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Modern Times: Promoting innovation, new technologies and future visions for inclusive urban forests

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World Forum on Urban Forests



Modern Times

Living Infrastructure Field Kit: An Open-Source Community Engagement Tool for Urban Forestry Management



Presented by

Andy Lipkis, Project Executive Devon Provo, Policy Manager Accelerate Resilience Los Angeles (ARLA)





ARLA

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We Activate Communities, Organizations, and Governments to Expedite Climate Resilience



What is Living Infrastructure?

•Integrates built, natural, and social systems to help communities thrive

•Involves communities through visioning, implementation, and maintenance

•Takes a whole-systems perspective to achieve diverse benefits







What's In the Field Kit?

Living Infrastructure



An educational platform including short videos, interactive tours, and other resources to help people understand and recognize living infrastructure in their environments

Visioning Tool



A collaborative mapping tool for understanding the stressors and potentials facing a community, collecting community stories, and co-designing sketches of projects



What Project Types Are Supported?

Urban Forestry



Stormwater

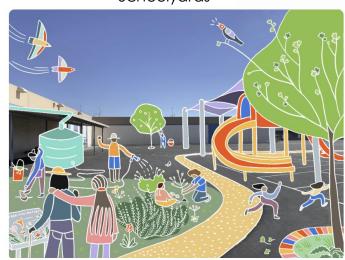


Green Streets



Schoolyards





LIVE DEMO: <u>Primer</u>: Explore living infrastructure in action

LIVE DEMO:

Visioning Tool: Envision and sketch your project concept



Project Fact Sheets

PROJECT SKETCH

This sketch provides a high-level vision for what the project might look like. It is not intended to be a vetted design proposal and is subject to feasibility analysis and detailed design.



PROJECT REMEDIES





PLAYGROUND **MIXA**

FRUIT TREE

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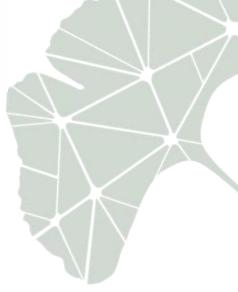
VEGETABLE GARDEN

SHADE STRUCTURE

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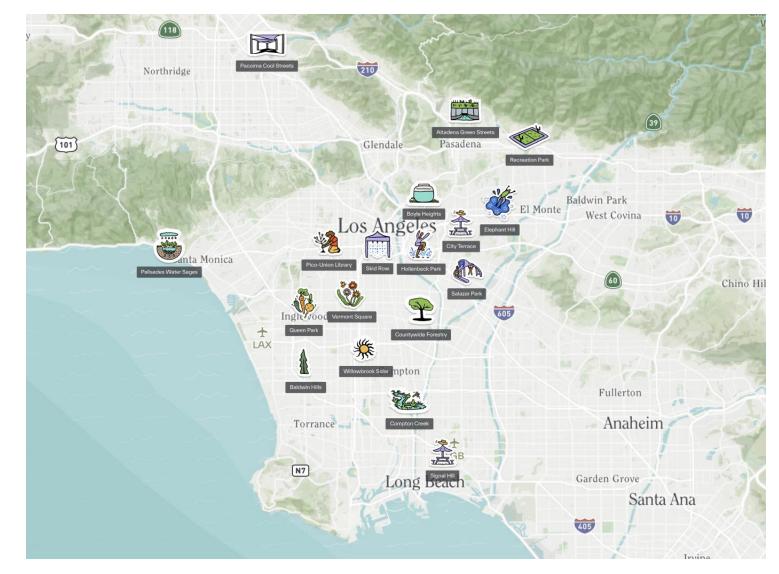
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Existing Projects





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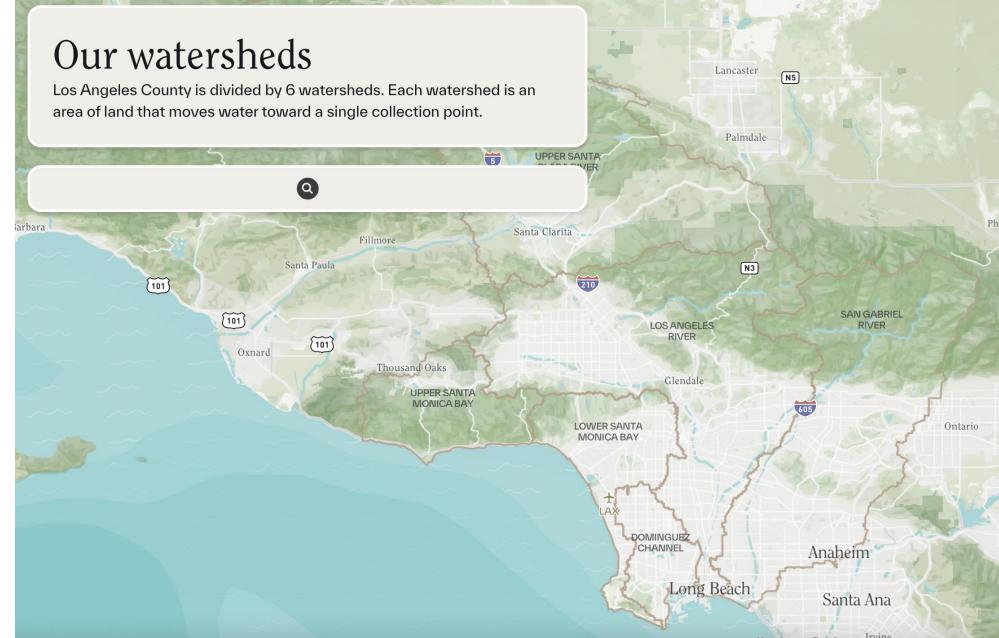




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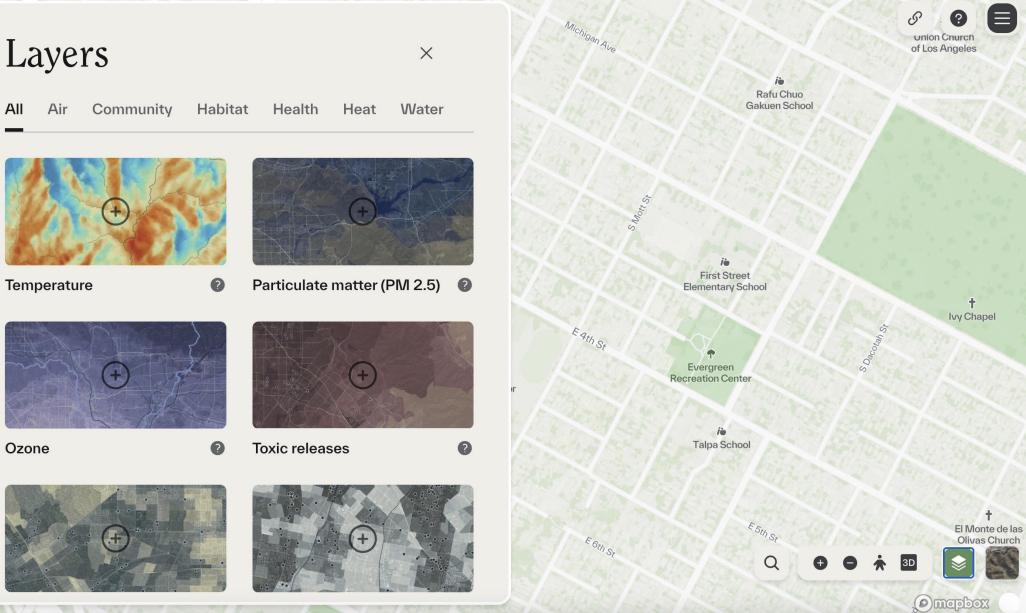




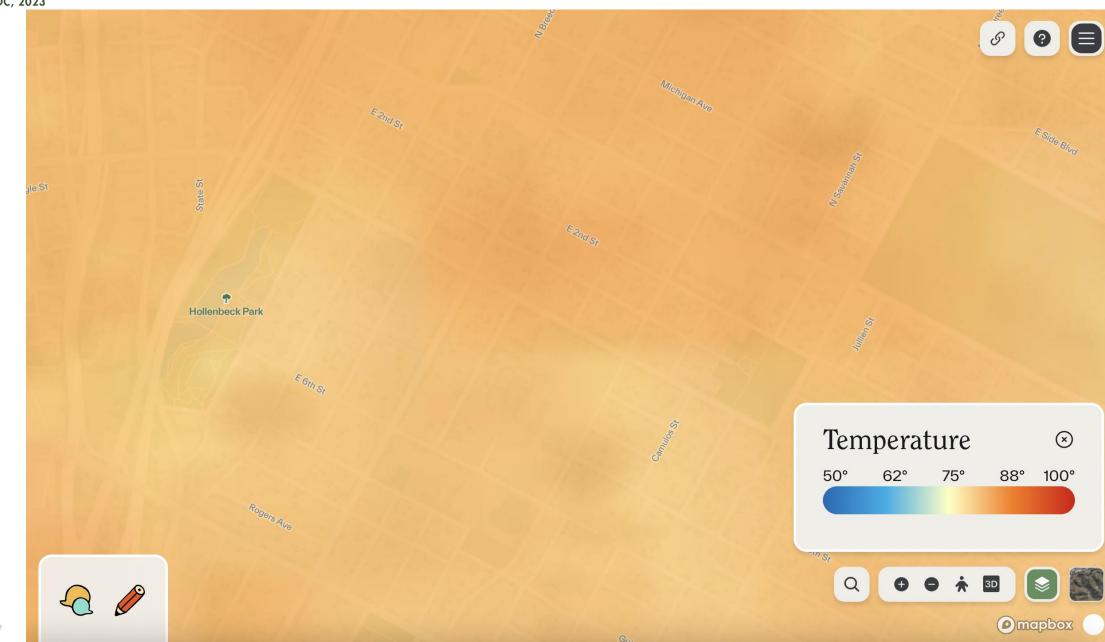
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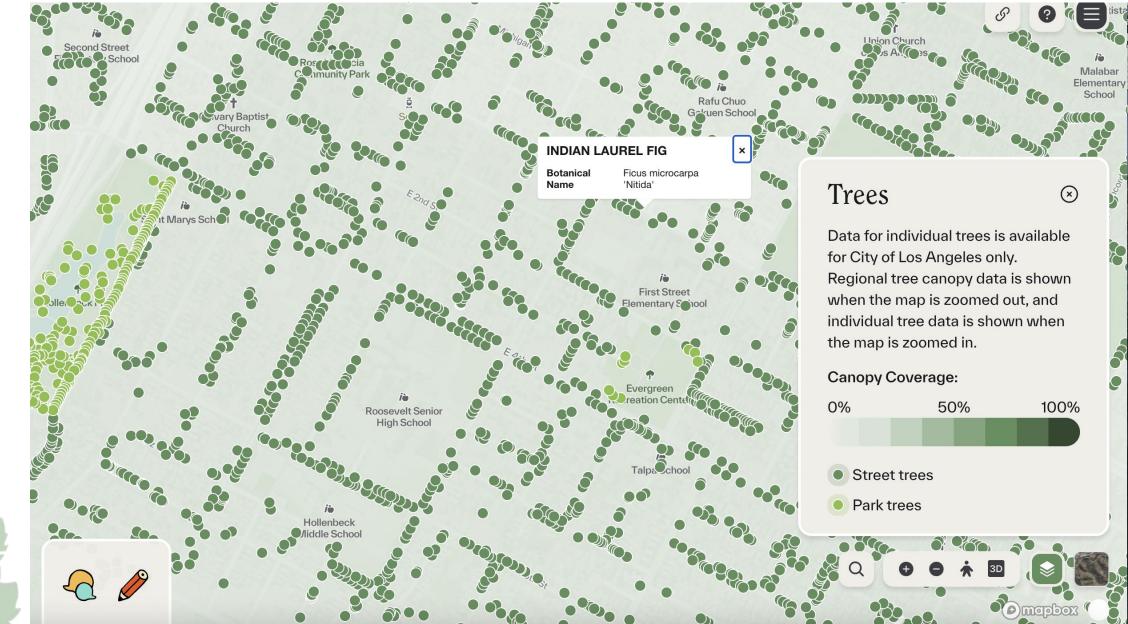
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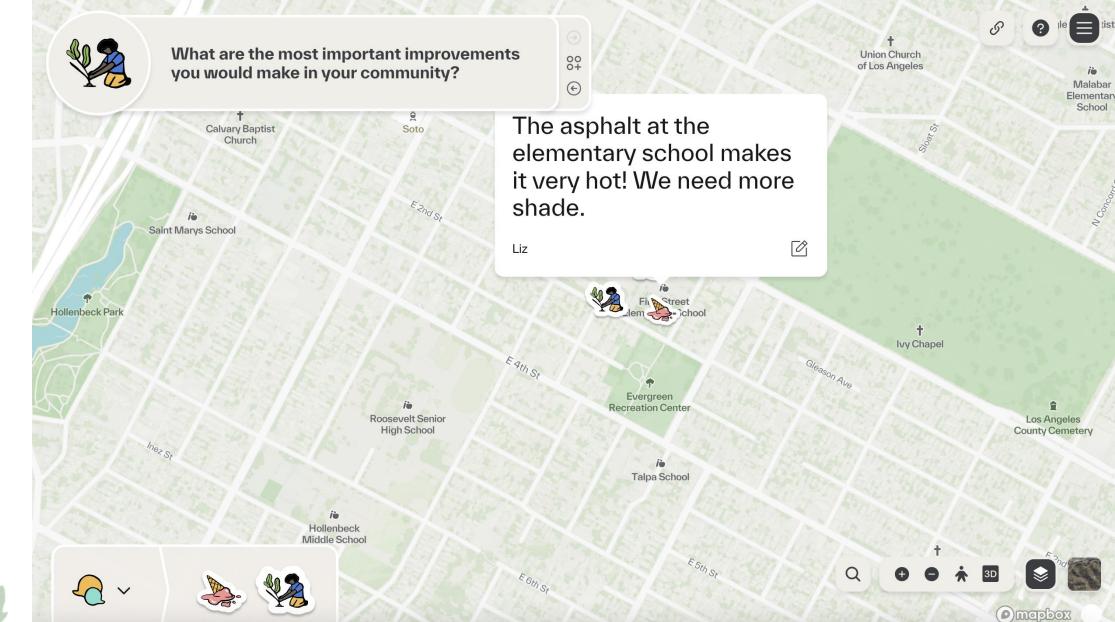




