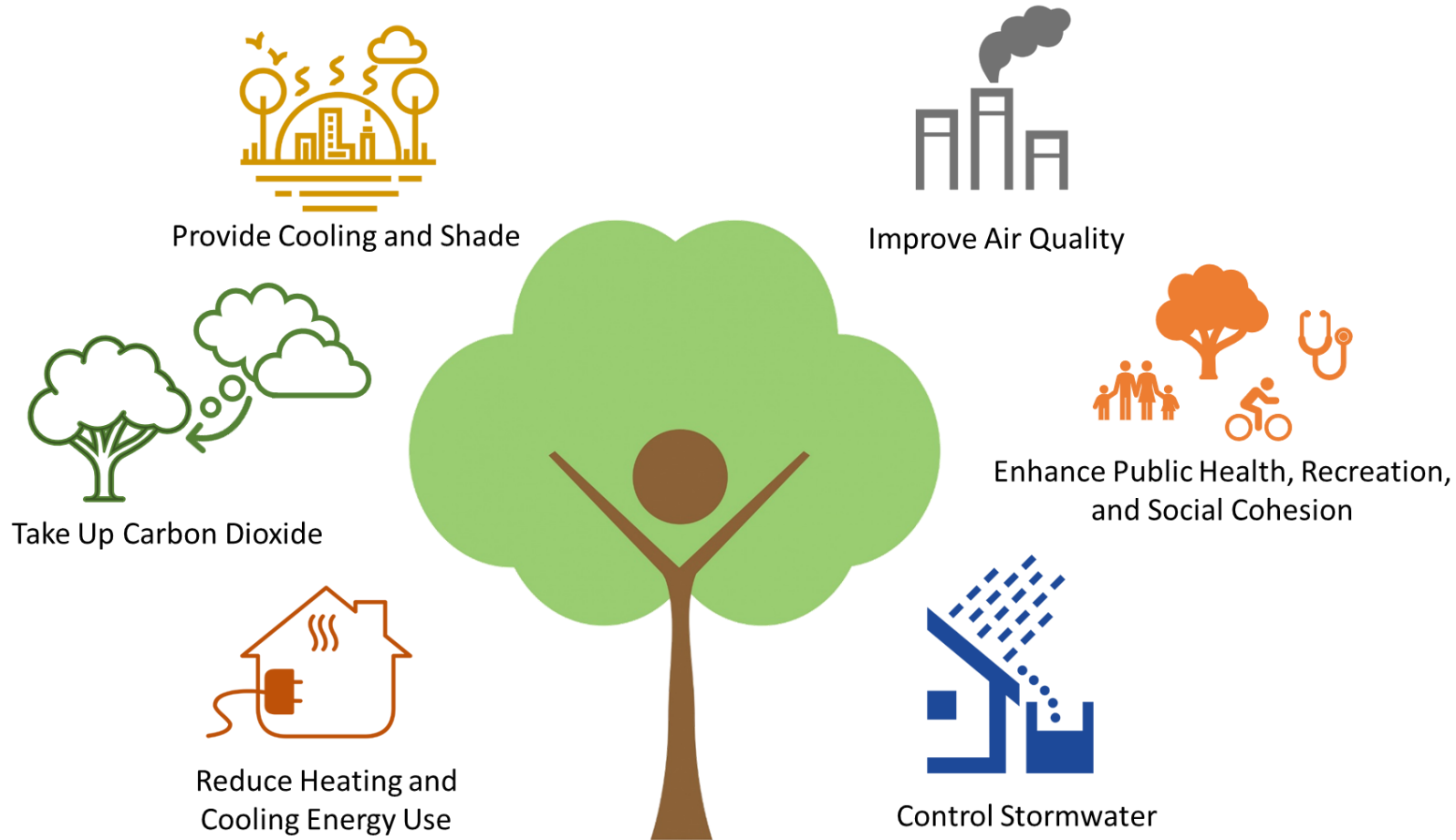
- **Direct management**
 - Trees on city property
 - Public space permits
 - Emergency response
- **Indirect management**
 - Tree ordinance
- **Partnerships**







Benefits of Urban Forests in a Changing Climate





Climate change and urban trees

- **Direct impacts**
 - Drought
 - Extreme heat
 - Extreme weather events
- **Indirect impacts**
 - Shifts in insect range and phenology
- **Response of trees**
 - Changes in phenology
 - Change in growth rates



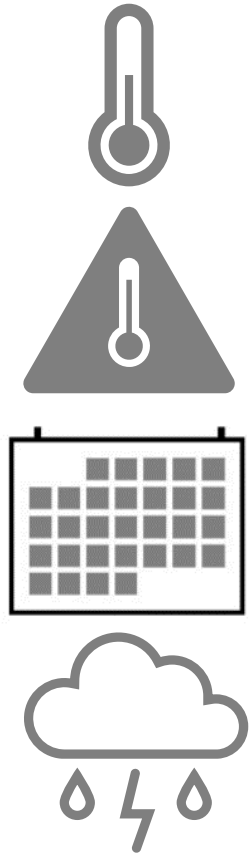
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Climate change in the District of Columbia



Climate change and urban forest management in the District

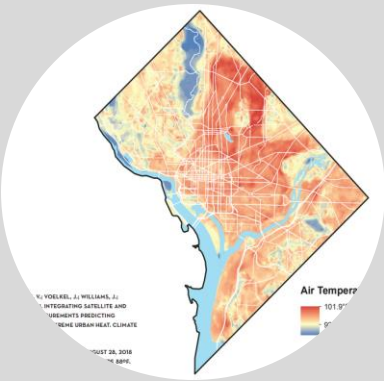
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Urban heat mapping

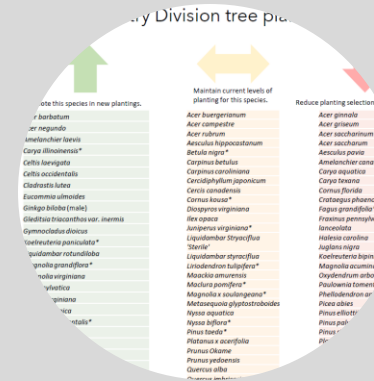


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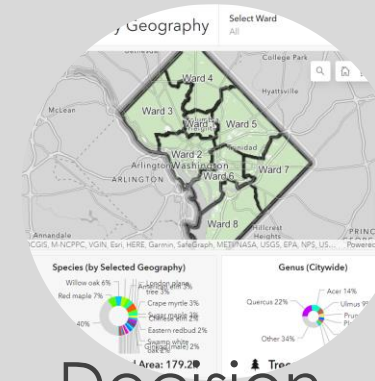


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Allegheny serviceberry	+	✓	✓	✓
American linden, Basswood	+	✓	✓	✓
American sweetgum, fruitless	+	✓	✓	✓
American beech	+	✓	✓	✓
American elm	+	✓	✓	✓
American tycamore	+	✓	✓	✓
Amur corktree	+	✓	✓	✓
Amur maackia	+	✓	✓	✓
Amur maple	+	✓	✓	✓
White goldenrain tree	+	✓	✓	✓
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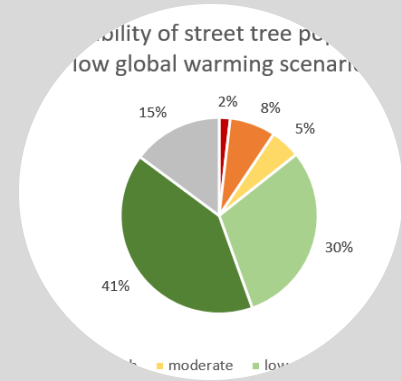


Prioritizing tree species



Decision support tool:

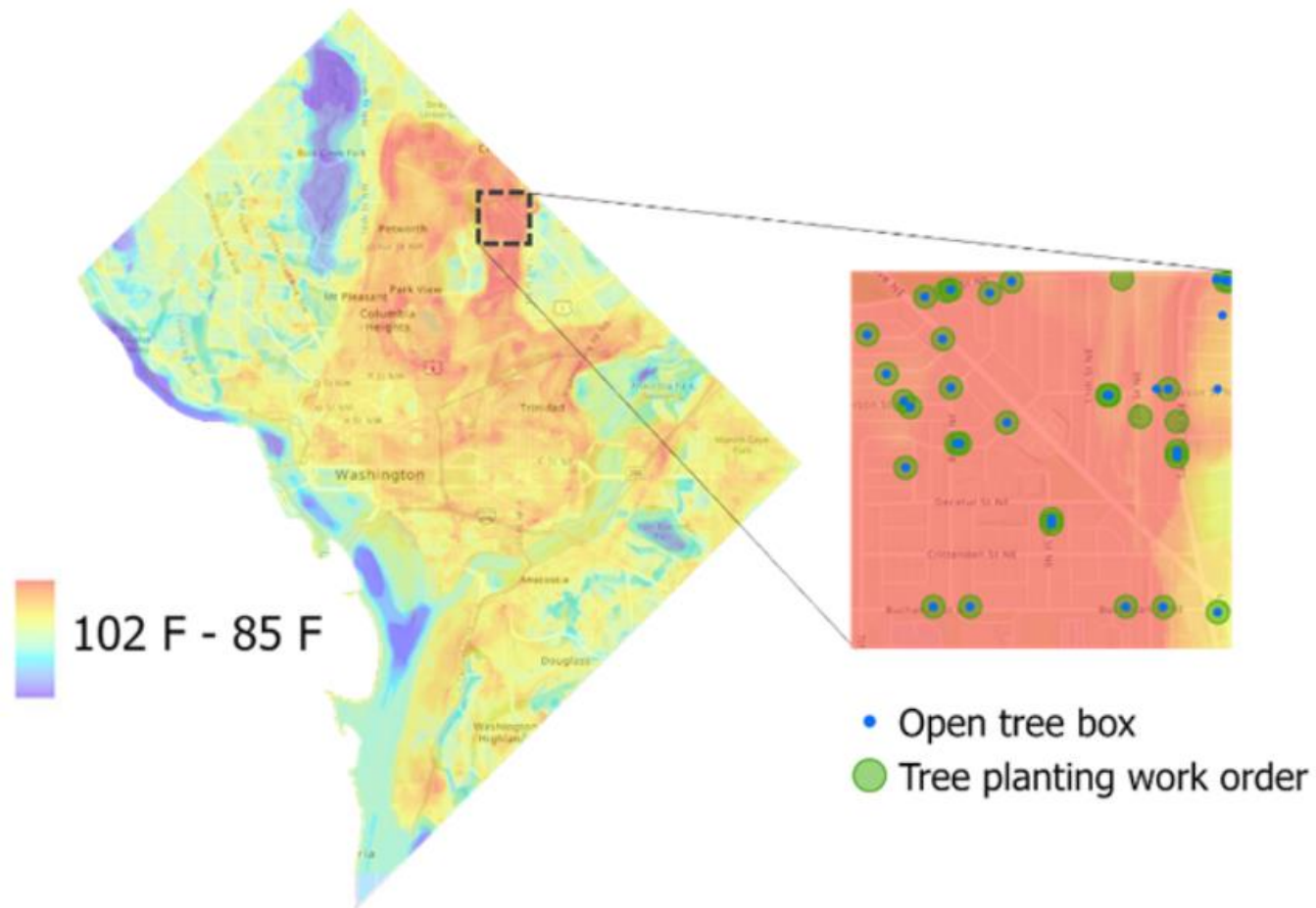
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Evaluating progress

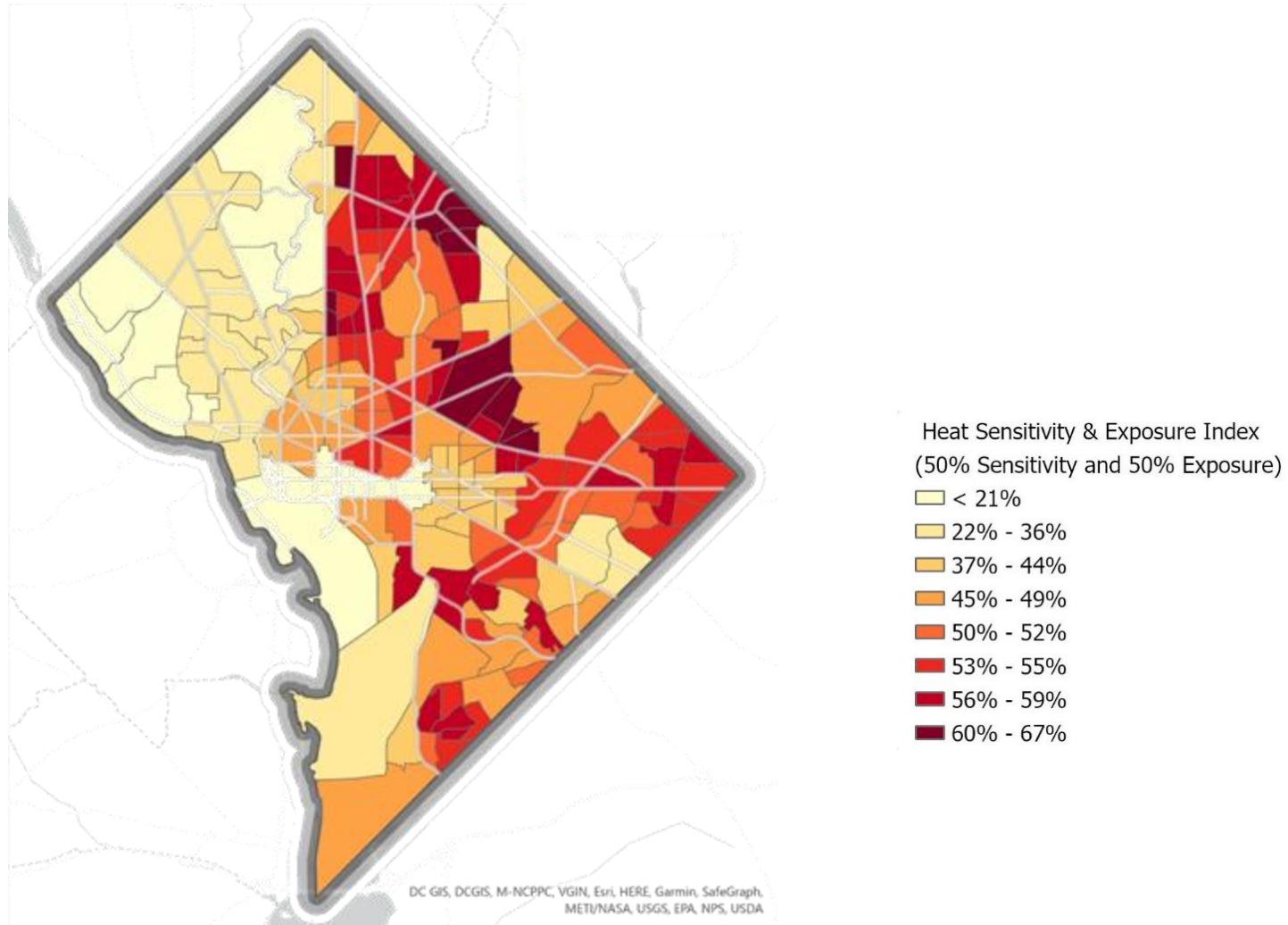


Planting trees where they are needed most





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Assessing climate vulnerability: what is at risk?

CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY OF URBAN TREES WASHINGTON, D.C.



This list was developed to aid Washington, D.C. community forestry practitioners in selecting trees to reduce climate change vulnerability of their urban forests. It is meant to be a complement to other tree selection resources. Other factors may also need to be considered, such as aesthetics, local site conditions, wildlife value, or nursery availability. It is also important to note that some species may have climate benefits but may not be suitable for planting for other reasons, such as having invasive potential or susceptibility to pests or pathogens.

Vulnerability: Trees can be vulnerable to a variety of climate-related stressors such as intense heat, drought, flooding, and changing pest and disease patterns. Climate vulnerability is a function of the impacts of

climate change on a species and its adaptive capacity. Species with negative impacts on habitat suitability and low adaptive capacity will have high vulnerability and vice versa. The following factors were used to determine climate vulnerability:

Urban adaptability: Adaptability scores were generated for each species based on literature describing its tolerance to disturbances such as drought, flooding, pests, and disease, as well as its growth requirements such as shade tolerance, soil needs, and ease of nursery propagation. Scores were assigned to species using methods developed in an urban forest vulnerability assessment for Chicago for trees planted in developed sites. A positive score indicates that a species is tolerant to a wide range of disturbances and can be planted on a variety of sites. A negative score indicates a species is highly susceptible to disturbances and/or is limited to specific planting sites.

Hardiness and heat zone suitability: Tree species ranges were recorded from government, university, and arboretum websites. Species tolerance ranges were compared to current and projected heat and hardiness zones for Washington, D.C. using downscaled climate models under low emissions (RCP 4.5) and high emissions (RCP 8.5) scenarios for changes in greenhouse gases. Trees were considered to have suitable zone suitability if the species' tolerance was within the range of current and projected hardiness and heat zone through the end of the 21st century.

NOTE: This list was primarily created for species planted in developed sites, such as streets, yards, boulevards, and parks. If you are interested in projected changes in habitat suitability for native species in natural areas, see the Climate Change Tree Atlas at www.fs.fed.us/nrs/atlas/.

Current and projected USDA Hardiness Zones and AHS Heat Zones for Washington, D.C. Hardiness zone is determined by the average lowest temperature over a 30 year period. Heat zones are determined by the number of days above 86°F.

Time Period	Hardiness Zone Range		Heat Zone Range	
	Low Emissions	High Emissions	Low Emissions	High Emissions
1980–2010	7	8	7 to 8	8
2010–2039	7	8	7 to 8	8
2040–2069	7 to 8	8	8	9
2070–2099	8	8 to 9	8	9 to 10

SOURCE: Adaptability scores were assigned using methods developed in an urban forest vulnerability assessment for Chicago by Brandt et al. 2017 (https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/gtr/gtr_nrs168.pdf). Future heat and hardiness zone information were provided from: <https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=96088b1c086a4b32b3a75d0f497e4c40>.

www.forestadaptation.org

URBAN ADAPTABILITY:	ZONE SUITABILITY:	VULNERABILITY:	
+ High: Species may perform better than modeled	✓ Suitable	▼ Low: Suitable zone, high adaptability	○ Moderate-high: Zone not suitable, medium adaptability
• Medium	✗ Not Suitable	● Low-moderate: Suitable zone, medium adaptability	△ High: Zone not suitable, low adaptability
- Low: Species may perform worse than modeled		⦿ Moderate: Suitable zone, low adaptability or zone not suitable, high adaptability	

*Invasive species

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	ADAPT	SUIT	VULN	ADAPT	SUIT	VULN
Alleghany serviceberry	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
American linden, Basswood	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
American sweetgum, fruitless	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
American beech	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
American elm	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
American sycamore	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Amur corktree*	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Amur maackia	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Amur maple*	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Bald cypress	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Bipinnate goldenrain tree	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Black alder	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Black locust	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Black oak	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Black tupelo, Black gum	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Black walnut	+	✓	○	○	○	○
Blackjack oak	+	✓	○	○	○	○
Boxelder	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Bur oak	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Callery pear*	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Carolina silverbell	+	✗	○	○	○	○
Chestnut oak	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Chinese fringetree	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Chinese magnolia	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Chinese pistachio	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Chokecherry	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Common hackberry	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Common horsechestnut	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Crapemyrtle	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Dawn redwood	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Downy serviceberry	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Eastern hemlock	+	✗	△	✗	△	△
Eastern redbud	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Eastern redcedar	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Eastern serviceberry	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Eastern white pine	+	✗	△	✗	△	△
English oak	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
European hornbeam	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
European mountain ash	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Flowering dogwood	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Ginkgo	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Goldenrain tree*	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Green ash	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Hardy rubber tree	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Hedge maple	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Honeylocust*	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Ironwood	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Japanese flowering cherry	+	✗	△	✗	△	△
Japanese pagoda tree	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Japanese tree lilac	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Japanese zelkova	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Jefferson elm	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Katsura tree	+	✓	○	✗	○	○
Kentucky coffeetree	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Kousa dogwood	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Lacebark elm	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Littleleaf linden	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
London planetree	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Musclewood	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
New Harmony elm	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Northern red oak	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Northern white cedar, Arborvitae	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Norway maple*	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Norway spruce	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Nutall oak	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Okame cherry	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Osage-orange	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Overcup oak	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Paperbark maple	+	✓	○	✗	○	○
Persian parrotia	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Pin oak	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Post oak	+	✓	○	✗	○	○
Princess tree*	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Princeton elm	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Red buckeye	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Red horsechestnut	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Red maple	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
River birch	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Sawtooth oak*	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Scarlet oak	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Shingle oak	+	✓	▼	✗	○	○
Shumard oak	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Siberian elm*	+	✓	●	✓	✓	●
Silver linden	+	✗	○	✗	○	○
Silver maple	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Smoothleaf elm	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Sour cherry	+	✓	●	✗	○	○
Sourwood	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Southern live oak	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼
Southern magnolia	+	✓	▼	✓	✓	▼

Climate change and urban forest management in the District

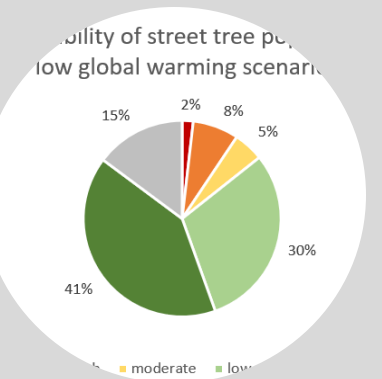
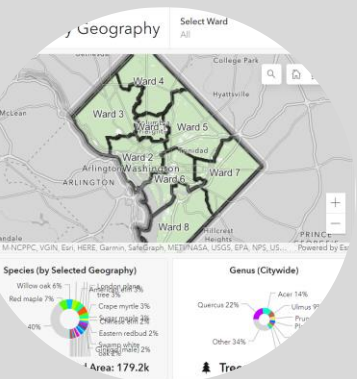
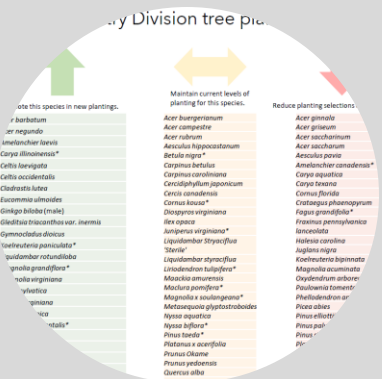
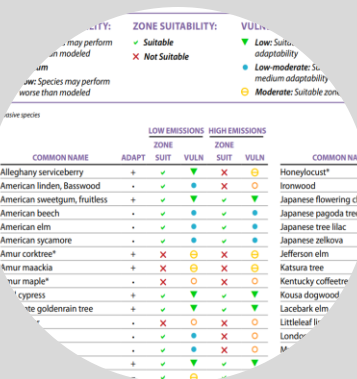
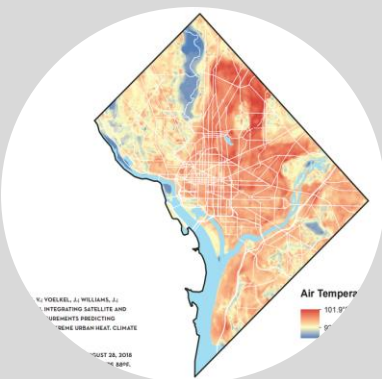
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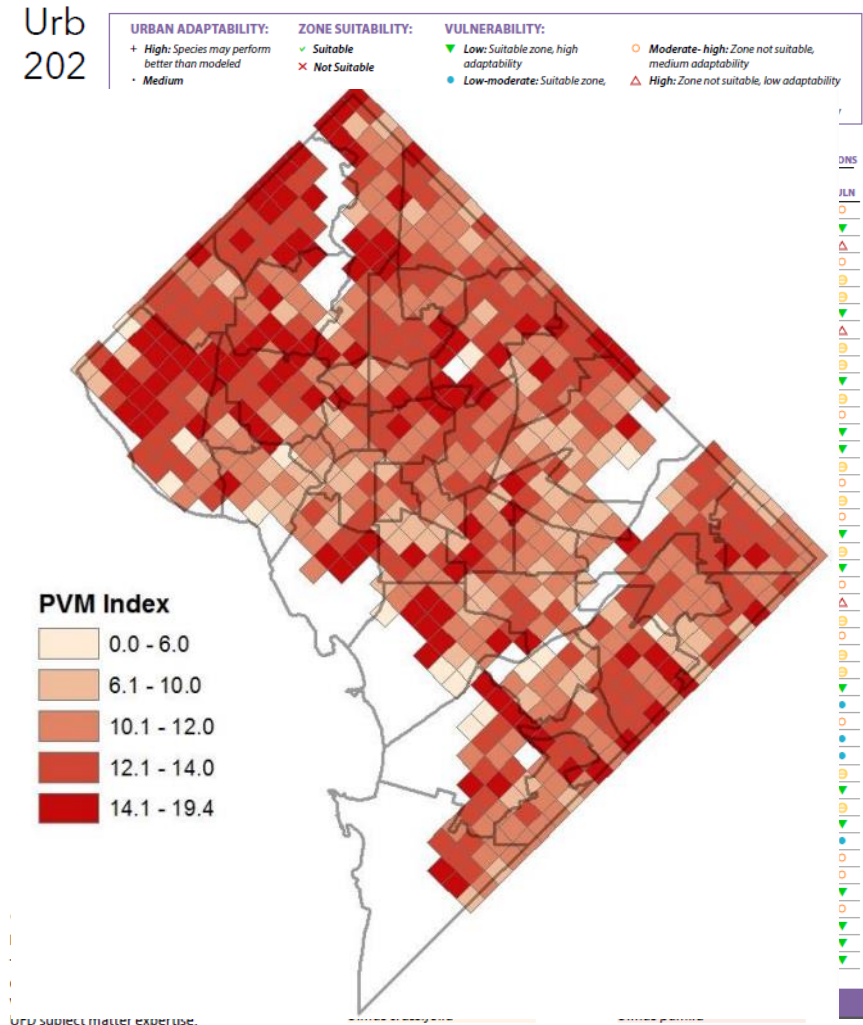
Decision support tool: implementation

Evaluating progress



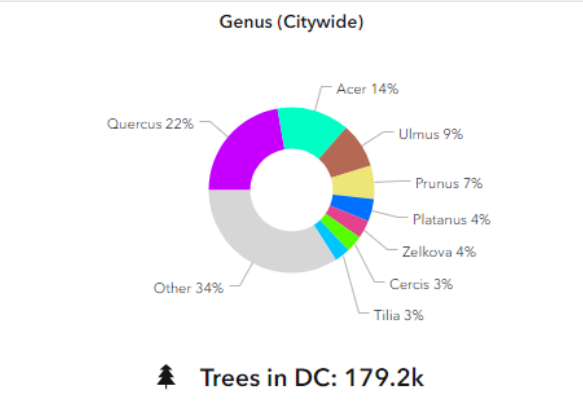
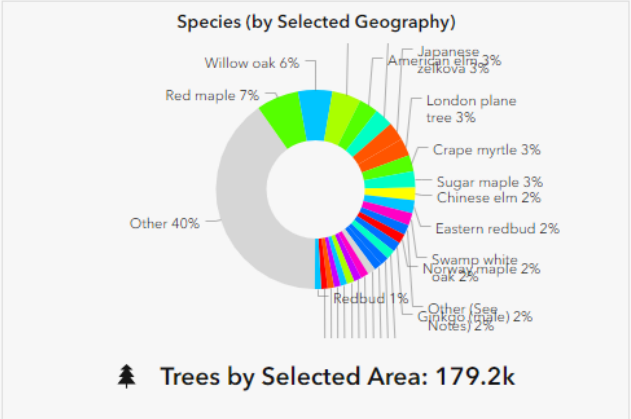
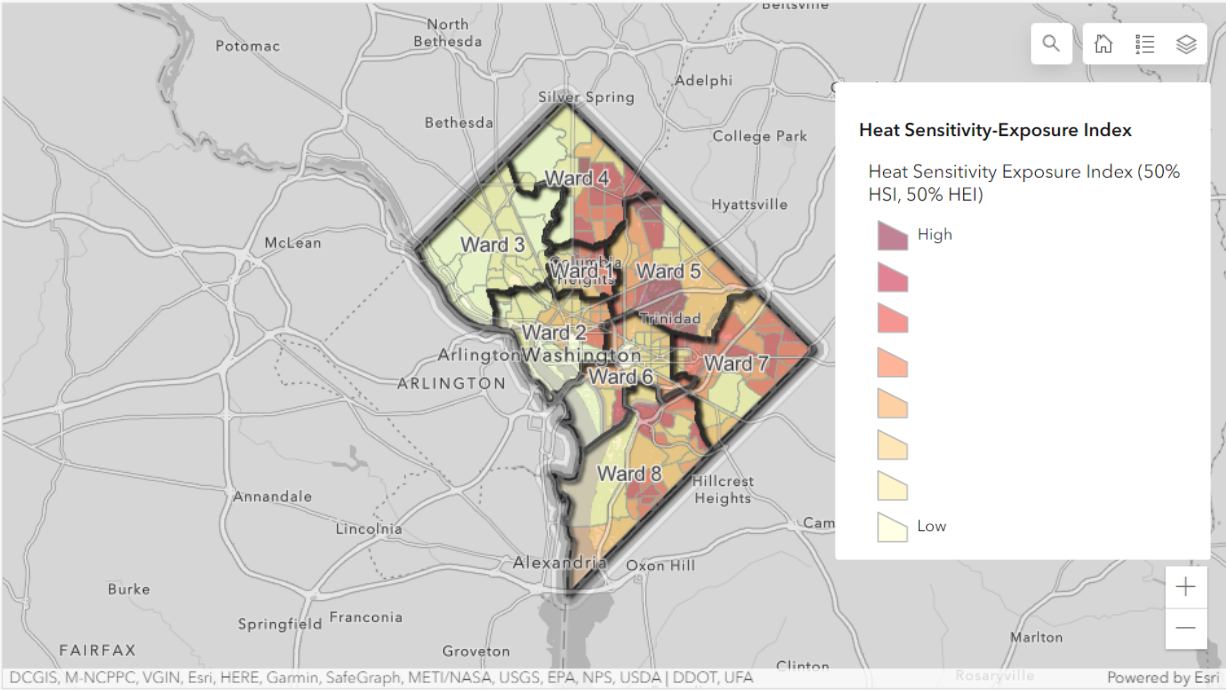
Prioritizing tree species selections