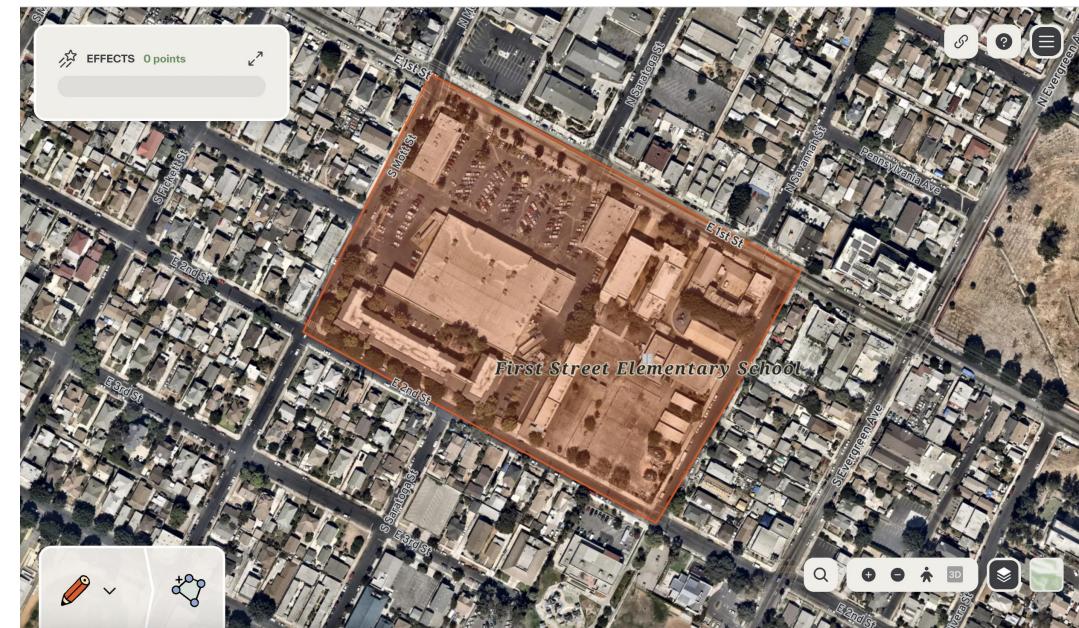


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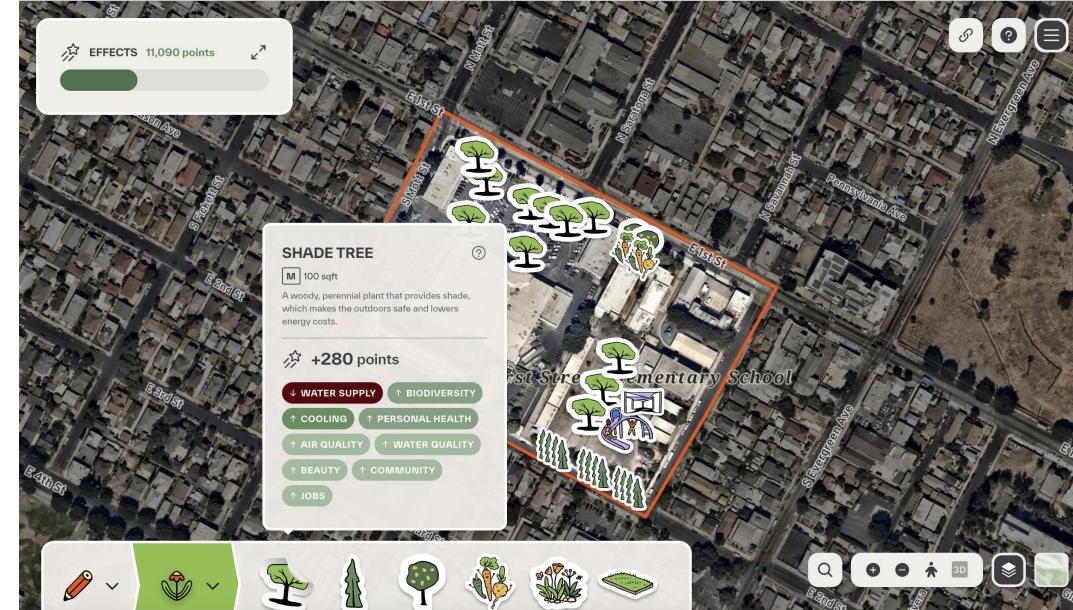








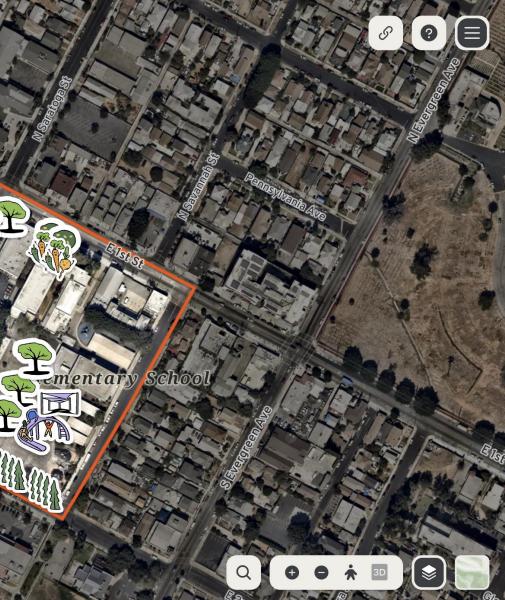






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From Pixels to Parklands: The role of satellite Data in Urban Green Spaces

Applying novel satellite technology to inform design and management of urban forests



Presented by

Mads Christensen Senior Business Development Manager

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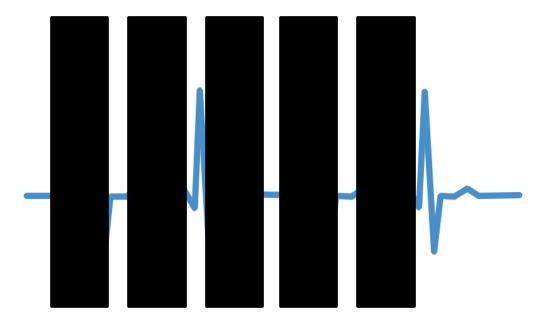






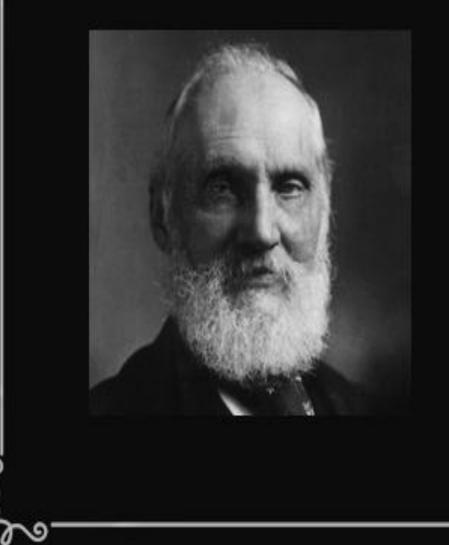












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DHI at a glance

Global advisory company with deep domain knowledge, strong technology and continuous innovation



Independent, private, not-for-profit



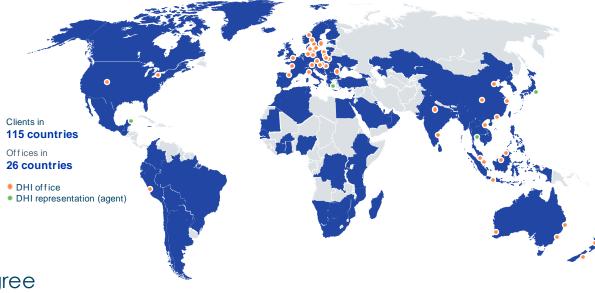
Supports the UN sustainability agenda



1100+ employees, 80% with an MSc or PhD degree



Representing 50+ years of dedicated research and real-life experiences (over 2400 projects worldwide)