- Available data and resources
 - Tree atlas and NIACS climate vulnerability
 - Pest vulnerability matrix
 - Subject matter expertise
 - Tree mortality study data
- Urban foresters ranked tree species
- Prioritized tree list for planting



Decision support tool

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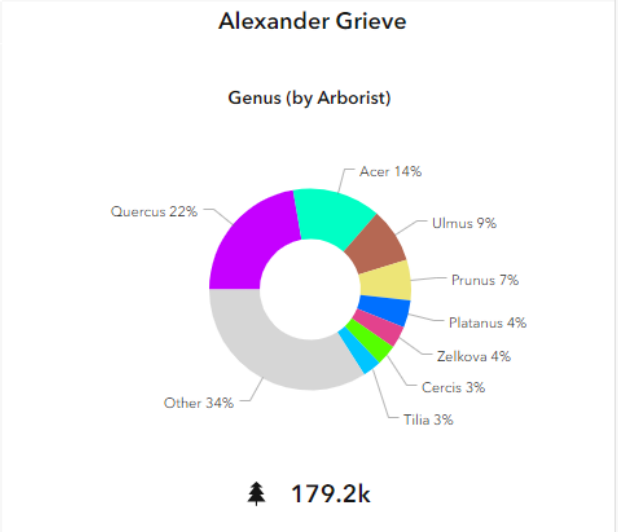
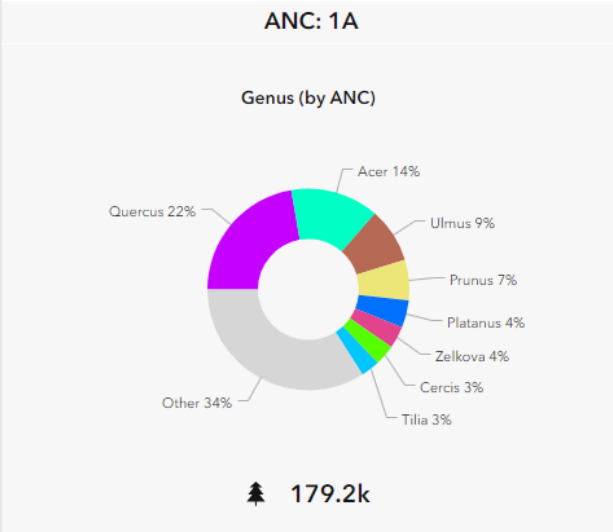
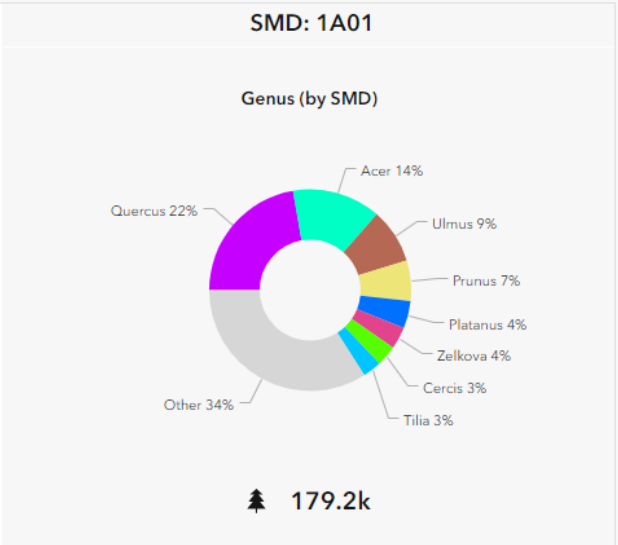
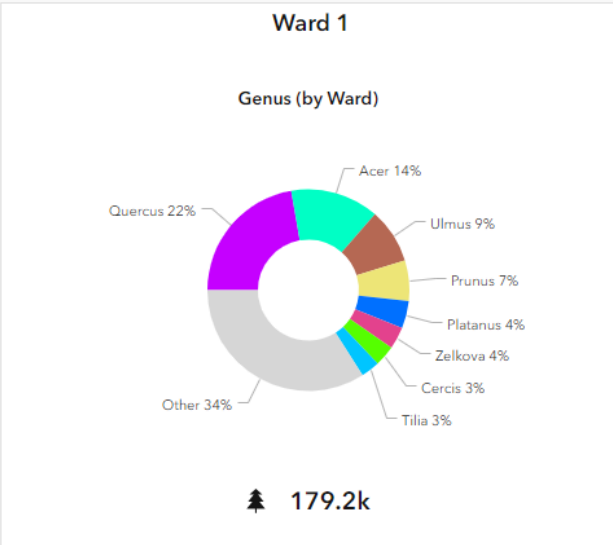


Select Ward
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By Geography

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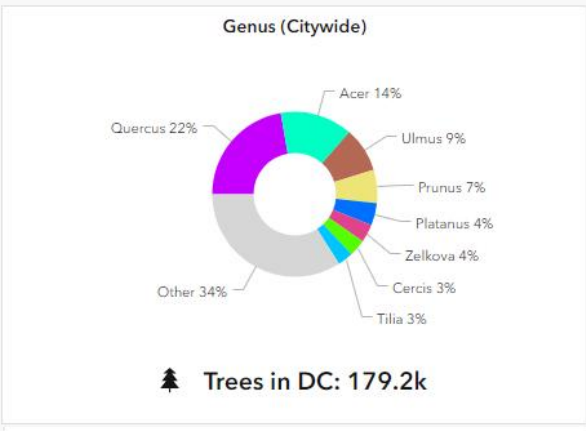
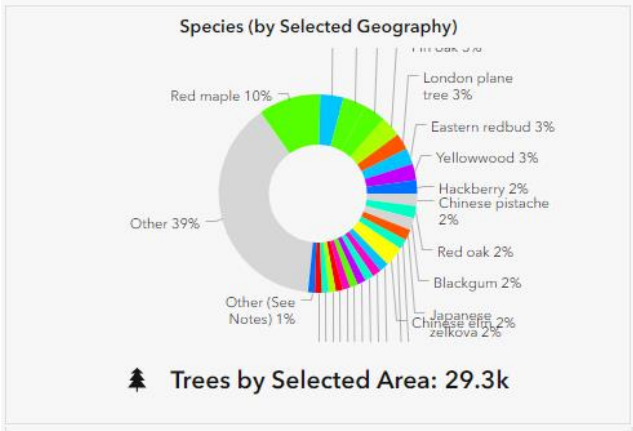
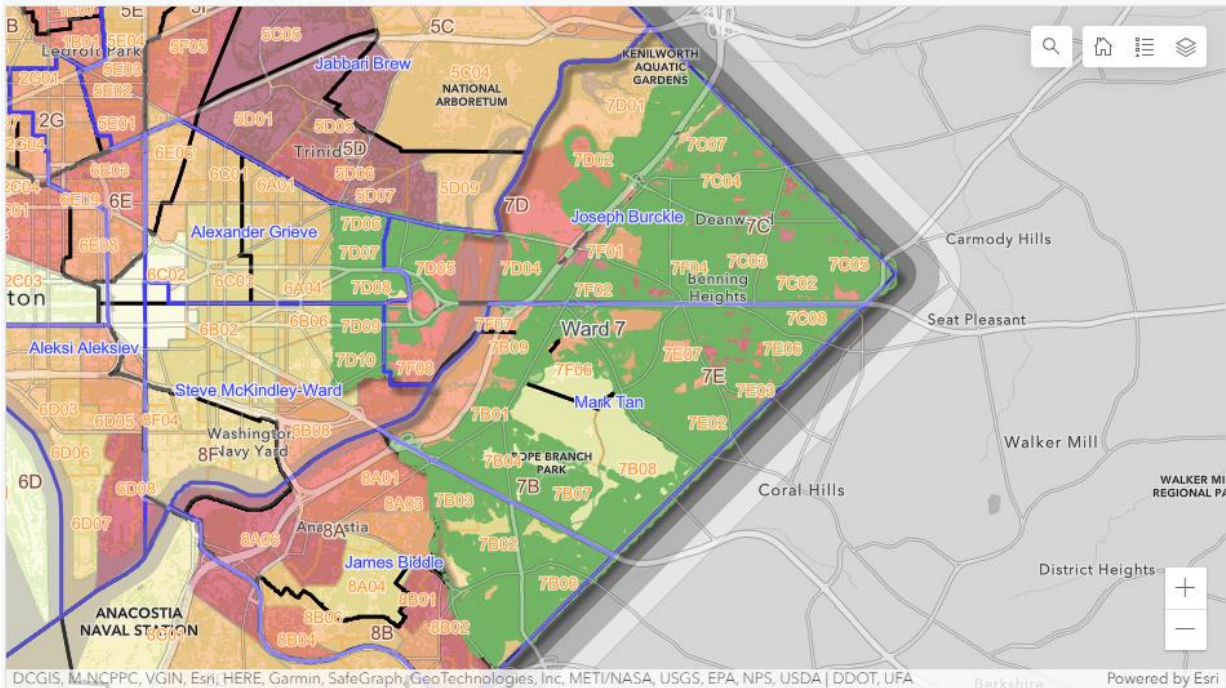
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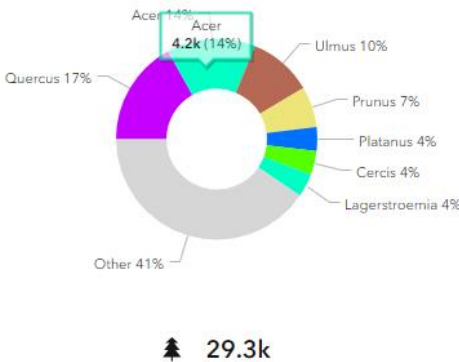
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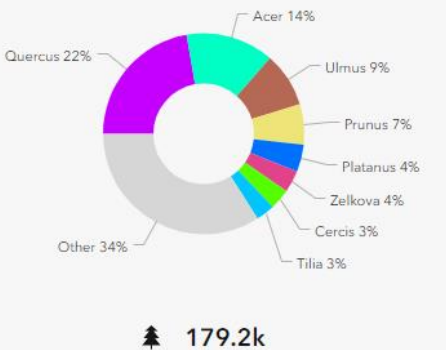
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Genus (by Ward)



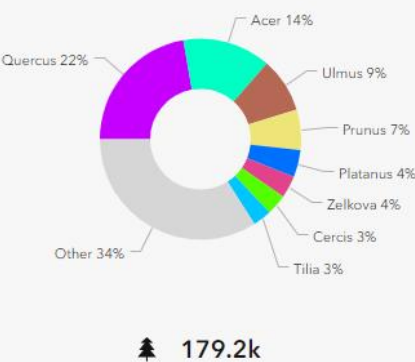
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Genus (by ANC)



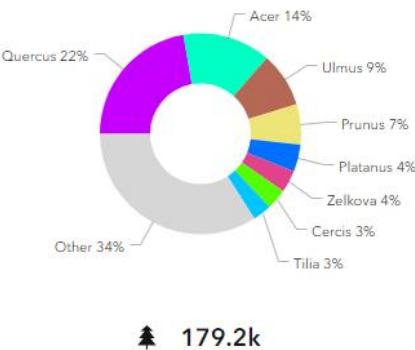
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Genus (by SMD)



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Genus (by Arborist)



By Geography

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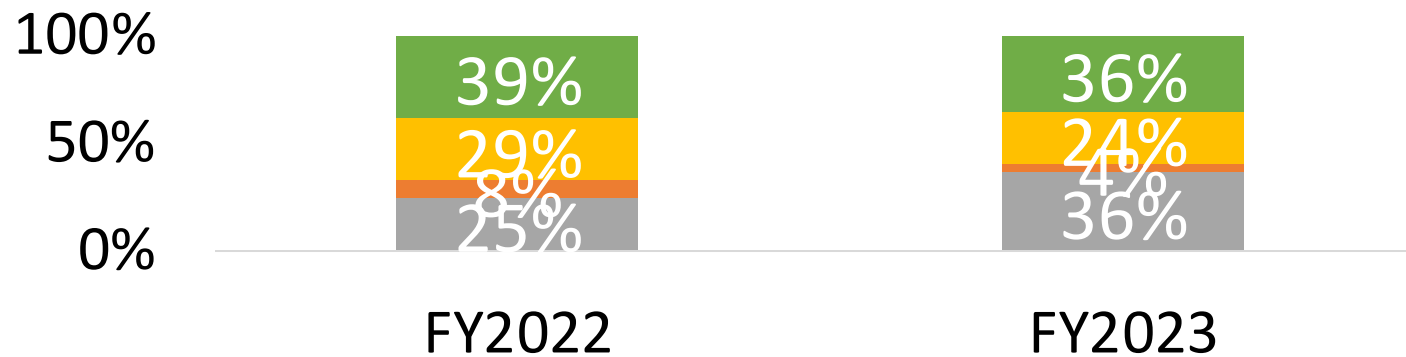
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Adoption of tree species priority list

Tree planting selections by priority list



■ #N/A Count

■ Maintain Count

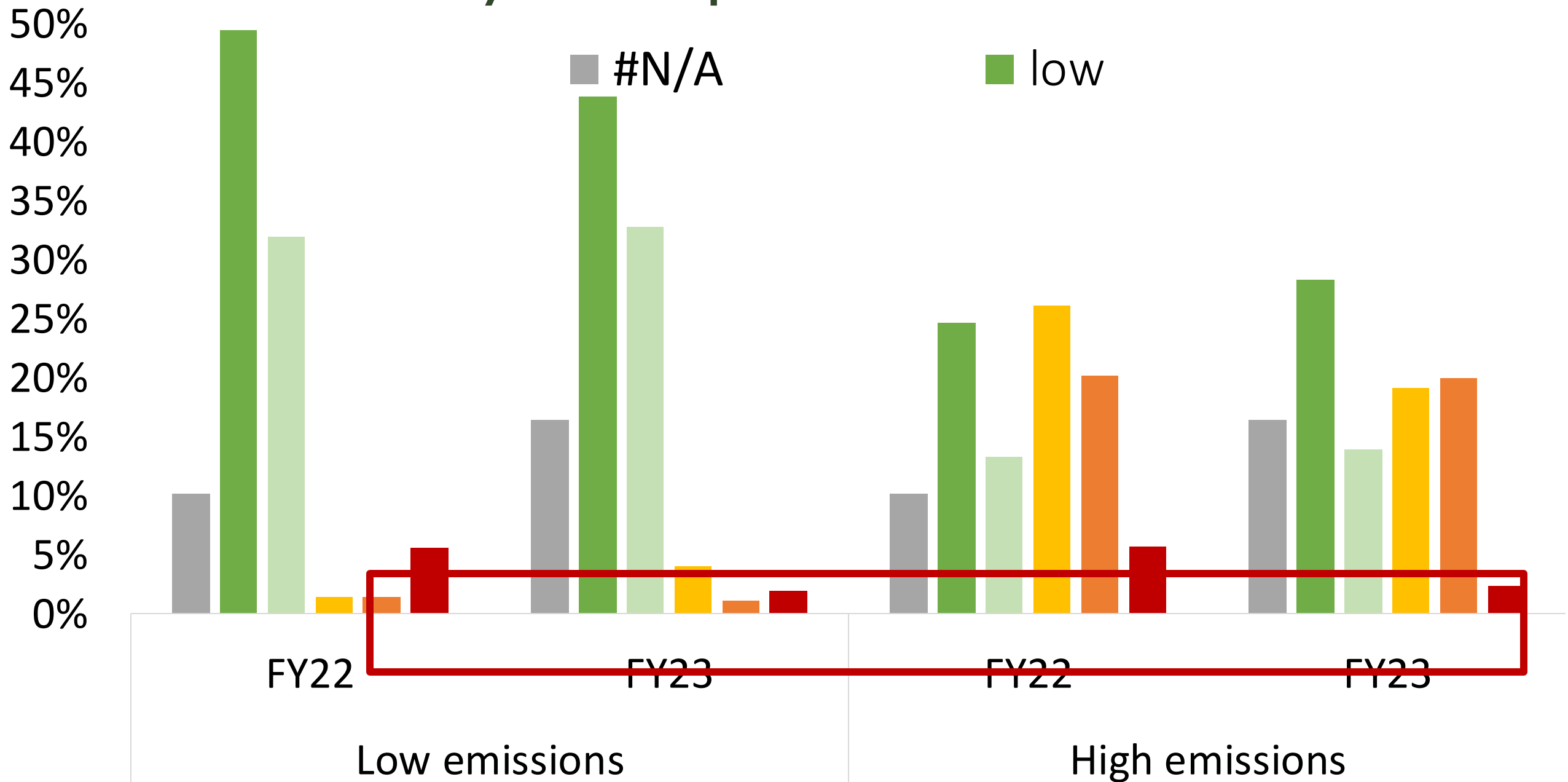
■ Reduce Count

■ Promote Count

species/cultivars = 137

species/cultivars = 197

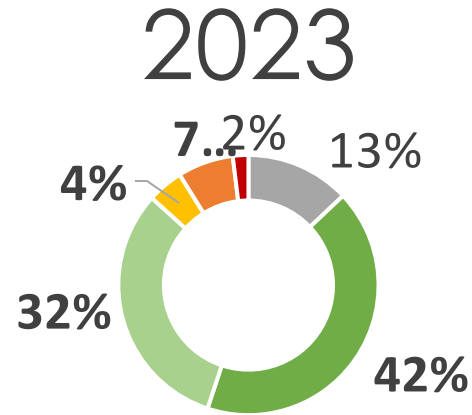
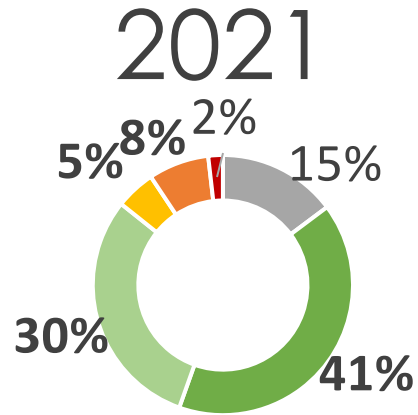
Climate vulnerability of tree species selections





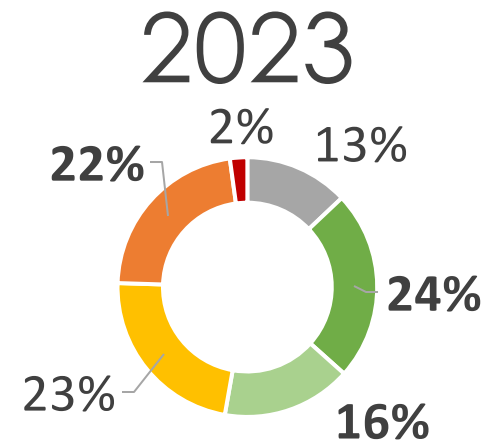
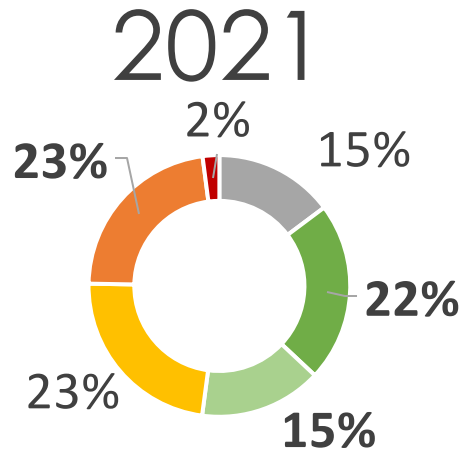
Climate vulnerability of street tree population

Low emissions scenario



■ #N/A ■ low ■ low-moderate ■ moderate ■ moderate-high ■ high

High emissions scenario



Next steps

- Annual evaluation of planting selections
- Integrate climate vulnerability into public tree inventory (Open Data DC)
- Apply climate vulnerability to Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis data
- <https://climatereadyforests.dc.gov/>



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Kampala Urban Tree Audit and Forestry Plan

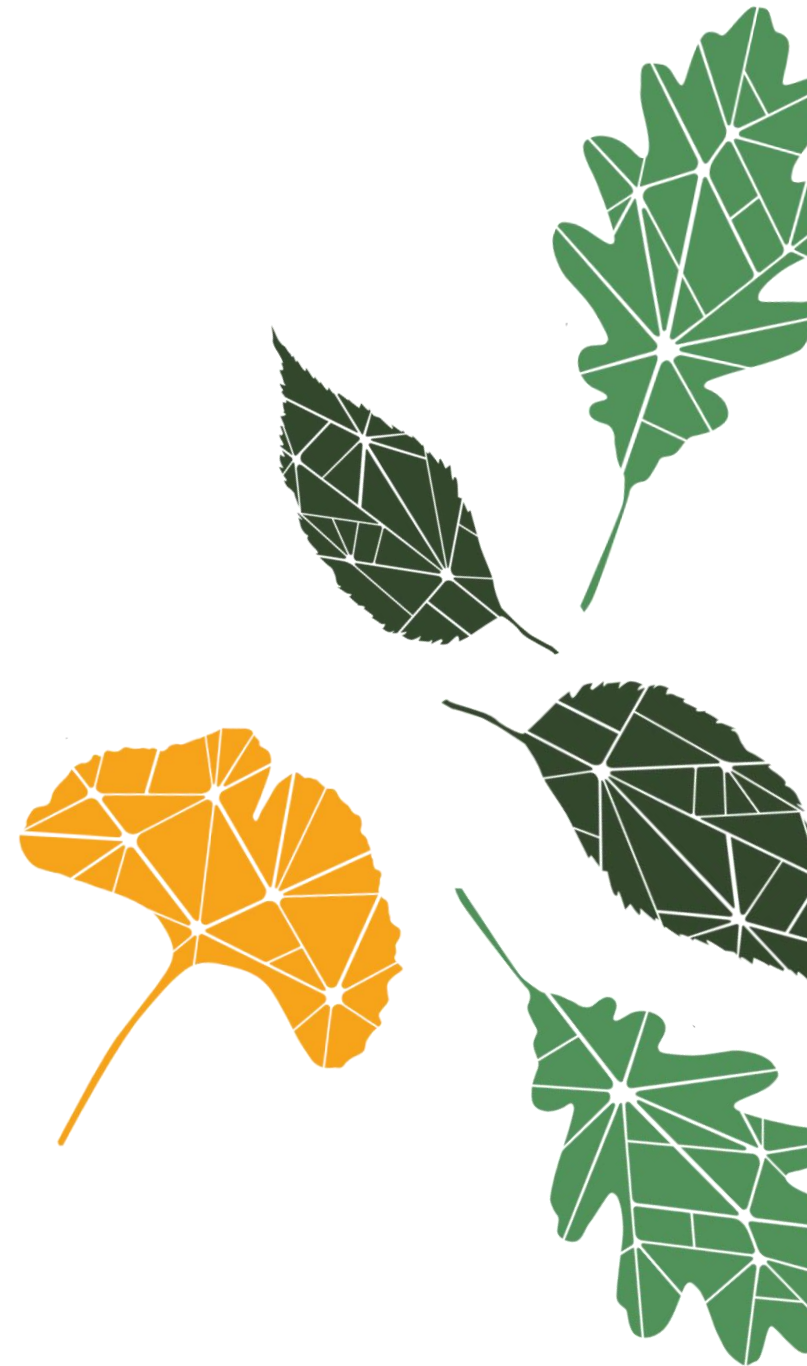


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Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda

18th October, 2023



Kampala – Capital City of Uganda

- ❑ Total area of 189 sq. Km(4,668.3 Ha)
- ❑ Regarded the Garden city of Africa (KPDP, 2012)
- ❑ Contributes 60% of the national GDP (KCCA, 2014)
- ❑ Area size – 189 Km Sq.
- ❑ Popln: Resident: 1.65million & day time 4.5 million (UBOS, 2014)



Kampala URBAN FOREST

❑ A system of trees growing on public, private and institutional land within the city and its suburb limits. urban forest is a valuable natural resources that has a number of benefits that enhance the overall environment quality of places where people live and work

As a vital, living component of the city. Their interaction with other necessities such as buildings adversely impacts their normal life expectancy

Limited by planting spaces, compacted poor soils, reflected heat and inadequate water, etc.

As a result, urban trees must be treated to a sound, rigorous, and purposeful management regime in order to perform successfully in their surrounding. Provide significant community benefits while remaining reasonably safe for surrounding homes and individuals

Benefits of the Urban Forest

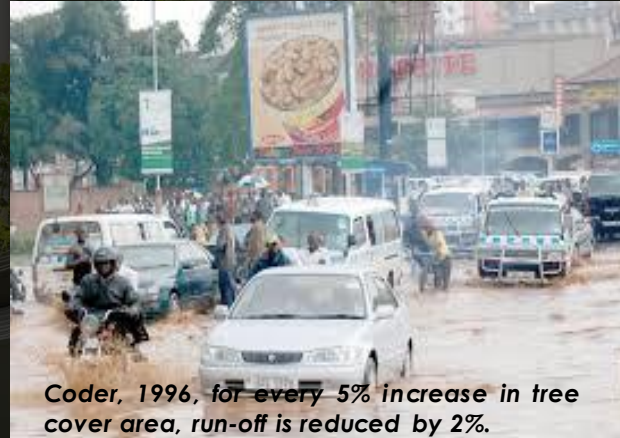


Tauraco schalayi



Biodiversity conservation

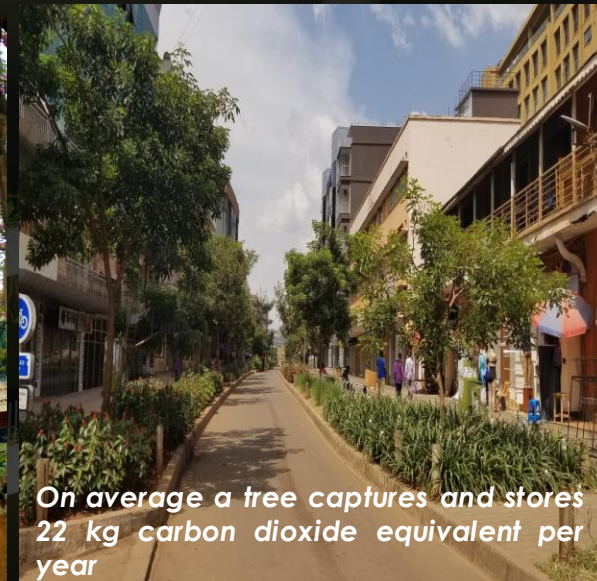
Red whiskered bulbul



Coder, 1996, for every 5% increase in tree cover area, run-off is reduced by 2%.



Reduce peak demand for electricity by 11% and reduce average annual electric use by 3%. (Nick Hallis, Jan.08.2015)



On average a tree captures and stores 22 kg carbon dioxide equivalent per year



Tourism

MUWAFU TREE
(Canarium schweinfurthii)

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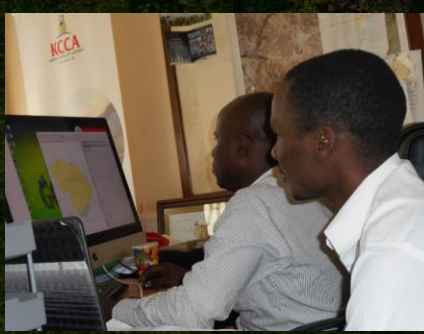


- ❑ Air quality, Biodiversity conservation, Flood mitigation, Social cohesion, nutrition supplement, UHI effect reduction

Kampala Tree Audit : Know the trees to manage



ID	Name	Species	Diameter	Height	Date	Status	Location
P001							
P002							
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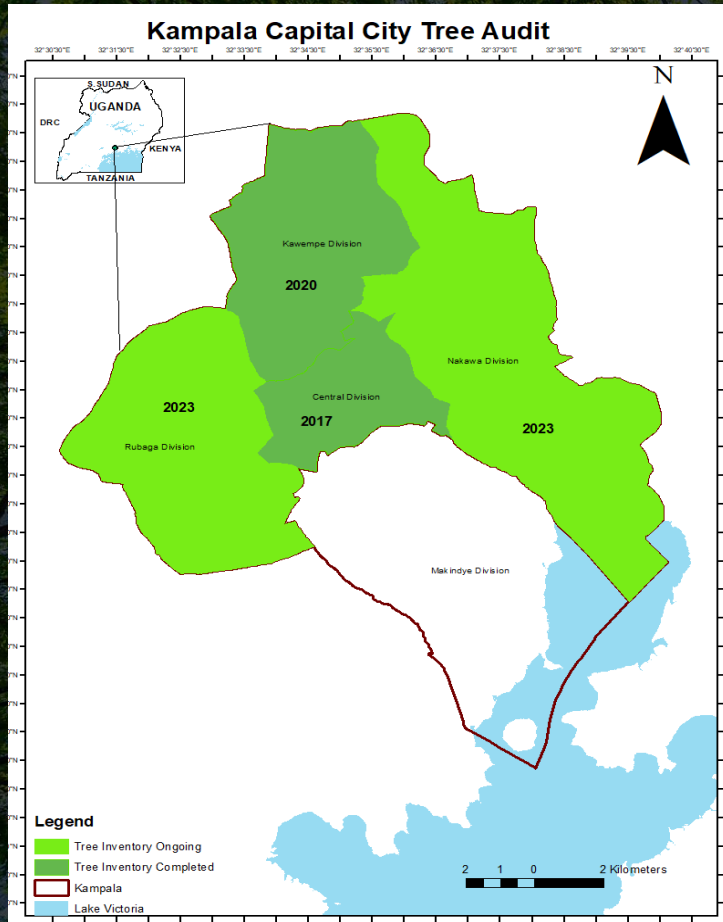


Tree inventory

Objectives

1. Develop tree data base for the city
2. Assessment for tree health
3. Estimate the carbon stock and sequestration potential
4. Develop an urban forestry plan

Kampala Tree Audit



❑ Pilot in 2016/17 in Central, expanded to Kawempe in 2020/21 and Nakawa and Rubaga in 2023

105,671 trees Audited to date

- ❑ Estimated av. canopy cover of 15%
- ❑ A tree density of 13 trees/acre
- ❑ 80% Exotic and 20% Native

Kampala Tree Audit

- ❑ Over 328 species, 13 being Nationally & internationally protected
- ❑ 43 fruit tree species, *Persea americana* is the most abundant fruit tree with 31.4%
- ❑ 125 ornamental species, Palms are the most abundant, with *Roystonea regia* at 10.67%



Kampala Forestry Plan 2019 -2039

❑ **Vision:** By 2039, Kampala's Urban Forest will be abundant, diverse, healthy, self reliant and cared for by all and will contribute to the safety of our community and creation of a lush green attractive and livable city in the region.