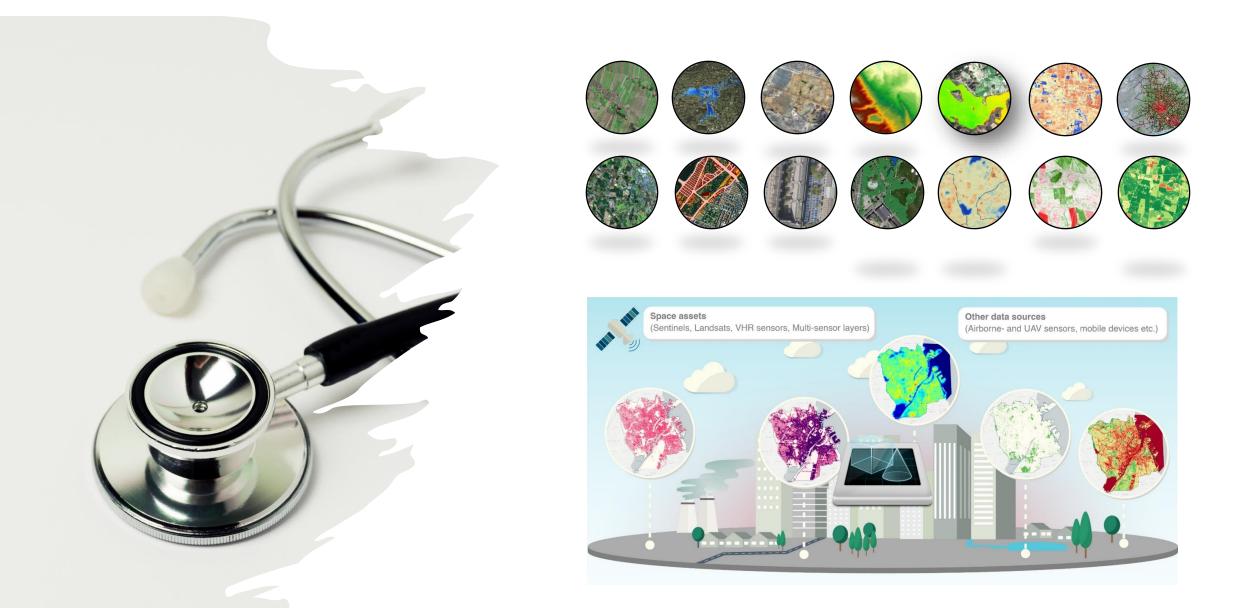


Providing a satellite perspective on water+ data for over 20 years



MetOcean data	Sea Surface Temperature	Oil Spill	Marine Habitat Maps	Satellite Images	Coastal Vegetation	Digital Elevation	Urban Mapping	Vegetation Health
Sea Ice and Icebergs	Dredge Plumes	Water Quality	Bathymetry	Coastal Dynamics	Flooding	ET and drought	Freshwater Monitoring	Land Cover - Land Use
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Many cities lacks basic information about the

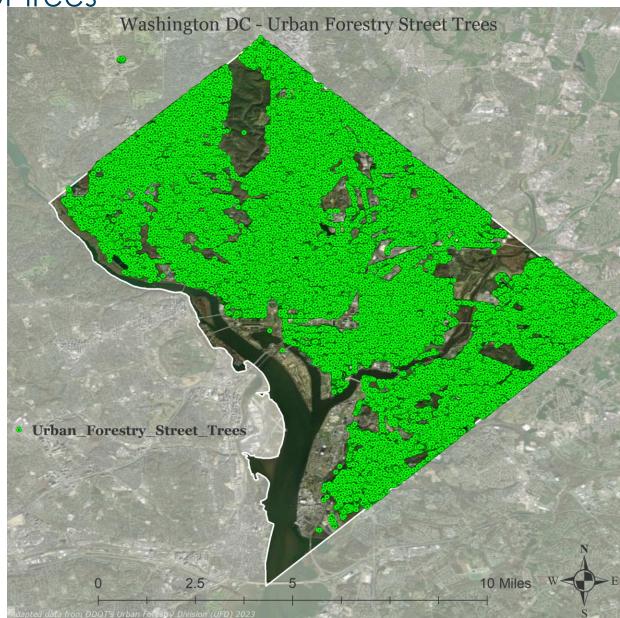
location of trees

Why are urban tree inventories important:

- •Enable better urban planning and development.
- •Helps identify suitable areas for tree
- planting, green spaces, and infrastructure development.
- •Empowers city officials to make data-driven decisions about tree maintenance, removal, planting and urban heat island mitigation measures.
- •Ensures resources are allocated efficiently.
- •Sharing tree data with the public fosters

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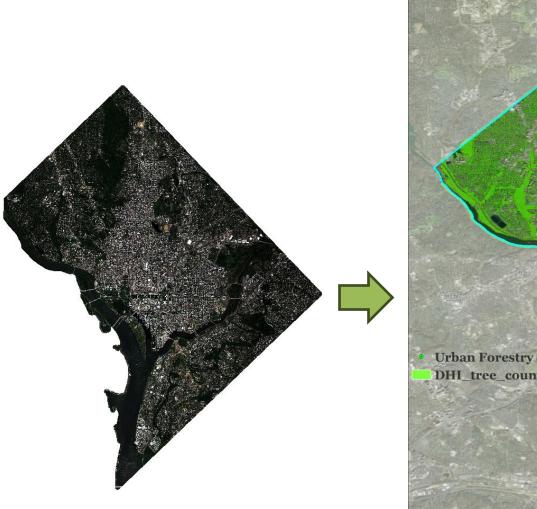
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- Expenses related to the initial collection of tree data
 - The New York City 'TreesCount!2015' census reportedly cost 2.2 million \$ and involved thousands of volunteers and staff to complete.
- Provides just a snapshot in time as trees are always changing and tree inventory data



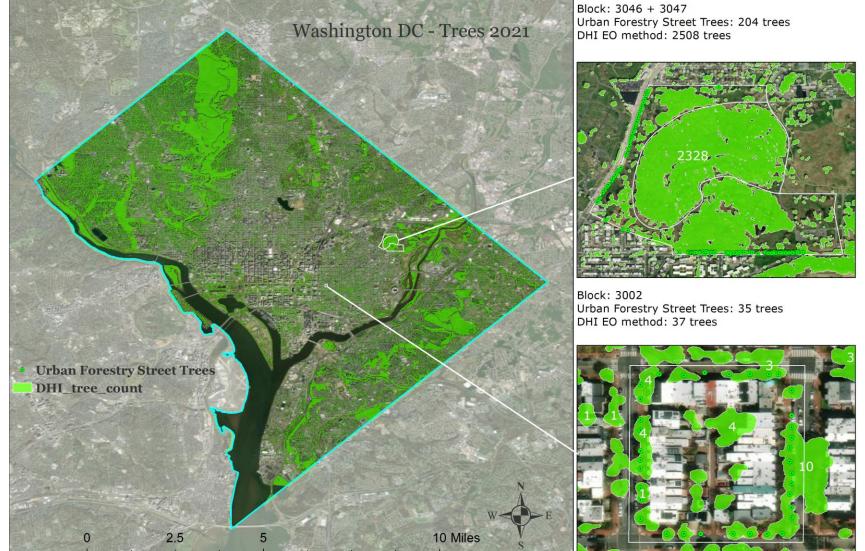


Earth observation and AI technology is part of the

answer

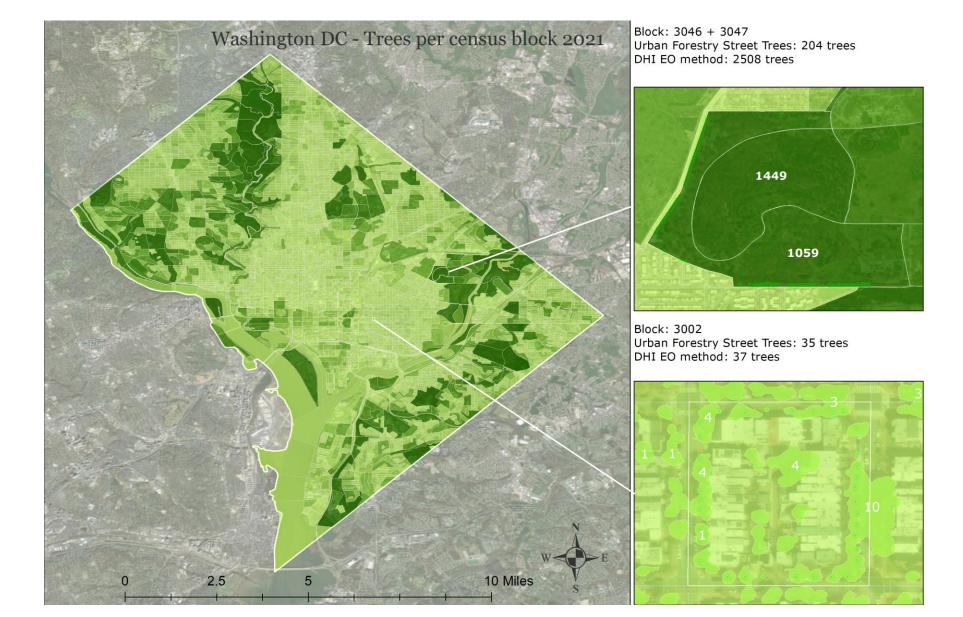


Airbus Pléiades Neo satellite image, 2021 30 cm resolution



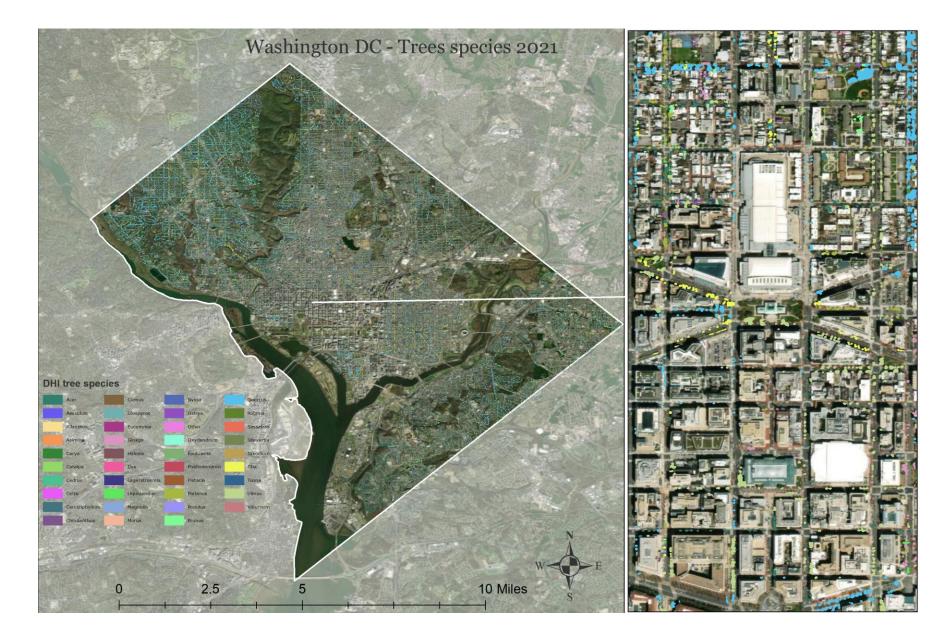


Aggregation of trees per census block



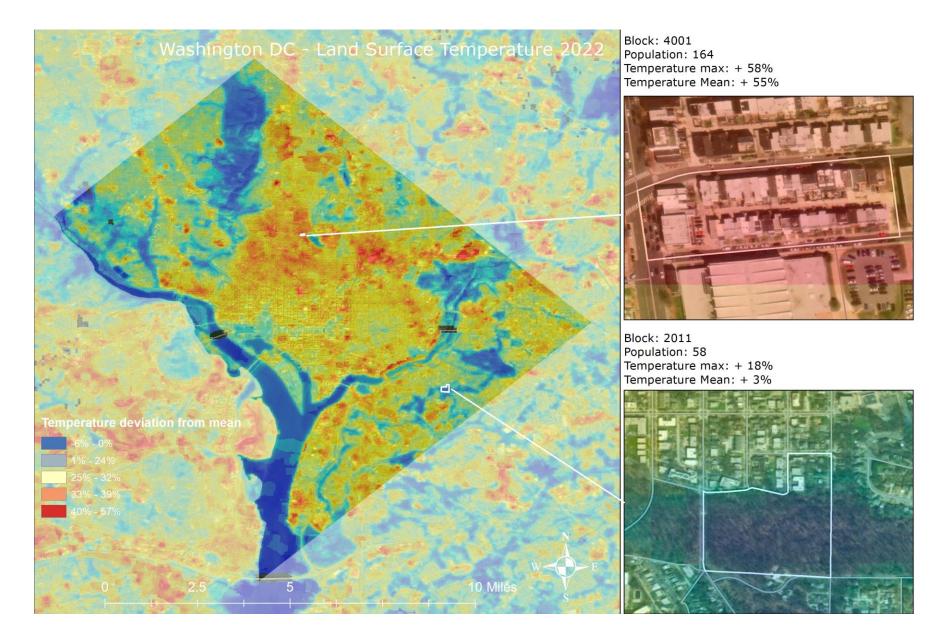


Mapping tree species – under development



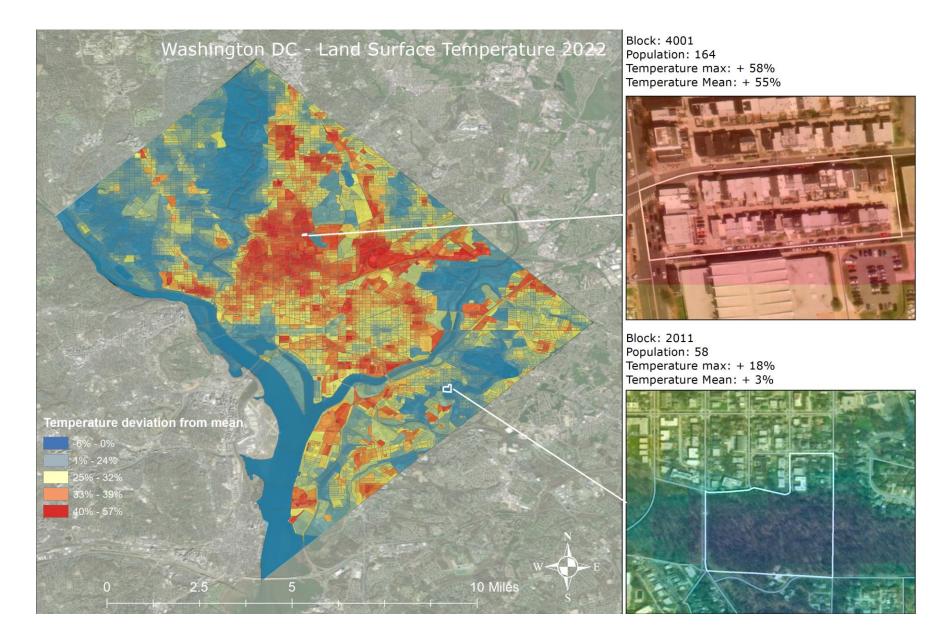


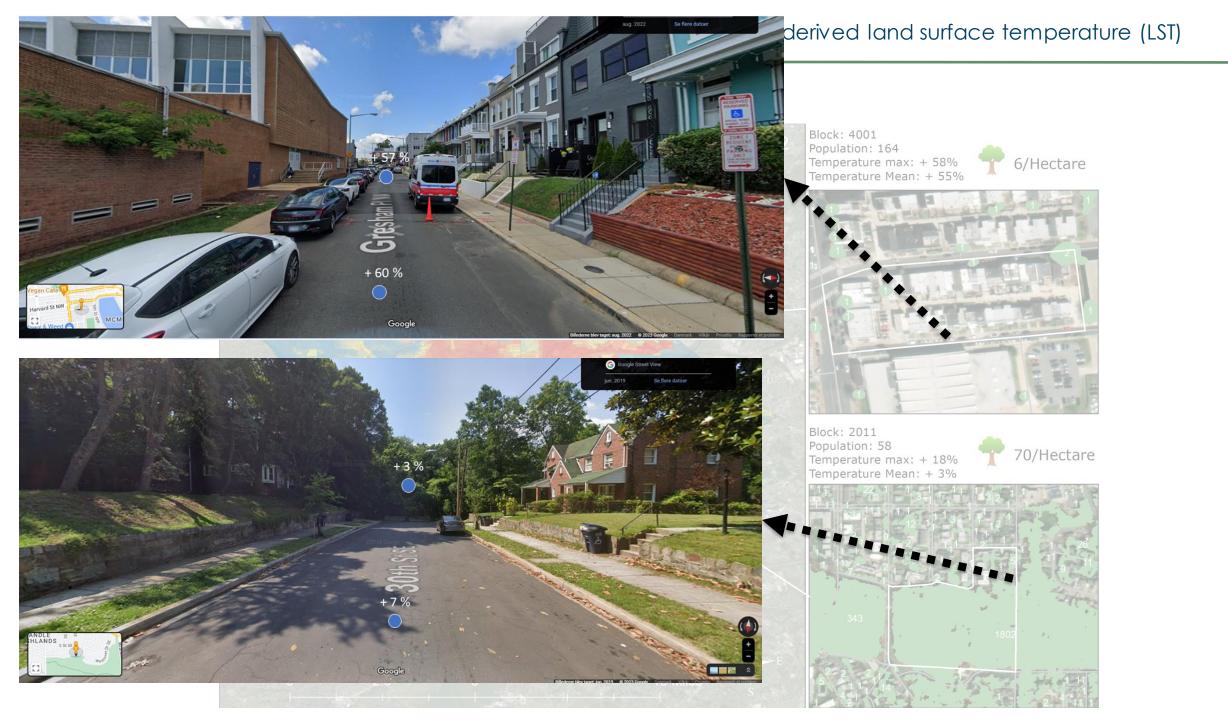
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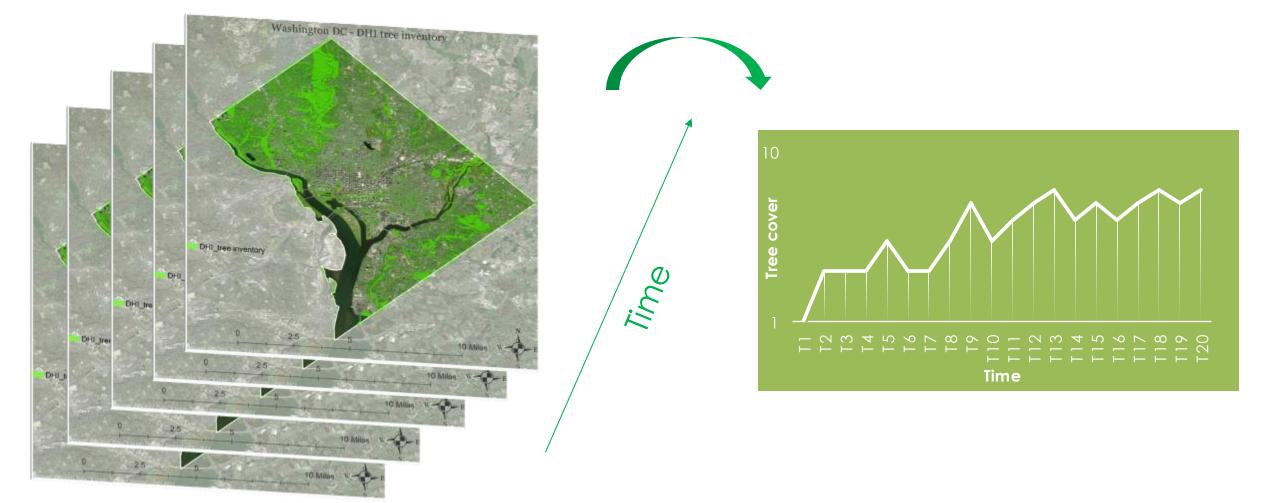
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Dynamic urban monitoring – as often as needed

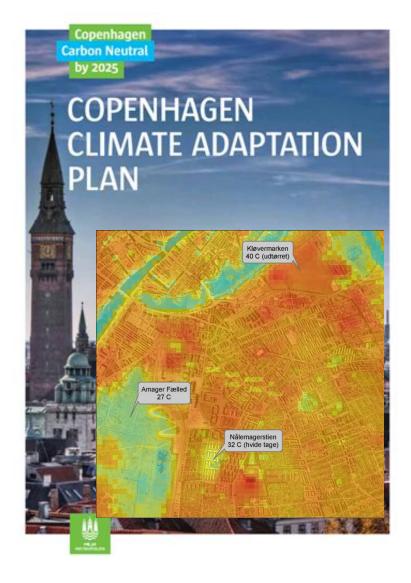




Planning city space "Urban Heat Islands"

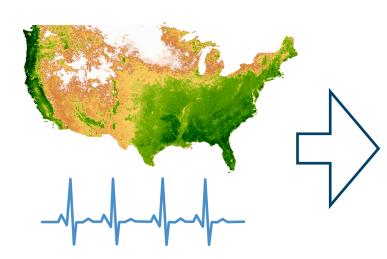
• Which areas in the city are exposed to urban heat? And what effect does green/blue

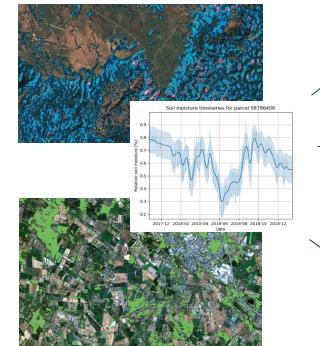




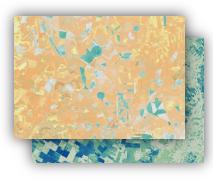


Dynamic monitoring at large











Surface water

- Dynamics (extent and volume)
- Frequency
- Flooding's extent and depth
- Drought
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Land/soil

- Volumetric Soil moisture
- Actual Evapotranspiration
- Soil organic carbon
- Digital Elevation Models
- Land cover
- Land deformation and degradation
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Vegetation

- Trees and tree cover
- Small landscape features
- Irrigation support
- Parcel delineation
- Biomass

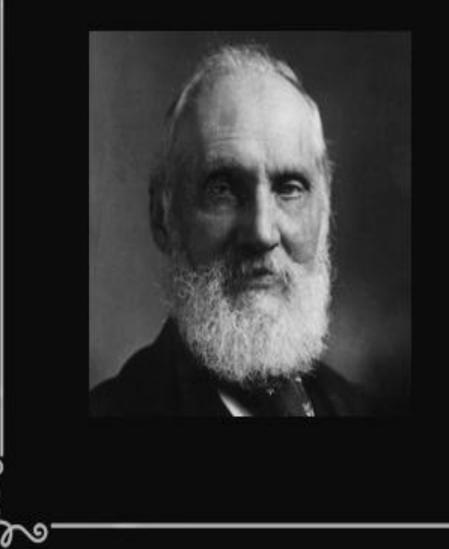
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Forest height and canopy cover