Goal

Enhance and Maintain
Conserve & protect urban tree canopy cover

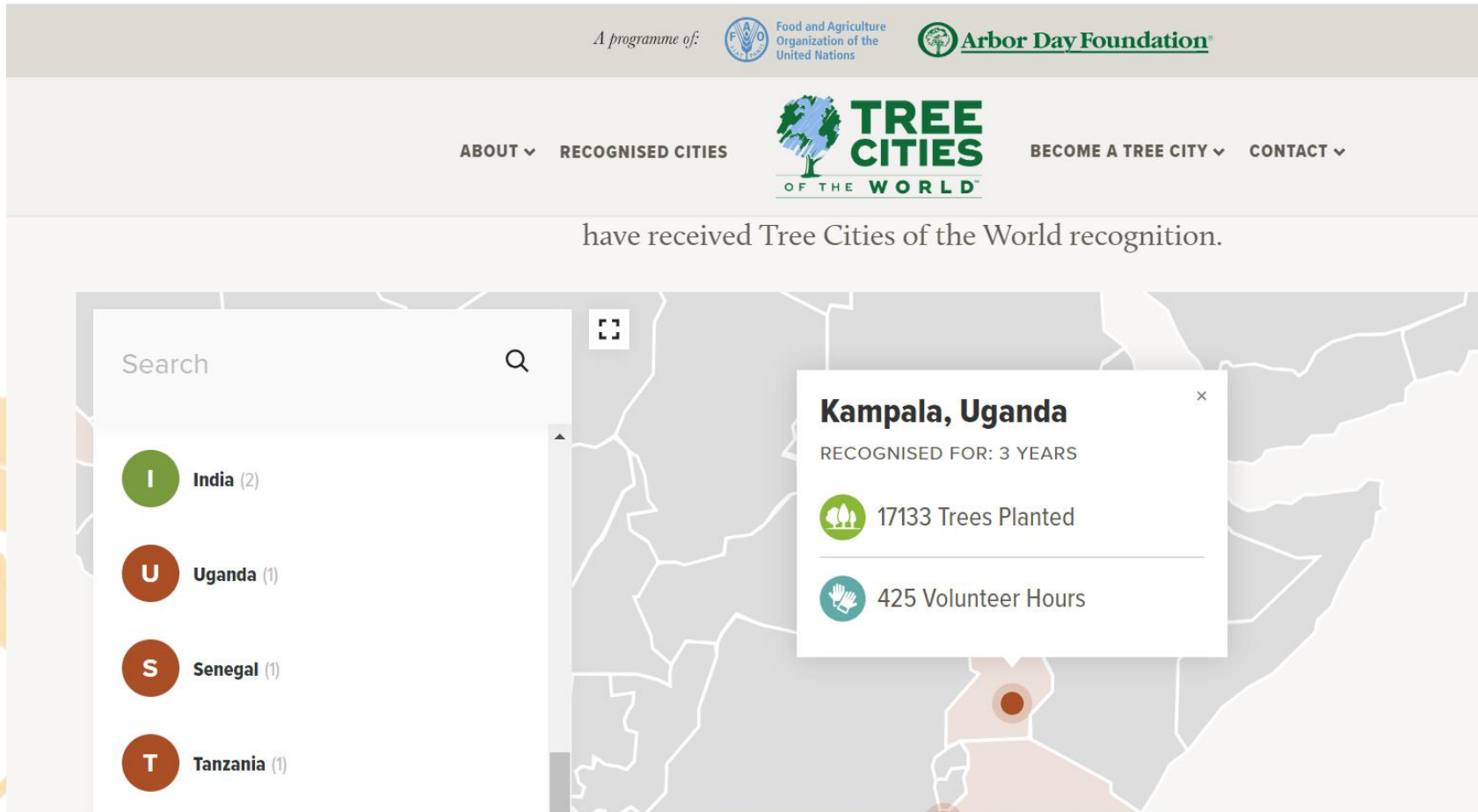
Objectives

1. Increase the tree density of the Urban forest
2. Develop an Urban Forestry framework
3. Increase the diversity of native species
4. Increase awareness of the urban forest mgt





Tree Cities of the World Recognition- FAO, 2022



<https://treecitiesoftheworld.org/directory.cfm>

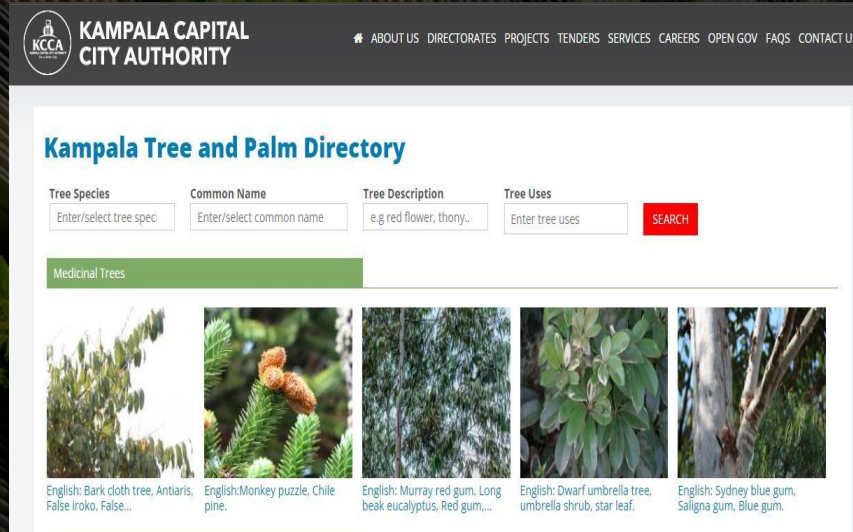
- Recognized for 3 years running on urban forest mgt standards
- 2020 – only city in Africa to attain recognition



- Establish Responsibility
- Set the Rules
- Know What You Have
- Allocate the Resources
- Celebrate Achievements

Importance of the Urban Tree Audit

❑ Kampala Tree & Palm Directory



KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY AUTHORITY

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Kampala Tree and Palm Directory

Tree Species: Enter/select tree spec. Common Name: Enter/select common name. Tree Description: e.g red flower, thony.. Tree Uses: Enter tree uses. **SEARCH**

Medicinal Trees

English: Bark cloth tree, Antiaris, False iroko, False...
English: Monkey puzzle, Chile pine.
English: Murray red gum, Long beak eucalyptus, Red gum...
English: Dwarf umbrella tree, umbrella shrub, star leaf.
English: Sydney blue gum, Saligna gum, Blue gum.

❑ Public Tree Inventory

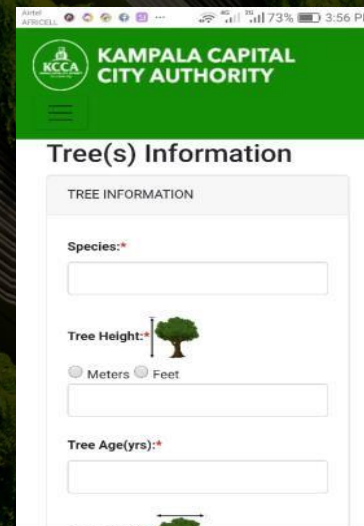


KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY AUTHORITY New Survey

Kampala Public Tree Survey Statistics

RESPONDENT(S) ... 2 Respondents(s)
TREE DATA COLL... 0 tree(s)

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For a better city




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Tree(s) Information

TREE INFORMATION

Species: *

Tree Height: * 
Meters Feet

Tree Age(yrs): *

- ❑ Green Infrastructure ordinance
- ❑ Tree Valuation, A criteria to attach monetary value to our trees in the city
- ❑ Carbon sequestration methodology, enable us estimate annual carbon sink

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Kampala Biodiversity Survey (Fauna)



**“With out data you are just another
Person with an Opinion”**

W. Edwards Deming- Data Scientist



Thank you

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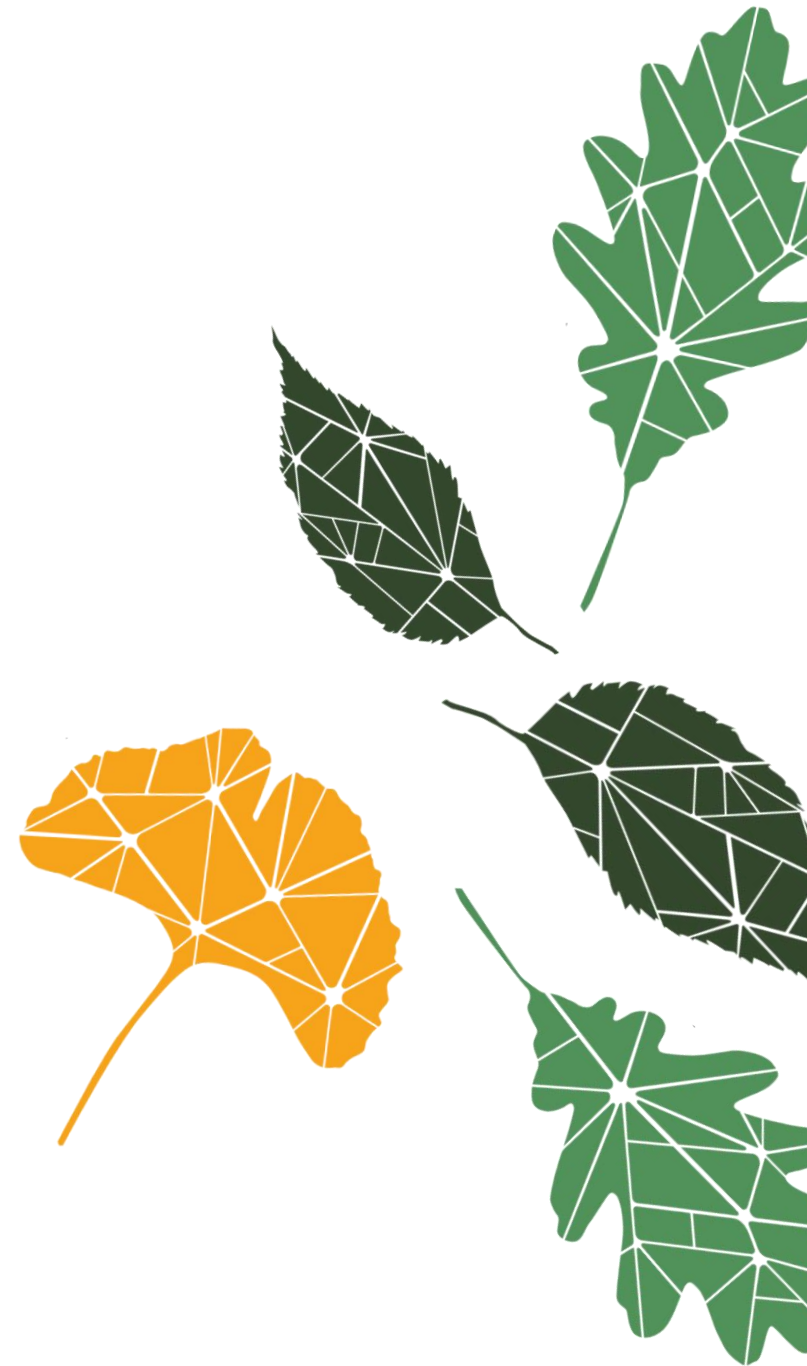
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Role of popular participation in the management of protected areas in a context of intense formal and informal urbanization pressure



Presented by

Luiz Octavio de Lima Pedreira



Rio de Janeiro City has 1205 km², and 50% of green coverage



The city has 67 Protected Areas – PA under city management, many of these areas overlap each other, occupying 26% of its total area. Of these, only 15 have Management Councils, and of these only 7 are active.



whose function is to assist the head of the UC in its management and integrate it with the population and the actions carried out in its surroundings. The MC must have representation from public bodies, both from the environmental and related areas (scientific research, education, national defense, culture, tourism, landscape, architecture, archeology and indigenous peoples and agricultural settlements), and from civil society, such as the resident and surrounding population, traditional population, indigenous peoples, property owners within the PA, workers and the private sector operating in the region, scientific community and non-governmental organizations with proven performance in the region.

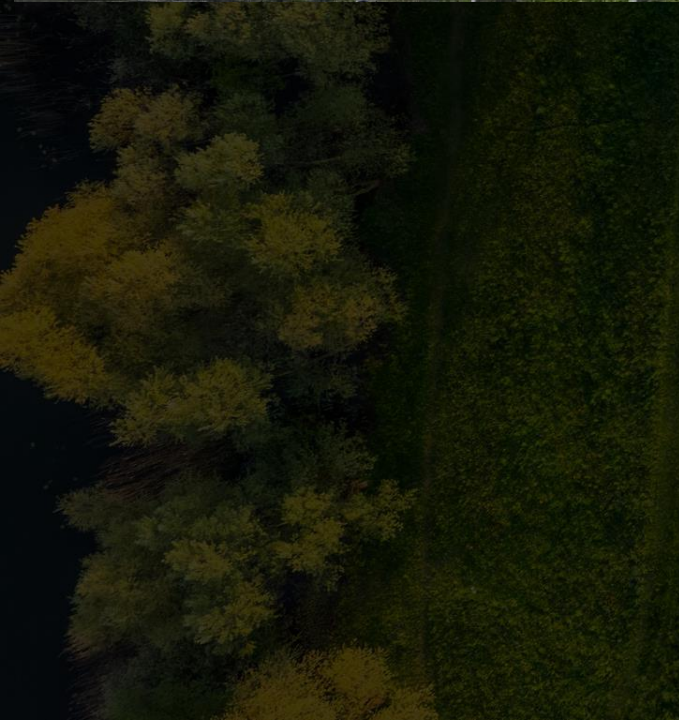


We analyzed aspects of the effectiveness of urban PA creation and management implementation, in a context of severe formal and informal urbanization pressure, and the role of citizenship governance on PA management.

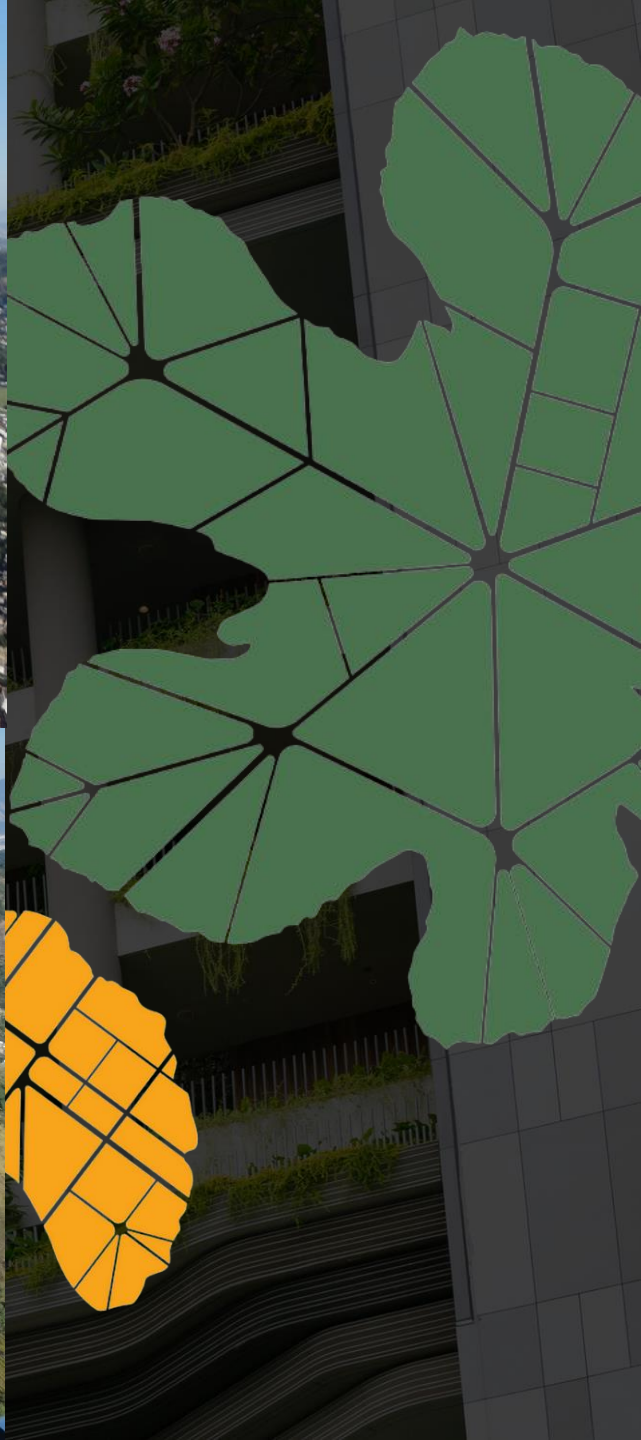


Environmental Protection Areas – APA (acronym in Portuguese) are a kind of PA of sustainable use, covering public and private lands. Serra dos Pretos Forros APA was created in 2000, with 27,26 km², it has almost half of its area densely urbanized, with slumps and low-income neighborhoods, and vast areas covered by invasive exotic grasses, subject to annual anthropic fire, areas under forest restoration, and some areas covered with natural forests. Many of these areas are in a state of war between drug factions and paramilitary groups.











In August 2018, the City Hall was ordered by the court to implement the MC, with equal participation from civil society and public agencies, and to coordinate the process of elaboration of the area's Management Plan - MP. In November 2018, the City's Environmental Office appointed a manager to the area, with the mission to coordinate the creation of the MC and the elaboration of the MP.



One year after, the council was created, had approved its Internal Rules, and had held five meetings, and there was a group working in the elaboration of the MP, process that was interrupted some months later with the advent of the COVID19 pandemic. After changing the area's manager in September 2020, the hole process stopped, until February 2021, when a new manager was appointed, who reactivated the MC, which has been active since then, even though the process of elaboration of the MP for the area has not been resumed.



SERRA DOS PRETOS FORROS APA MC MEMBERS

Instituto Naturalis – NGO

ACALMA – NGO

AMA Freguesia - Residents' Association

FAM Rio - Residents' Association Federation

Água Mineral Santa Cruz – Company

SMAC - Rio de Janeiro Municipal Environmental Office

ICMBIO - National Biodiversity Institute

INEA - Environmental State Institute

SMU – Rio de Janeiro Municipal Urbanism Office

SMH – Rio de Janeiro Municipal Housing Office



Carioca APA was created, but its goal to protect natural remnants of the natural environment is under risk. Despite the main objective of the area being the protection of the remnants of the herbaceous marsh, dominated by the herbaceous **taboa**, *Typha domingensis* Pers., the fish of the *Rivulidae* family and the swampy forests, dominated by the tree **caixeta** *Tabebuia cassinoides* (Lam.) DC., the proposed zoning for the area foresees the possibility of building, with the opening of drainage channels, landfill and elevation of the grade, in more than 70% of the area, which implies the suppression of this natural environment.



SERTÃO CARIOCA APA MC MEMBERS

CBH-BG - Watershed Committee

IEDHMA – NGO

AMAVAG - Residents' Association

AMOR - Residents' Association

Ecomarapendi – NGO

Associação de Moradores da Santa Luzia - Residents' Association

Movimento Baía Viva - NGO

Alphaville Foundation

Rio de Janeiro Municipal Environmental Office

National Biodiversity Institute

Environmental State Institute

Rio de Janeiro Municipal Education Secretary

Rio de Janeiro Municipal Guard

UFF – Fluminense Federal University

UERJ – Rio de Janeiro State University

UFRJ – Rio de Janeiro Federal University



Taboa



Rivulida



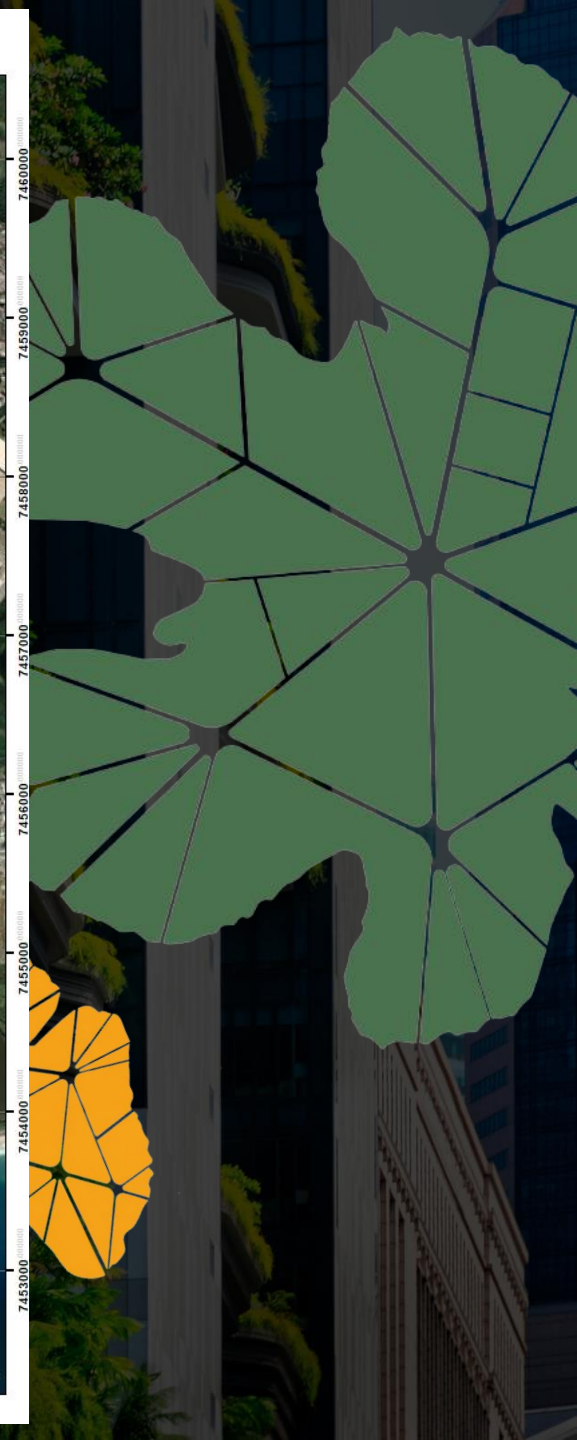
Caixeta



Mosaico das Vargens com nova delimitação do REVIS dos Campos de Sernambetiba



Sources: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar, GeoGraphics, and the GIS User Community



QUADRO DE ÁREAS

Sertão Carioca APA
Total Area: 3.247 hectares.

Área ZOC: 2.240 (69%)
Área ZVS: 1.007 (31%)

REVIS dos Campos de Sernambetiba
Total Area: 543 ha

Mosaico das Vargens
Total Area: 3.790 ha



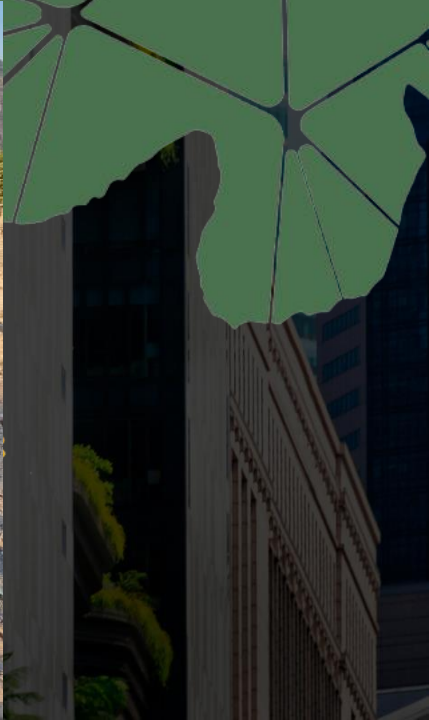
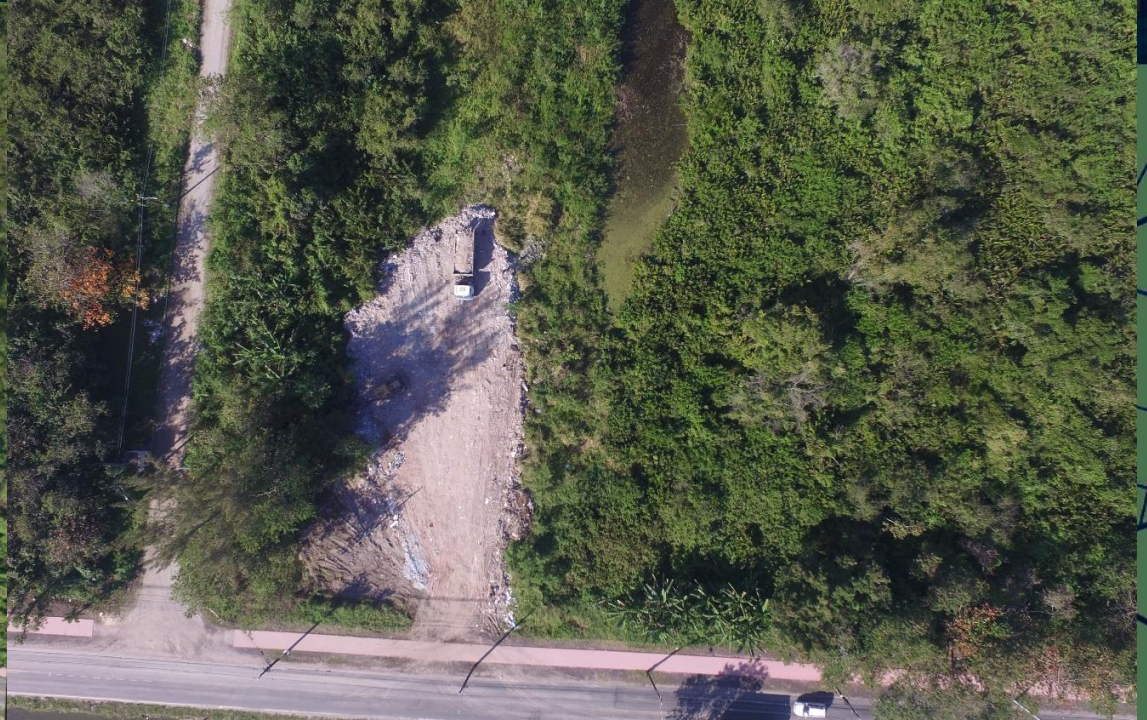


With a strong development pressure, of both formal and informal stakeholders, it seems that the reason to create this protected area will be impossible to realize. To avoid the suppression of the vegetation on these wetlands, and the flora and fauna that it supports, the civil society, organized in a MC, focus on the elaboration of the MP to revert the area zonation.









The Protected Areas Management Councils of these areas represent a civil society governance structure to ensure the implementation of the objectives foreseen when these areas were created, they represent the last hope to these natural remnants of the urban forests.





Thank you, Let's Make a Better World, One Tree at a Time

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Holistic Biomass Management:

Integrating Workforce Development & Wood Utilization in Philadelphia



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Ben Christensen, Co-Founder & CEO

Alicia Blake, Sr. Environmental Analyst



US urban forests generate
46 million tons of wood waste
annually

Effective utilization of that wood
can reduce greenhouse gas
emissions by 251 million MT while
providing economic & social
co-benefits





**Trees come
down for a
variety of
reasons.**



MAINTENANCE



PEST & DISEASE



STORM



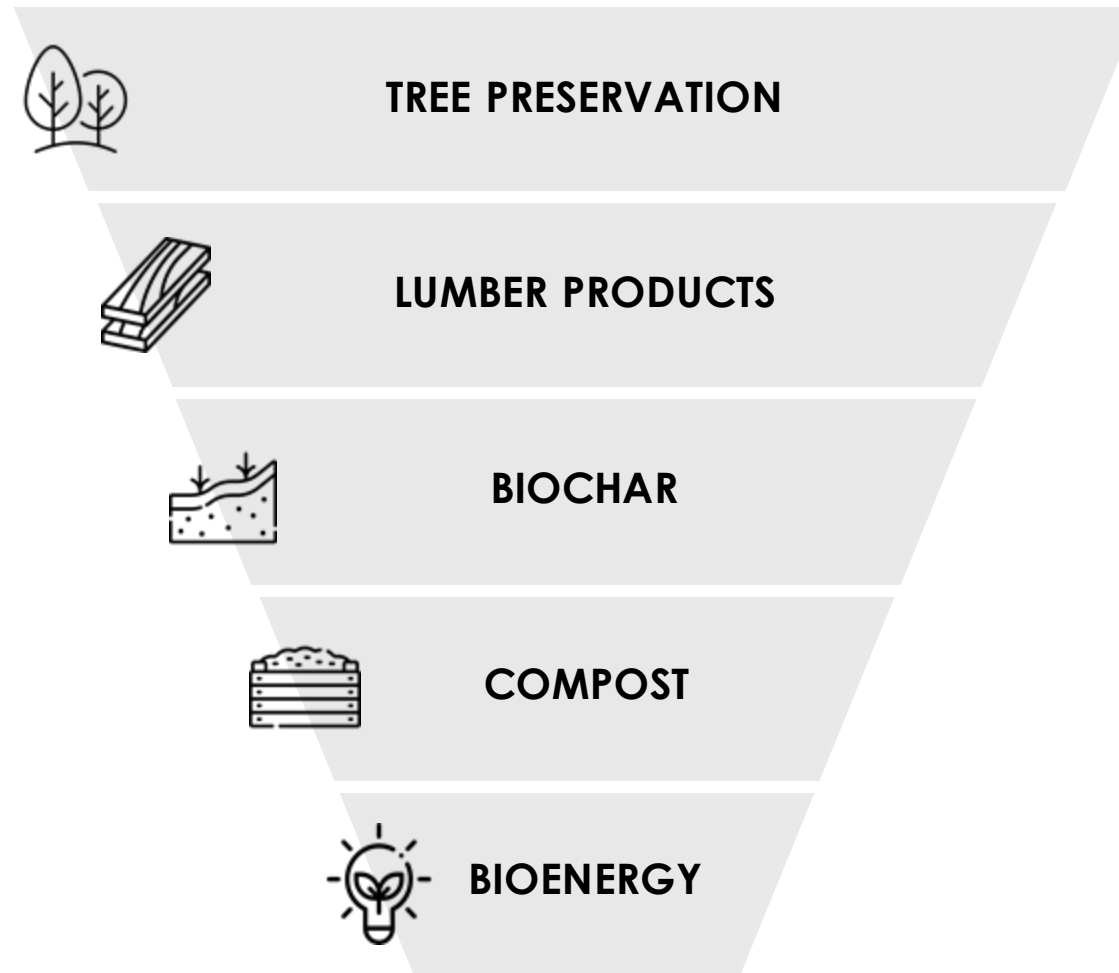
DEVELOPMENT





**We believe
there is a way
to maximize
impact after
removal.**

HIERARCHY OF WOODY BIOMASS UTILIZATION





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Cambium Carbon uses technology to build local, regenerative supply chains.