The pulse of land and water

Automated and operational data infrastructure

A wide array of EO based data products and analytics



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4-band, 50cm satellite

Density map prediction

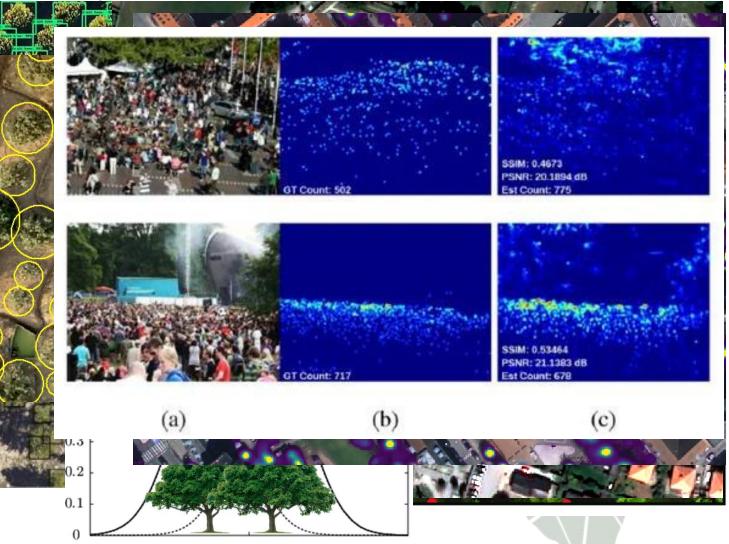
Density thresholding, object delineation





Regression – Tree count (density)

- Most existing
 object determined
 - Good fo imagery
 - Requires
- Inspiration f counting m objects varies overlap
- Rather than we estimate trees
 - As the number of the approace
- A gaussian kernel is fitted over each tree point



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Treenet: Promoting and Leading Urban Forest Research, Knowledge, and Networks in Australia



Presented by Tim Johnson Director tim@treenet.org









TREENET

- Tree and Roadway Experimental and Educational Network
- Non-profit, national organisation founded in 1997
- Funded by members, sponsors, donors and grants
- Dedicated to improving Australia's urban forests through
 - research and education
 - community support and engagement
 - projects, information and outreach

Projects Tree species trials



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Aesculus hippocastanum
 Agathis robusta (3)

Projects

Engineered spaces for trees

- tree root management
- passive irrigation using stormwater
- enhanced urban heat island mitigation















<u>TREENET's</u> Avenues of Honour project is a national initiative to document, preserve, promote and reinstate the original Avenues of Honour and to establish new commemorative trees, planted to honour Australians at war – from the Boer War, through World War 1, World War 2 and all subsequent conflicts.





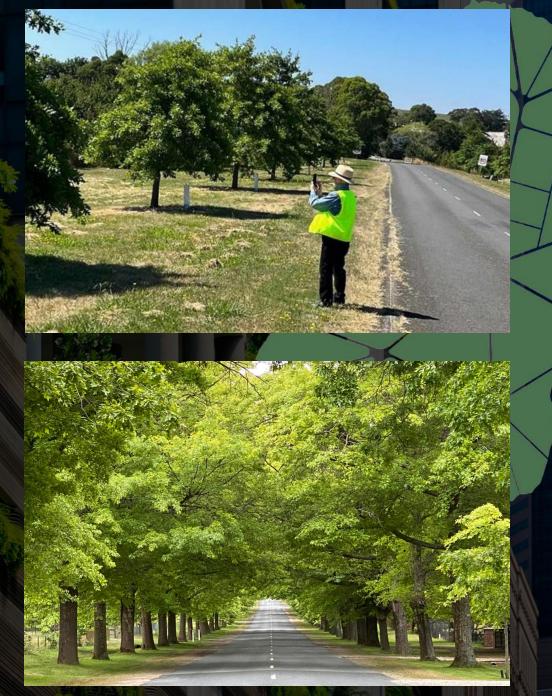








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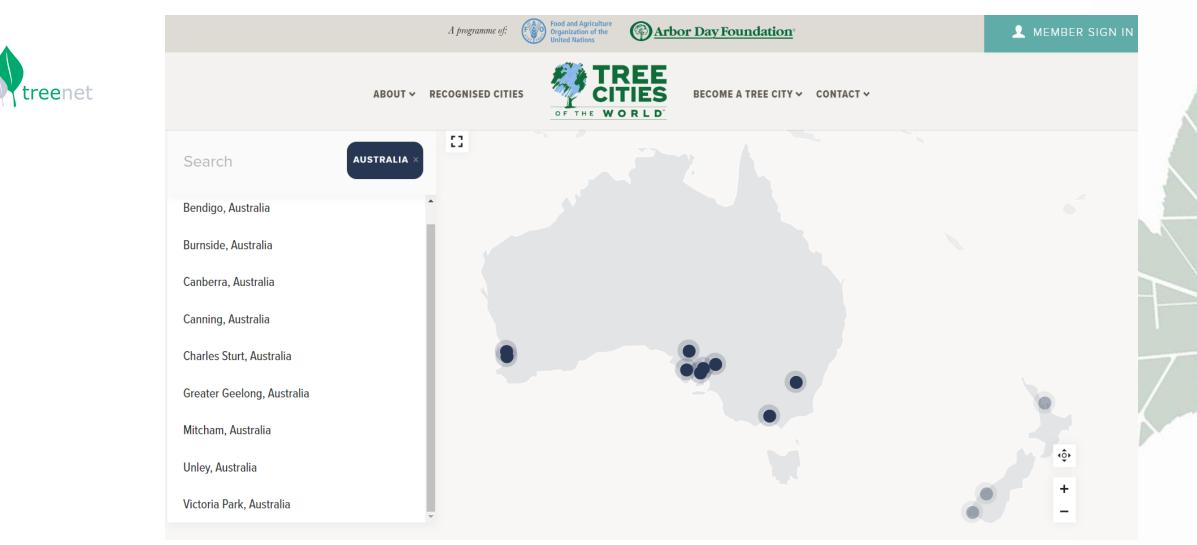


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https://treecitiesoftheworld.org

Dedicated to improving Australia's Urban Forests Independent and Non-Profit

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BECOME A MEMBER

Supporting Urban Forest Research & Education for Communities and Practitioners

Treenet acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and

culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Australian Urban Forest Literature Database

Accessing urban forestry information is easy with our new Australian Urban Forest Literature Database. With a wealth of information and a range of ways to search it is easy to use and delivers relevant articles on a range of key topics.

The database is designed for the public, for arborists and for urban foresters – anyone looking for key relevant, evidence-based information.

Become a Member

Membership not only supports a national, independent, environmental, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to research & education for urban arboriculture and liveable towns and cities.

Membership helps you to tap into a wealth of resources & participate in professional conversations. Government, Corporate and Association members also receive one complimentary ticket for the two-day, annual TREENET Symposium and achieve a 15% discounted registration for all other colleagues.

TREENET National Street Tree Symposium

- held annually in September
- 2-day event, plenary and field-based
- papers and videos provided free online





Australian Urban Forest Literature Database

Search for Treenet symposium videos and papers, case studies and other urban and street tree management information. Add urban forest research papers, case studies, best practice details and other non-copyright resources using the 'add' functions.

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Using ground penetrating radar to locate and categorise tree roots under urban pavements Author(s): Lucke, Terry | McCallum, Adrian | Nichols, Peter Year Published: 2017 Tree Roots Ground Penetrating Radar

Pavement Damage

Nursery Practices and the Effectiveness of Different Containers on Root Development

Author(s): Moore, Derek

Year Published: 2001

Trees can be very long-lived and the successful establishment of all trees in any given landscape requires a knowledge of their biology and also...

Symposium Resource 2001 Symposium

The future...

- increased community engagement
- community urban forest advocacy
- research and education
- celebrate trees and urban forestry
- increase collaboration with like-minded agencies
- increase membership to increase outputs



Thank you

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Modern Times: promoting innovation, new technologies and future visions for inclusive urban forests

The Uforest project – providing training and education for urban forests as nature-based solutions



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The UFOREST project

Uforest is a Knowledge Alliance project co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

Bringing together **universities**, **businesses**, and **public institutions**, the Alliance has developed a **3steps approach** to foster innovation in the Urban Forestry sector





Challenges that have lead to initiating UFOREST

CHALLENGE 1

Many cities across the globe are setting challenging urban reforestation targets, but they are struggling with:

- high costs for planting and management
- the need for long-term citizen engagement
- lack of capacity with existing institutions to implement UF solutions.

CHALLENGE 2

Today, the demand for UF practitioners able to innovate urban areas is increasing,

but <u>there is a lack of</u> <u>interdisciplinary training</u> and support for innovative publicprivate UF initiatives.



Step 1. JOIN the UFOREST Alliance





230 members around the globe

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Step 2. LEARN







REPORTS



FACTSHEETS

uforest.eu/case-studies



E-LEARNING COURSES

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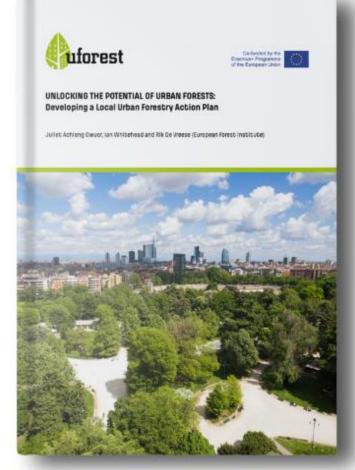




Training Needs Assessment and Stakeholder Analysis



Blueprint for Innovation in Urban Forestry



Unlocking th potential of UF. Developing a Local urban Forest Action Plan.



Challenges that hinder implementation of UF as NBS

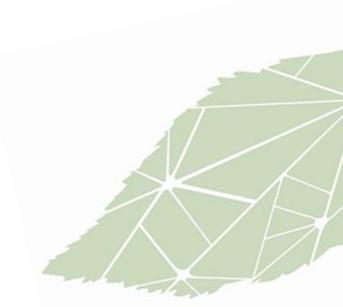
- Based on online survey, in-depth interviews, literature review and 20 EU case studies
- Hindering challenges
 - Ecosystem disservices
 - Lack of appropriate growing conditions
 - Social inequity
 - Governance
 - Knowledge gaps (including on the use of technology)
 - Funding and economic development
 - Training gaps





Training needs regarding urban forestry

- Assessing forest management scenarios
- Estimating delivery of ecosystem services by urban forests
- Developing marketing strategies for urban forestry and/or the ecosystems they provide
- Connecting technology with urban nature
- Integrating strategically with transversal domains (pedagogy, AI, arts, storytelling ...)