We enable our partners to save wood from landfill, creating beautiful products with social & environmental impact.

Our team works to help cities process urban forest wood waste into value-added goods.



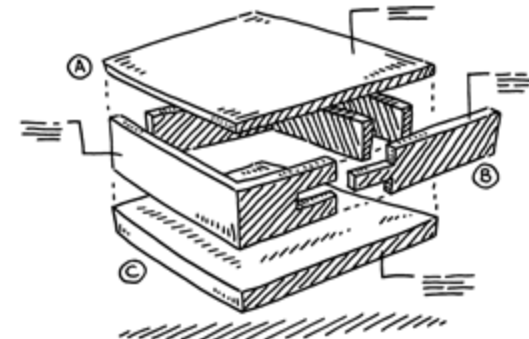
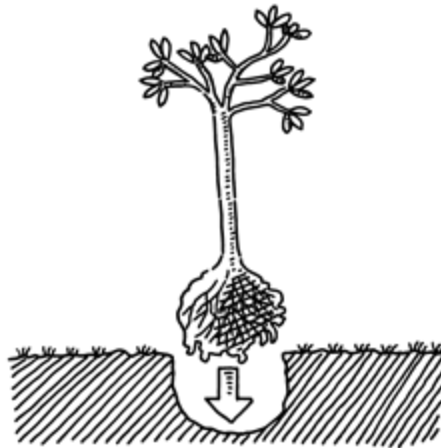


The Vision: Carbon Smart Wood Cities

Trees require removal
due to death, disaster,
development, disease



Profits support
urban canopy
regeneration



Wood is up-cycled
into value-added
products





This model thrives when different partners are brought together.



**WOOD
GENERATORS**



**WOOD
PROCESSORS**



**SECONDARY
WOOD USERS**



**COMMUNITY
GROUPS**

Philadelphia Reforestation Hub

A first-of-its kind public-private-partnership model for lumber processing and job training.





**COST
SAVINGS**



**WASTE
DIVERSION**



**WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**



**TREE
EQUITY**





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Building a national movement of Carbon Smart Wood Cities

How might you engage
to maximize impact
through woody biomass
utilization?





City, Municipality, or Gov't Agency

*Act as the voice,
connector of
parties, and
policy advocate*



Sawmill or Organics Recycling Center

*Expertise to put
woody biomass to
its highest and
best use*



Designer, Architect, or Procurement

*Key to utilizing the
offtake and
developing a
market*



Workforce Development Agency

*Provides high-
skilled jobs and
tree canopy
resiliency*





Let's work together.



City, Municipality, or Gov't Agency

Program
Assessment,
Design, &
Implementation



Sawmill or Organics Recycling Center

Technology
platform to
support scaling
material



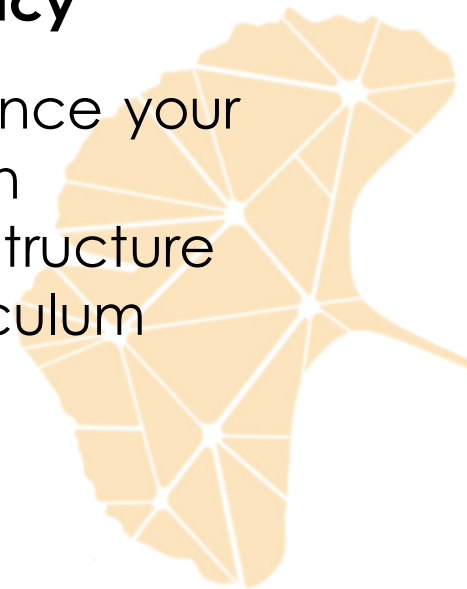
Designer, Architect, or Procurement

Connect to a
hyper-local and
green materials



Workforce Development Agency

Enhance your
green
infrastructure
curriculum





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Assessment & Design

6 to 12 months



Pilot

12 to 18 months



Implementation & Scaling Up

12 months +







**Let us know
how we can
create value
for you.**





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Acer rubrum L.: Orange
AHLES 57901, UNC, Chapel
Hill, 35° 55' N, 79° 04' W.

fide Dr. Edward Murray,

Herbarium of the University of N
NORTH CAROLIN
ORANGE COUNTY

Acer rubrum L.

deciduous woods, University of
campus, Chapel Hill

Harry E. Ahles 57901

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Selection in the City: understanding the roles of natural and domestic selection in shaping urban forests

Nancy F. Sonti, USDA Forest Service

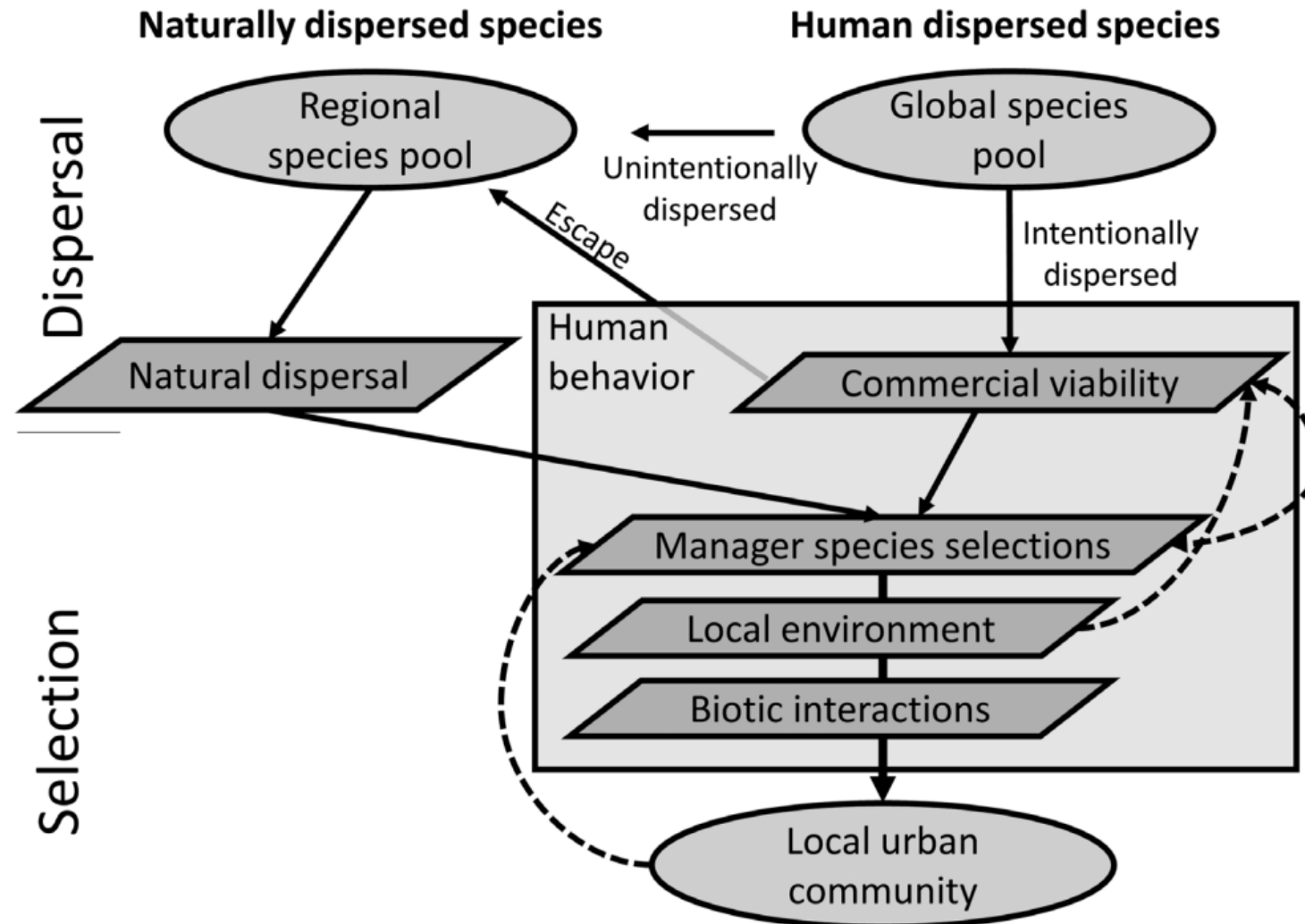
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Morgan Grove



Dissected-fruit
The South London Botanical Institute.

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Acer platanoides L.
"Norway maple."
Naturalized on Putney Heath. S.L.B.I. 14.
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Lign. Dub.

Natural, Artificial, and Domestic Selection



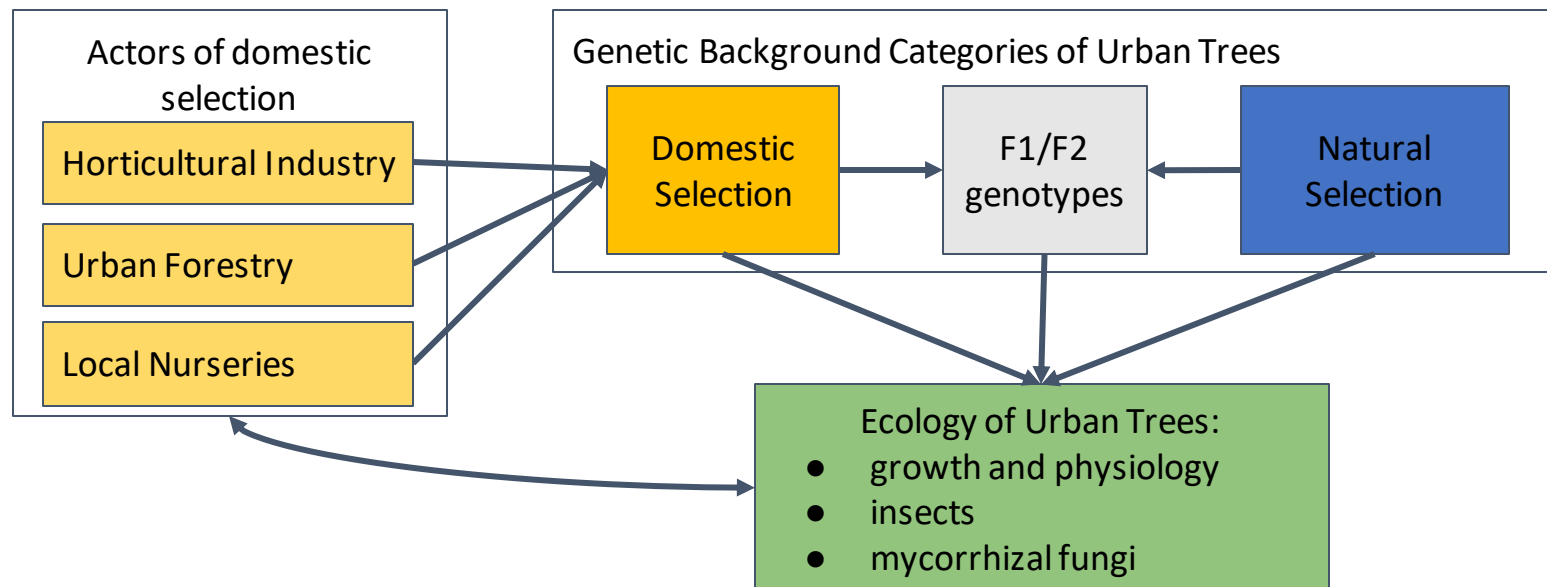


Objective: Study the influence of domestic selection on the genetic diversity of urban trees and potential consequences for ecosystem services

- Urban trees provide many important ecosystem services
- Many urban trees are planted and sourced from nurseries
- Artificial selection is the selection of desirable traits by the **breeder**
- Domestic selection incorporates artificial selection and
 - Decisions about which trees to breed by **nurseries and growers**
 - Decisions about which trees to plant by **land managers and urban forestry practitioners**
- Planted cultivars can be clones of one another and have limited to no genetic variation among individuals

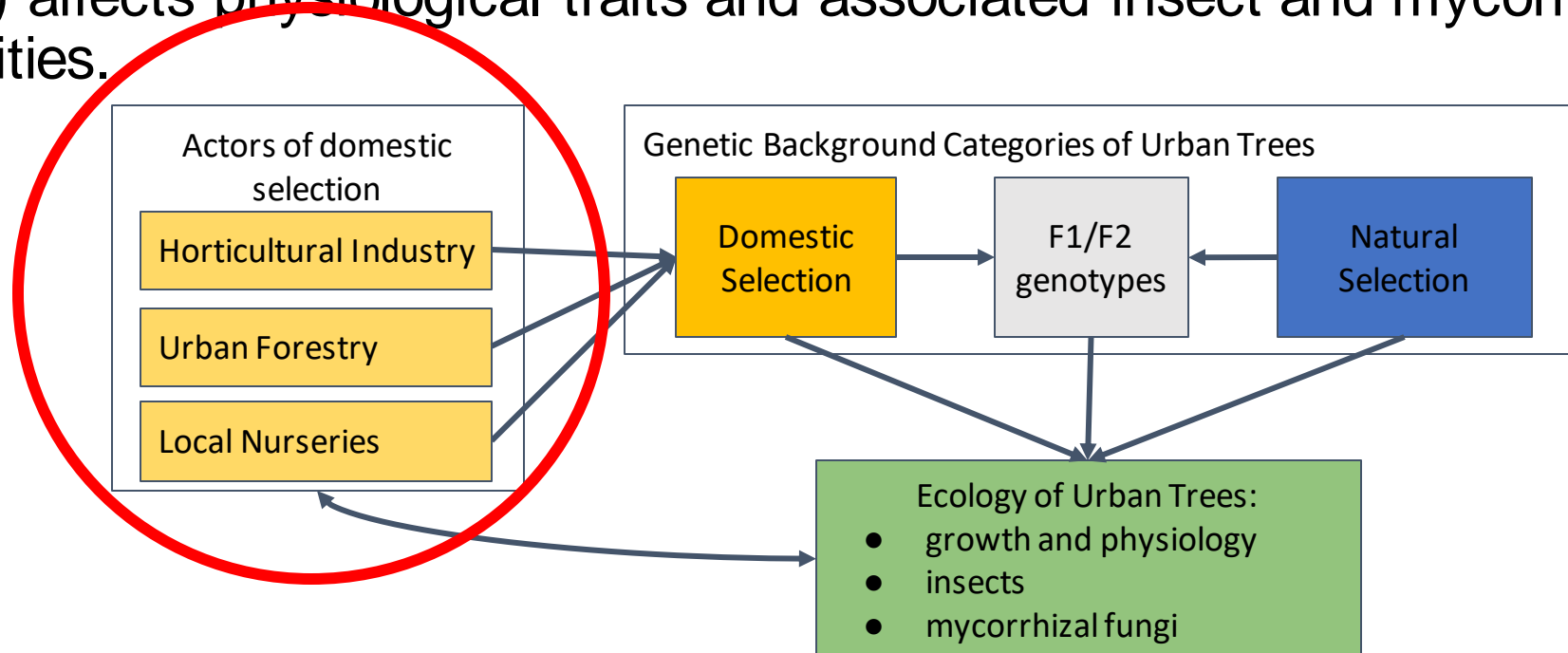
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Supply Chain Analysis

- Conduct a supply chain analysis for Baltimore City using snowball sampling
- Aim to interview nurseries, breeders, and tree planting organizations to **understand motivations behind choosing species/cultivars to produce and plant**

Recent work from other regions of the US

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Relationships between consultant discipline and specified tree diversity: A case study of two Iowa (USA) communities

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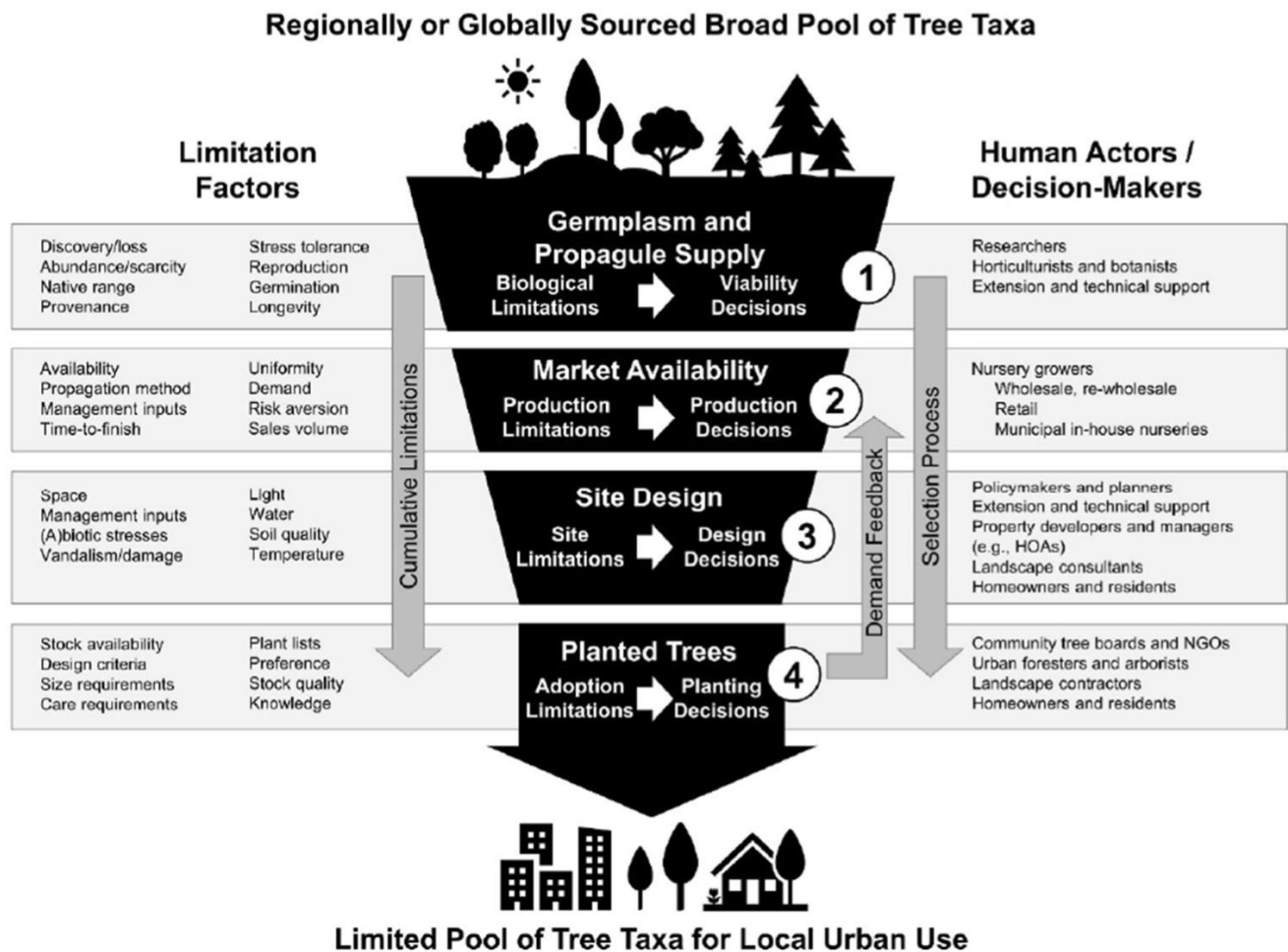
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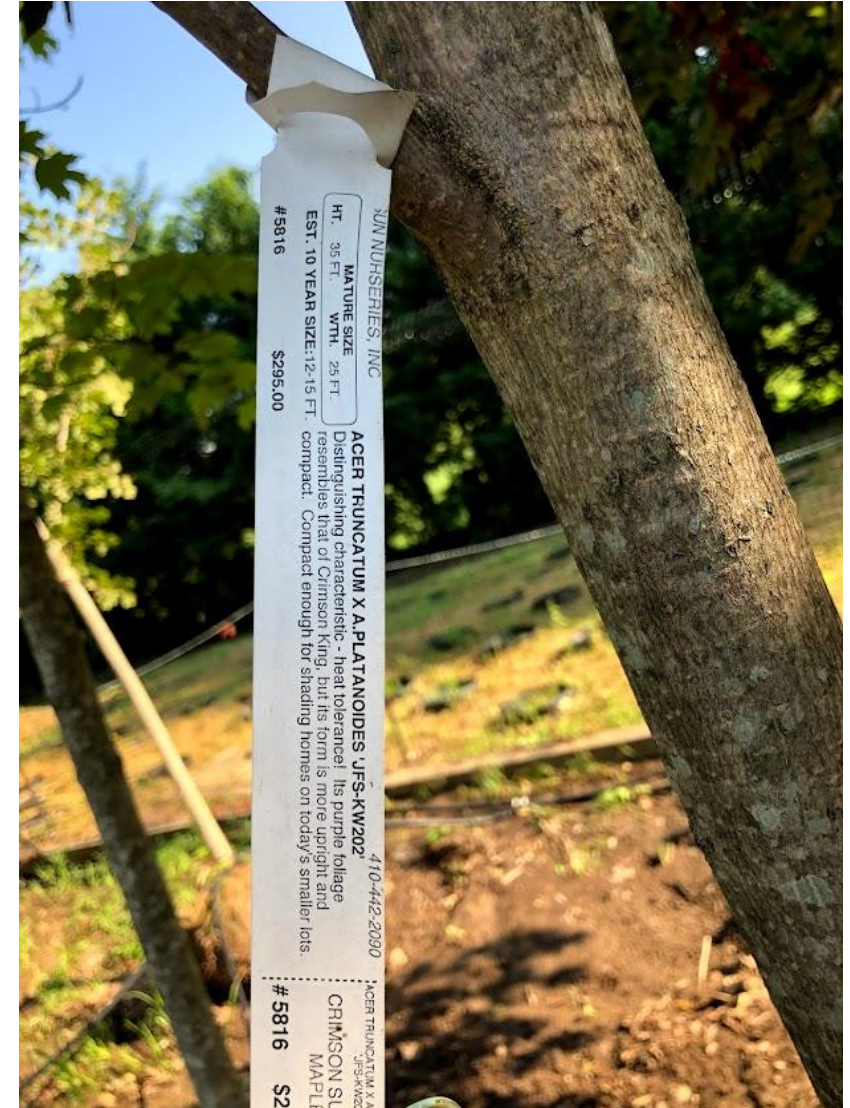
Conceptualizing the human drivers of low tree diversity in planted urban landscapes

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Urban tree supply chain: who is involved?

- Breeders
- Propagators (whips/liners)
- Nurseries (differing clientele)
- Urban forestry practitioners
 - Direct planting activities
 - Shape policy (tree lists)
 - Tree giveaways
- Who are we missing?
 - Landscape architects
 - Contractors – tree planting
 - (Residential and other private landowners)



Urban tree supply chain: interviews

- Understand the decisions made along the supply chain to breed, grow, sell, and plant red and Norway maple trees in Baltimore City
- Explore broader considerations of tree diversity at genetic or species level
- How do these decisions impact genetic diversity of trees planted and growing in Baltimore?
- How have these decisions changed over time?



Urban tree supply chain: interviews

- How do you decide which species and cultivars to breed/grow/sell/plant?
- Which red and Norway maple cultivars are being bred/grown/sold/planted? Which traits are being selected for these species?
- What are the benefits/drawbacks of these two species and their cultivars?
- In addition to showy traits, do you consider tolerance to urban conditions? climate resilience? genetic diversity?
- What do customers want most when selecting trees? Why are they selecting red and Norway maple? (or why not?)
- Future plans for providing these species/cultivars?

Maryland Tree Solutions Now Act: 5 million trees by 2030

How has the recent Maryland state legislation changed the conversation around:

- nursery production?
- urban tree planting?
- climate resilience of cultivars?
- genetic diversity of planted tree populations?



Preliminary results

- Tree planting orgs and landscape architects rarely have quantitative goals for diversity, though most do strive to increase diversity in a qualitative sense
- Can be difficult to enforce goals/targets for diversity throughout the network of decisions
- Aesthetics and familiarity drive many tree planting decisions rather than genetic diversity or climate adaptation
- People tend to grow and plant what they know

Preliminary results

- Norway maple rarely used (only by landscape architects in projects outside the city)
- Red maple is polarizing – overplanted in Baltimore but still a landscape architect favorite
- Straight species of red maples only used in “conservation” type projects, otherwise cultivars
- Logistical challenges to expanding production of some native species (e.g., *Carya spp*)
- Seed-grown trees may have slower or more variable growth rates than cultivars or are less predictable in other ways, leading to product/resource waste



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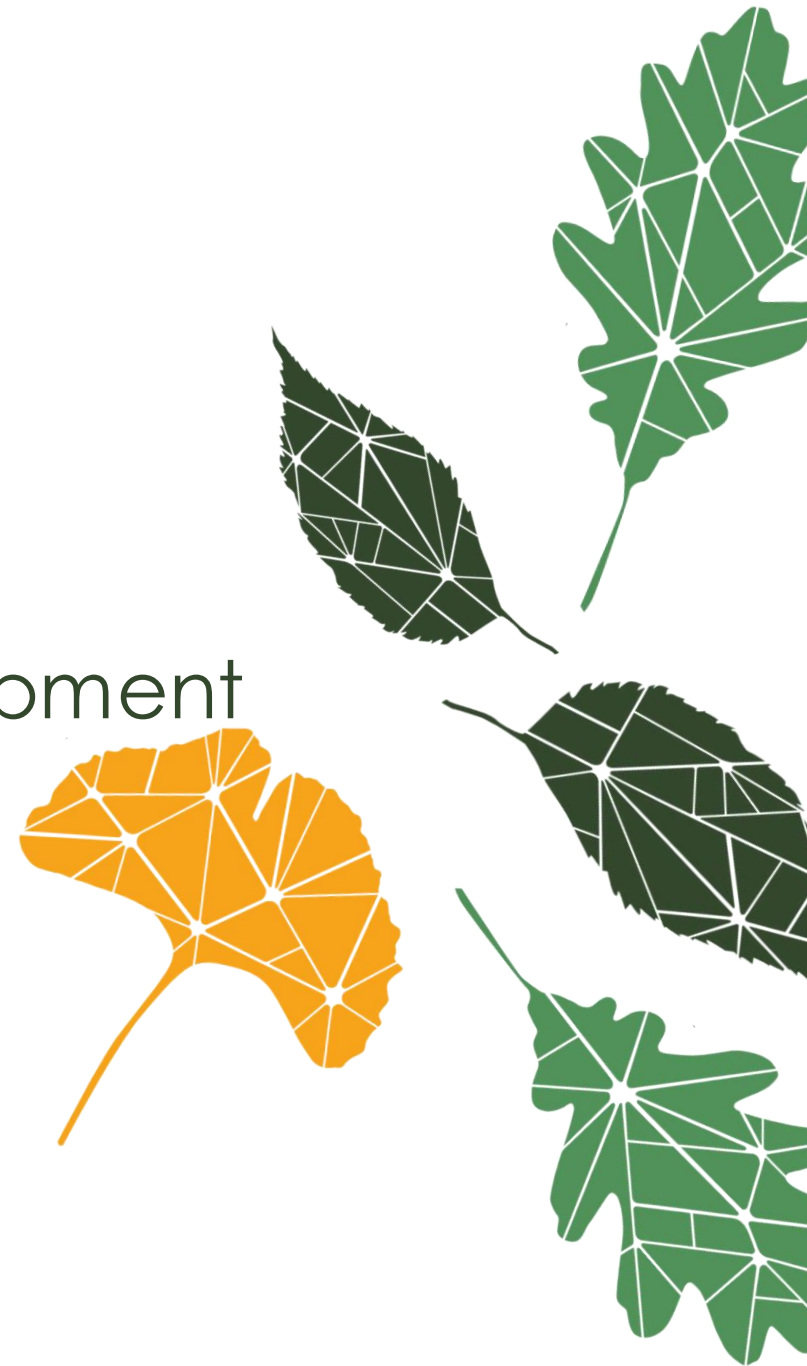
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Building Resilient Cities 30 Years' of China's Urban Forest Development

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Urban Forests in China

- In ancient Chinese cities: planting trees along rivers/streets, maintaining tree stands around houses
 - Food source
 - Feng-shui
 - Scenery





- Since 1992, urban forestry has been formally recognized as an academic discipline
 - An umbrella term that supersedes the traditional urban-rural distinction
 - Flexible, integrative, multidisciplinary problem-solving approaches
- Investment in urban forest has been increased
 - From 5.3 billion USD in 2005 to 36.2 billion USD in 2018





- Significant increase of urban forest coverage
 - 1980-2018: 1100 km² to 30471 km²





- A shift of urban greening strategy
 - 1990s-2000s: beautifying urban and peri-urban landscape and enhancing recreational function
 - Green landscapes: “the face of the city”
 - 2000s-2010s: urban forests as a countermeasure to environmental stresses
 - Forest belts in peri-urban areas: sand storms





- Since 2010s: urban forests as a visual manifestation of ecological civilization
 - No resilient and healthy cities without urban forests
 - Constructing resilient cities for which ecological resilience and a synergistic provision of diverse ecosystem services have been emphasized





- Recreational function is enhanced: with low
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- Urban forests' recreation and habitat potentials in China: A nationwide synthesis

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- Ecological functionality is declined in the majority of cities

	Recreation	Habitat
ln(Population)	-2.275** (1.227)	-11.944** (6.088)
ln(Land size)	0.273 (0.582)	1.808 (2.859)
ln(GDP/capita)	3.417*** (1.180)	-13.143** (5.260)
Ecozone	0.225 (0.585)	10.960*** (3.619)
Constant	-30.885*** (10.042)	73.626** (43.265)
Hausman test/Wald χ^2	23.38***	18.07***
R-squared	0.225	0.278





A solid knowledge base about the multi-faceted characteristics of urban forests and comprehensive criteria for evaluating resilient urban forests and resilient cities!





Thank you

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