LEARN - Uforest courses

online 1. NATURE IN THE CITY: TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO URBAN FORESTRY PRACTICE FREE AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE

2. GREENING YOUR CITY: DEVELOP YOUR URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT

SPECIALIZED COURSE FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES the 20 best performing participants will be invited to

In-person INNOVATION PROGRAMME

INTENSIVE 14-DAYS TRAINING (1 WEEK IN MILAN, 1 WEEK IN BARCELONA)



숨 Credits: 8 ECTS





online 1. NATURE IN THE CITY: TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO URBAN FORESTRY PRACTICE FREE AND ACCESSIBLE

TO EVERYONE

- From November 2022 to April 2023
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6 modules, streamed lessons

🕓 🛛 Total workload: 50 hours

Participants will learn how to effectively apply the transdisciplinary principles of **Urban Forestry**, spanning from **urban design** to **forest ecology**, from **socioeconomics** to **information and communication technologies**. No specific background is required.

7 interdisciplinary weeks

- 1. History of urban forestry
- 2. Urban Forestry planning and design
- 3. Urban forest ecology
- 4. Socioeconomics Governance and community engagement
- 5. Entrepreneurship and innovation
- 6. Final assessment
- 7. Live events Urban Forest Case Studies

969 enrolled participants



2. GREENING YOUR CITY: DEVELOP YOUR URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT SPECIALIZED COURSE FOR STUDENTS

OF PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

- 詰 🛛 From February 2023 to June 2023
 - 4 modules, streamed lessons

🕔 🛛 Total workload: 100 hours

This course is limited to **150 participants** to provide **specialised training in Urban Forestry** and is designed with a **project-based approach**, meaning that participants will have the opportunity to develop **their own project idea**.



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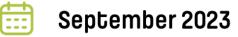
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Step 3. GREEN your city

3. INNOVATION PROGRAMME



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 - 2 weeks, in person (1 week in Milan, 1 week in Barcelona)
 - 5 Total workload: 180 hours

The **20 best performing participants** of the e-learning course will be given the opportunity to participate in the Innovation Programme, an **intensive 14-days training delivered in person** (1 week in Milan, 1 week in Barcelona). Grants and financial aid are provided.

Urban Forestry WORKSHOPS





Step 3. Simultaneous planting campaign

- European SIMULTANEOUS PLANTING CAMPAIGN in 4 different - Milan, Brasov, Barcelona and Dublin
- Each campaign will implement **an innovative Urban Forestry solution tailored to the needs of that specific urban context**.





Outcomes

- Innovative MOOC with almost 1000 registered students
- 95 students attended the specialisation course
- Innovation Challenge for 20 international students
- Simultaneous tree planting in 4 European cities
- Facilitated peer learning between top UF-experts, students, professionals and decision-makers
- Reached more than 8000 people through conferences, webinars etc.
- 230 people registered as Alliance member
- 4 national launches + 1 European launh





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Under Cover: Planting Priorities, Equitable Canopy, and Technology



Presented by

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Canopy Assessment Technology Setting Planting Priorities Taking Action, Tracking Progress

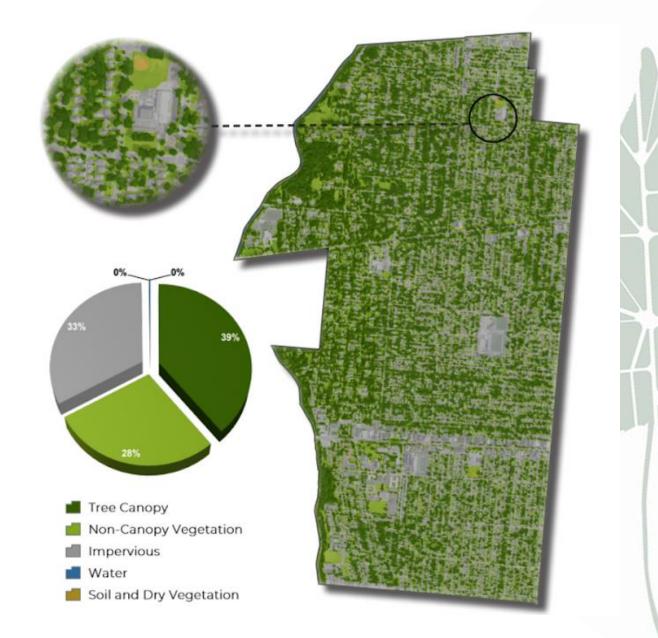
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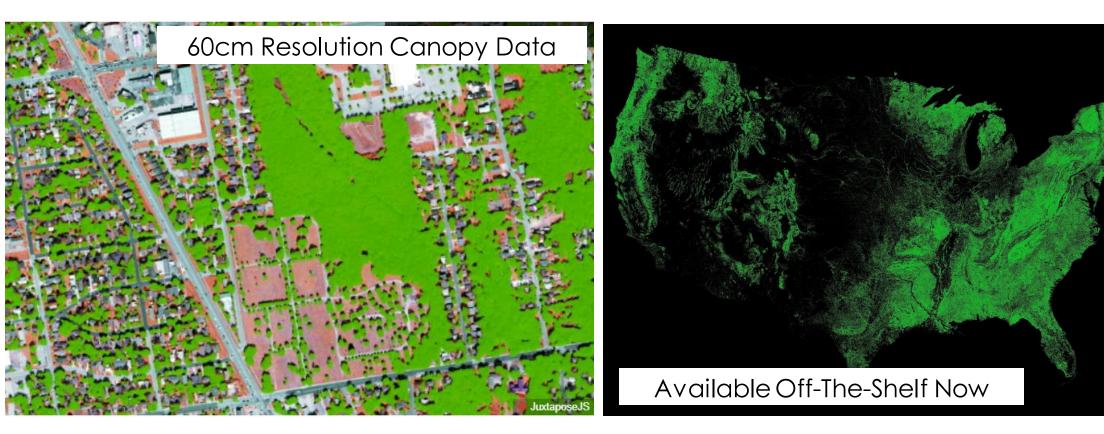
High Resolution Land Cover Mapping

- Remote sensing image classification uses high-resolution aerial imagery or satellite and elevation (LiDAR) data to create detailed land cover data
- Set benchmarks, create planting project areas, track progress and impacts
- Inform management/master plans, budgeting or grant requests, and leverage for greater support/funding





Big Data, Nationally, at High Resolution



A partnership between



AGENDA

Canopy Assessment Technology

Setting Planting Priorities

Taking Action, Tracking Progress



Visual Workflow Examples

Needs

- Where is there low canopy and high planting availability in CEJST and redline boundaries as a starting point to identify impactful projects?
- What else can drive priorities using data?
 - Areas that have lost canopy recently
 - Vulnerable populations
 - High impervious surface area (heat, health, and runoff issues)
- How can metrics be tracked for funding and impact reporting?

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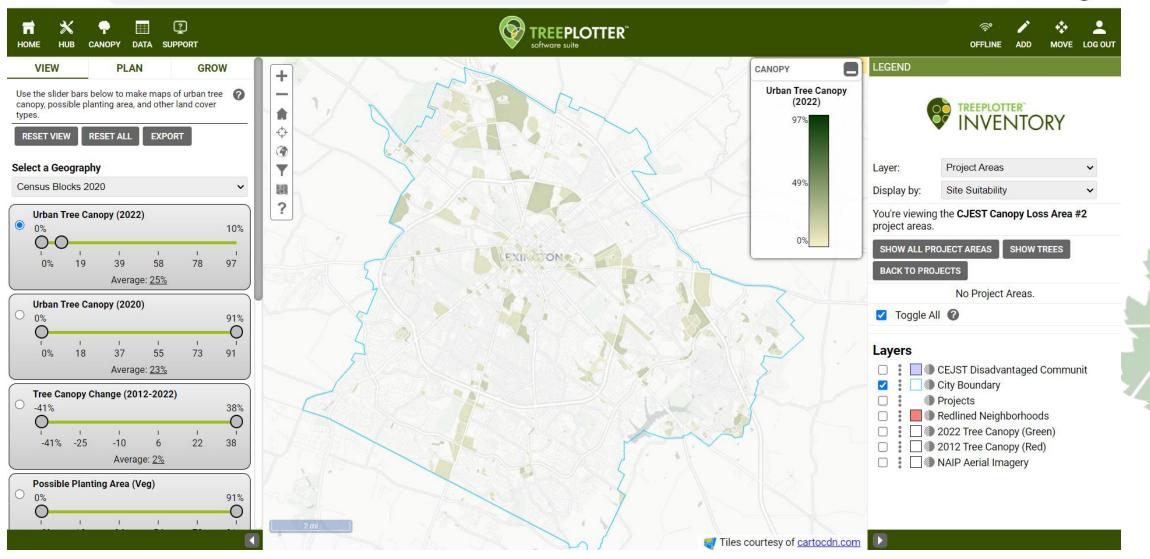




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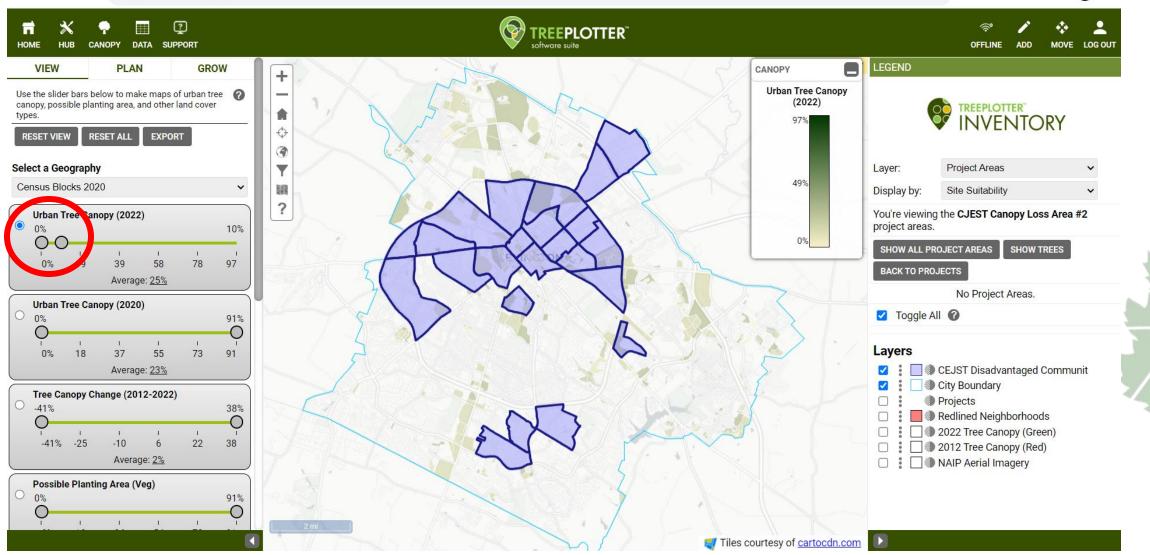




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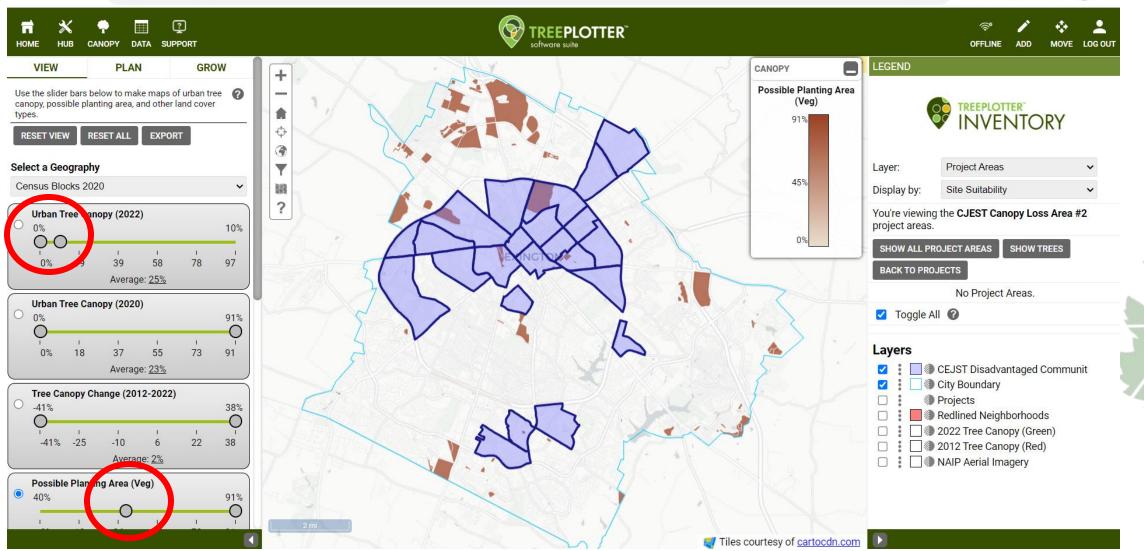




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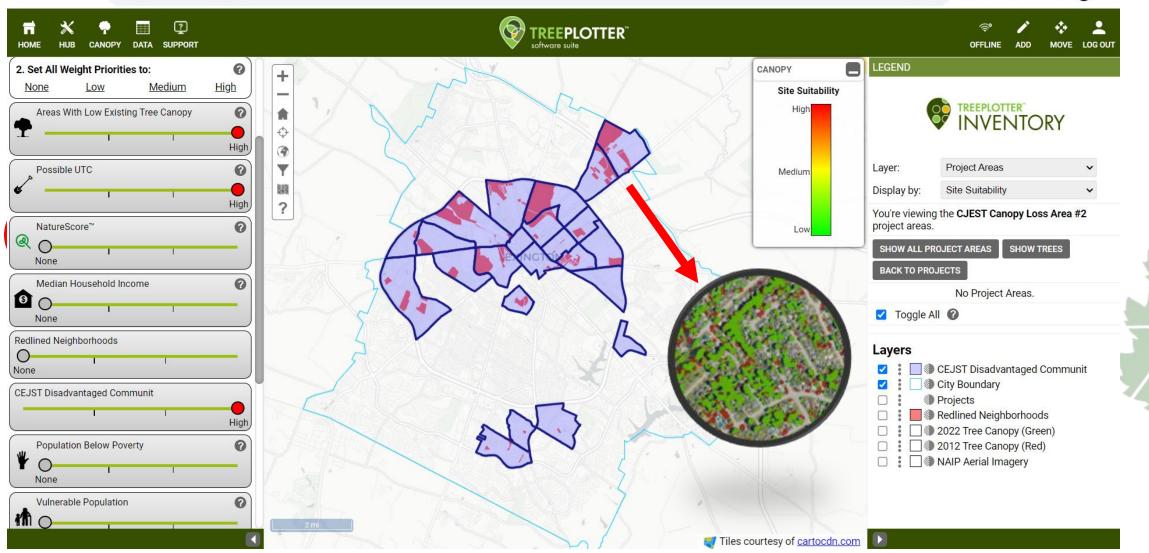




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Creating a Project: Canopy in Green





Creating a Project: Canopy Loss in Red





Creating a Project: Canopy Loss in Red





Creating a Project: Canopy Loss in Red

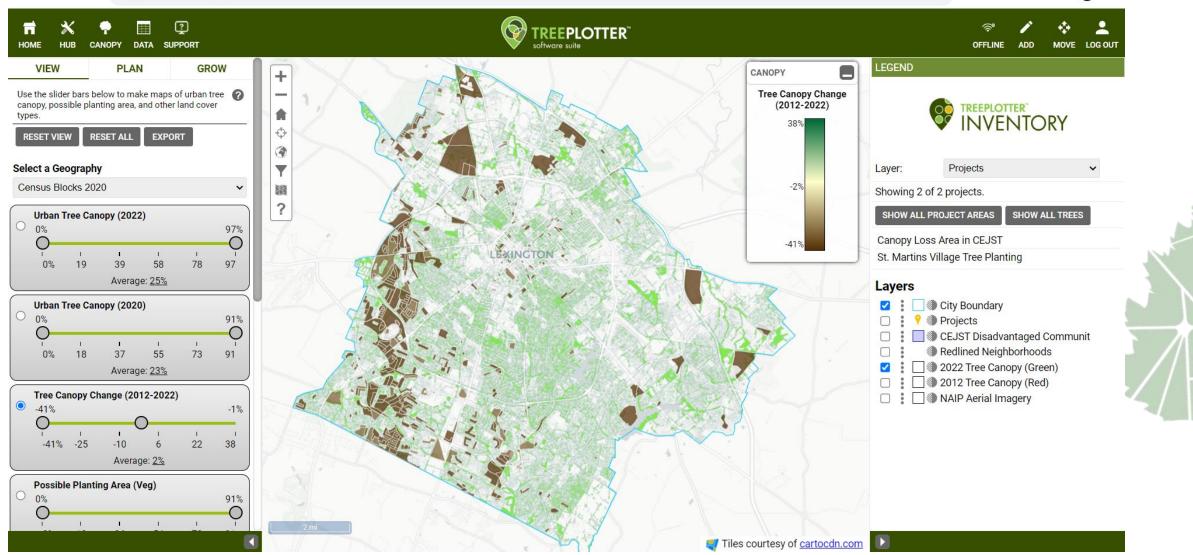
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Lexington, KY: Tree Canopy Change

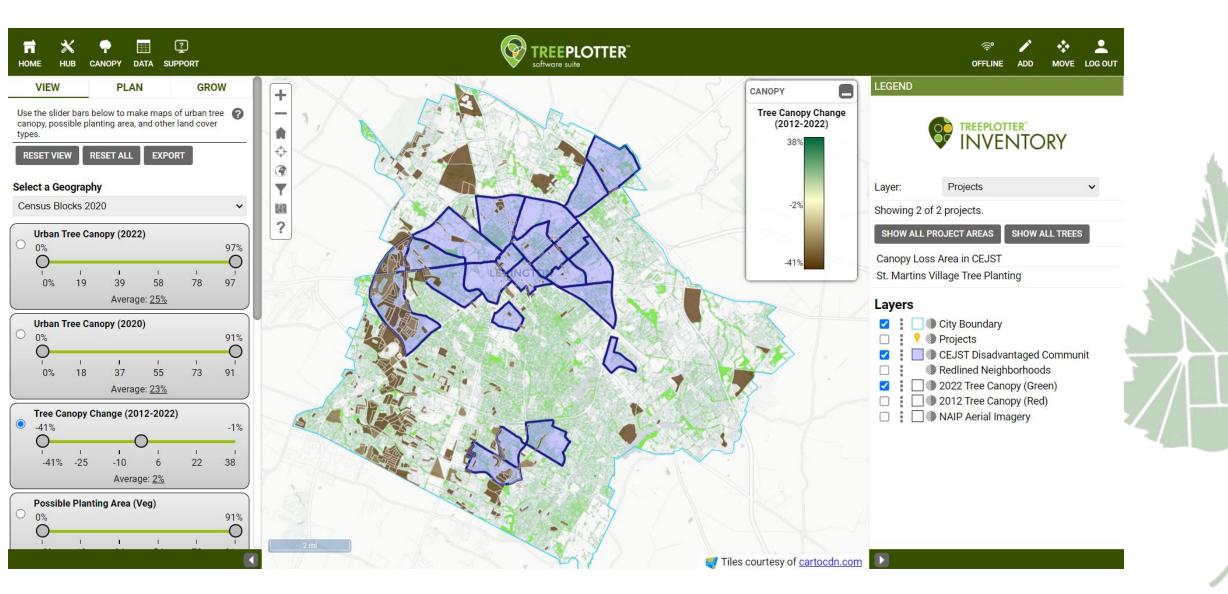
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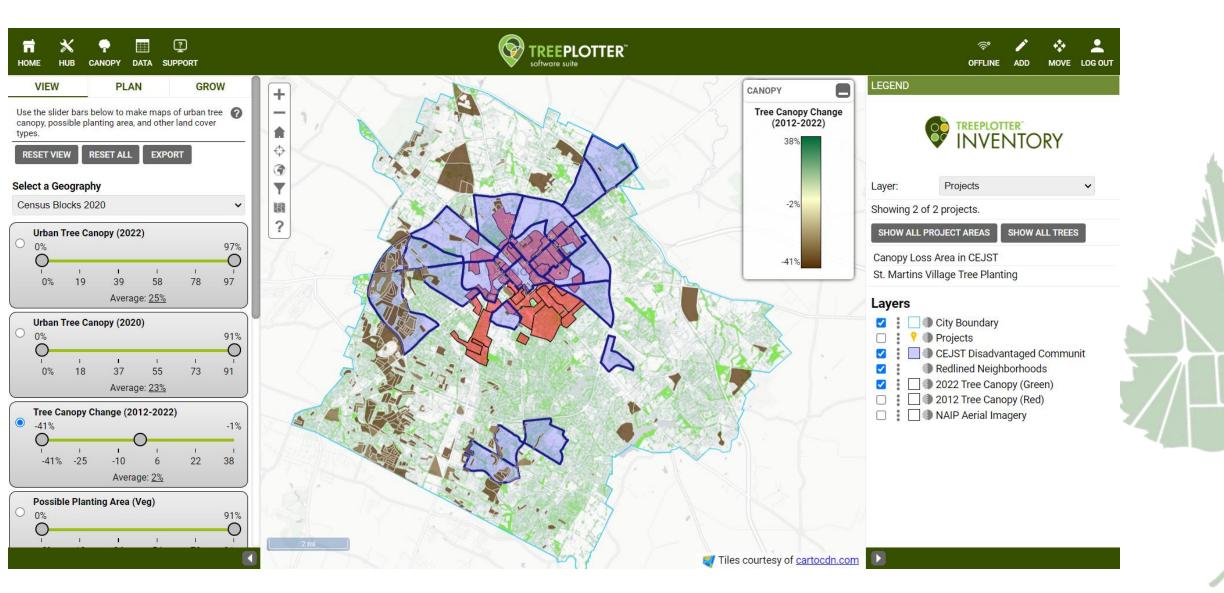


Tree Canopy Change + CEJST Boundaries



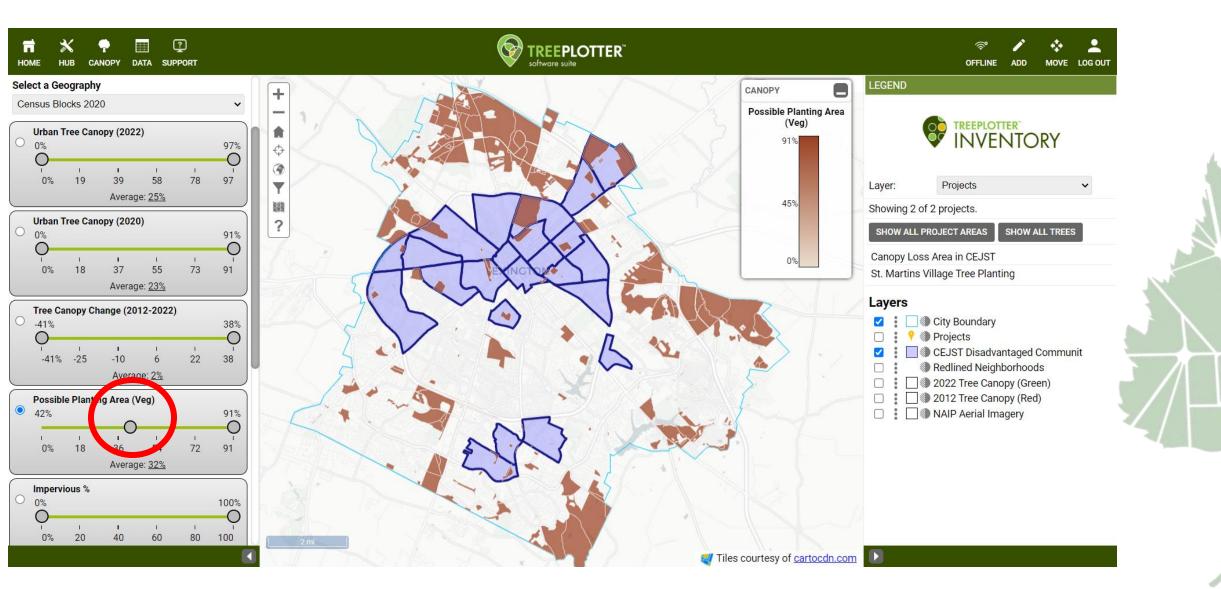


Canopy Change + CEJST + Redlining



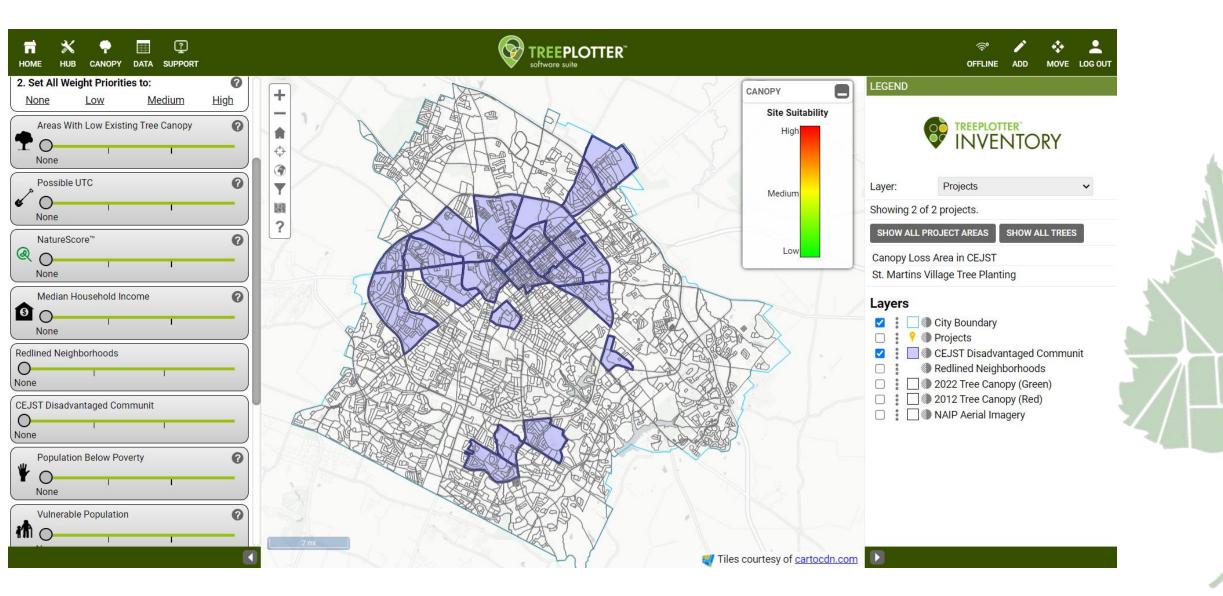


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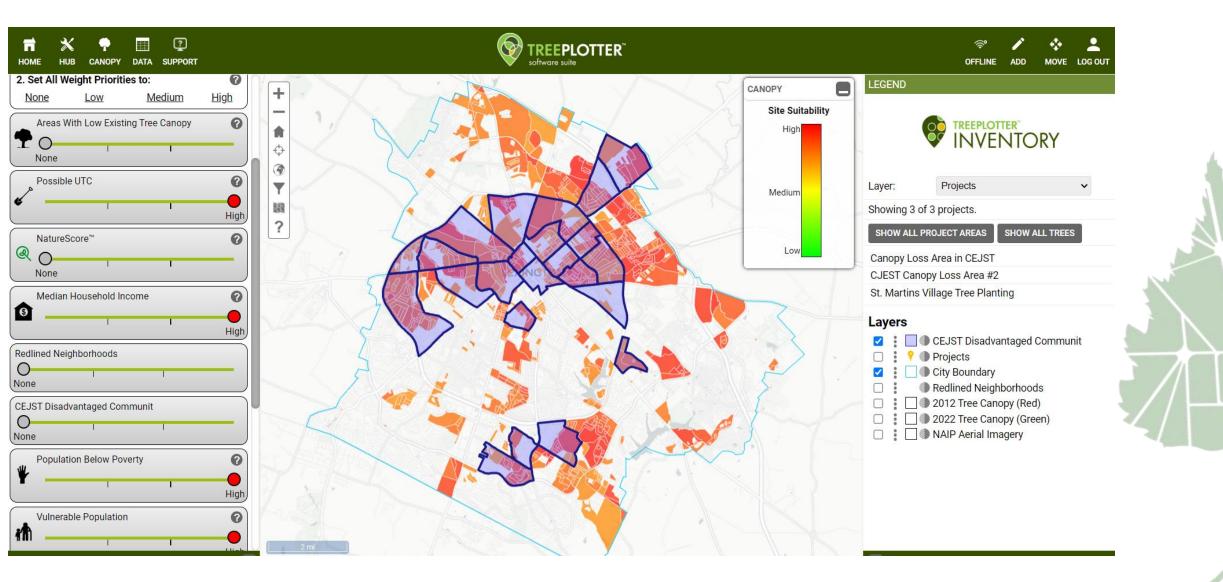


Census Blocks & CEJST: No Prioritization





"Equally Weighted" Equity Criteria



AGENDA

Canopy Assessment Technology Setting Planting Priorities

Taking Action, Tracking Progress





- A project to update the City's tree preservation code update
 - 22 meetings with the public, planning commissions, and city council
 - Tree canopy analysis



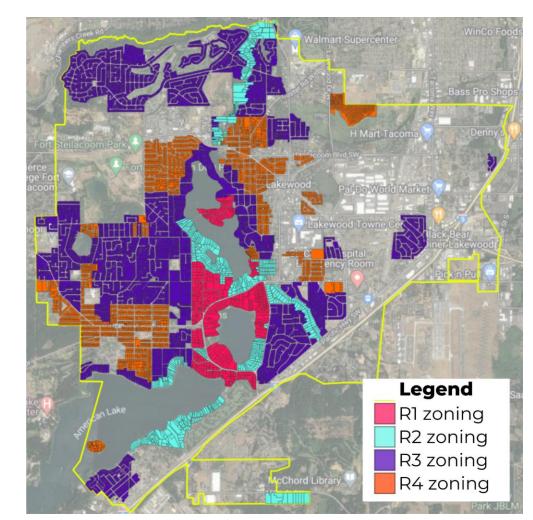






Residential districts make up 59% of citywide tree

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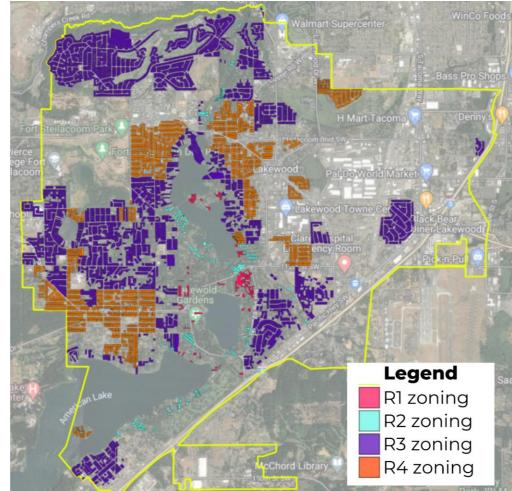






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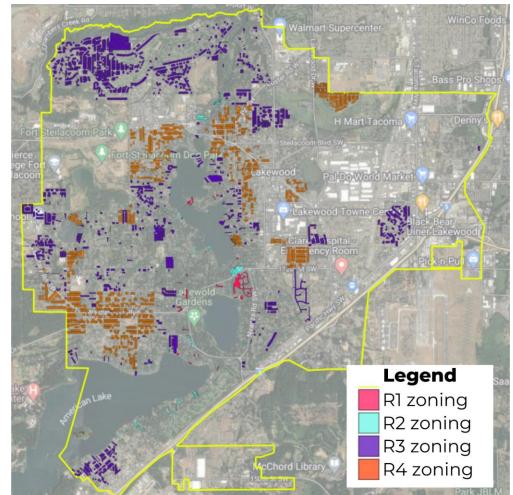






New tree code: single family lots under 10,000 sq.ft. are exempt

Single family lots under **10,000 sq.ft.**









- Adopted package
 - A canopy goal of 40% by 2050
 - Innovative incentives for tree preservation
 - Tree mitigation options measured by canopy cover or projected carbon reductions rather than just DBH inches or stem count





Scenario: Albuquerque, New Mexico



 14 large trees to increase canopy 10% in the park

ASSUMPTIONS

Select a Geography

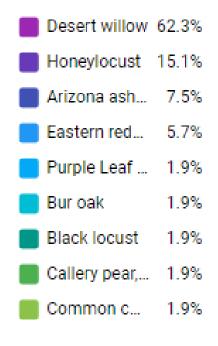
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Average Tree Crown Diameter					
20 ft. 25 30 35	40				
Mortality Rate	3%				
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Parks: Richland Hills

Urban Tree Canopy (2011)	0%
Urban Tree Canopy (2016)	0%
Urban Tree Canopy (2018)	9%
Urban Tree Canopy (2020)	17%
Tree Canopy Change (2011-2016)	0%
Tree Canopy Change (2011-2018)	9%
Tree Canopy Change (2011-2020)	17%
Tree Canopy Change (2016-2020)	17%
Tree Canopy Change (2018-2020)	8%
Tree Canopy Change (2016-2018)	9%
Total Possible Planting Area	58%
Hypothetical Canopy	27% 🔳
Trees needed	14 🔳

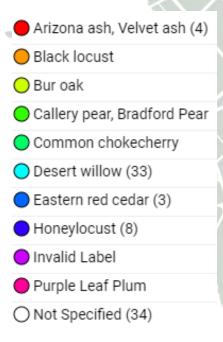


Richland Park Planting Plan



• 54 existing trees inventoried

* 34 potential planting locations; potential for a 20% canopy increase









Albuquerque Volunteer Inventory

- Downtown Albuquerque
 Volunteer Tree Inventory
 - 2,917 Trees / Possible Planting Sites

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Stump (41)











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