

Ecological Planning Tools

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Ecological Data and Analysis

Metrics and Targets

Plans and Plan Making Codes Implementation Community
Engagement
and Education

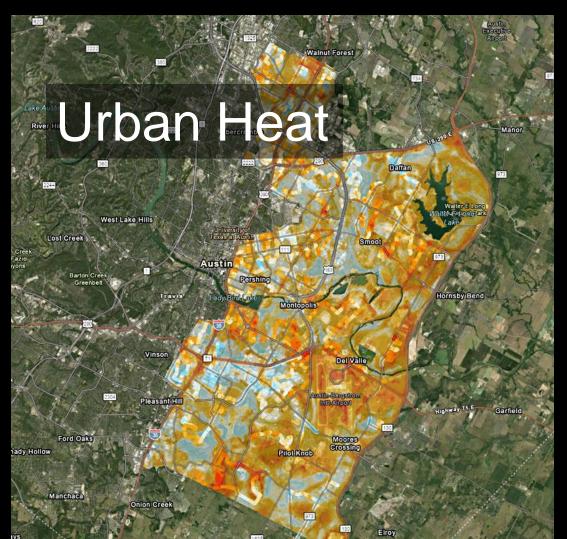




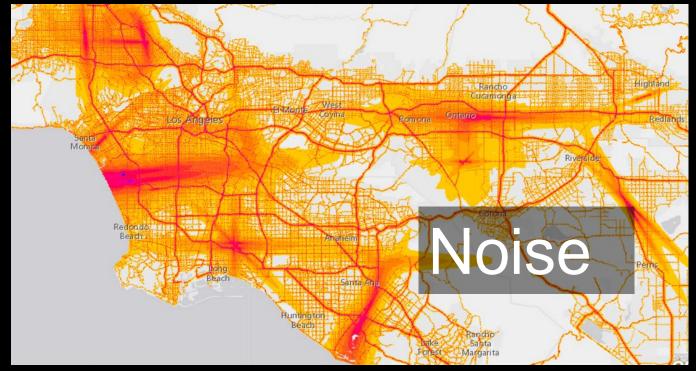




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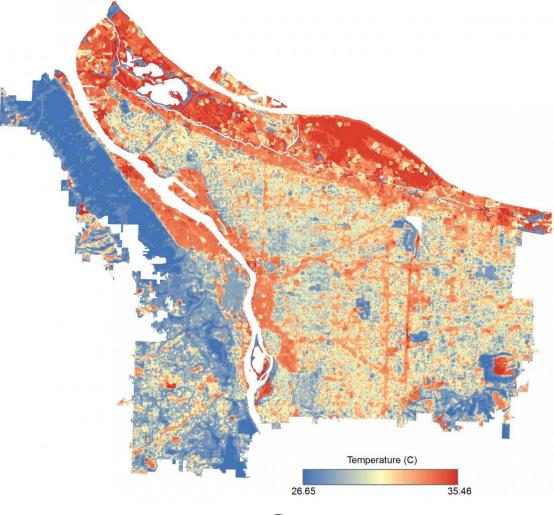




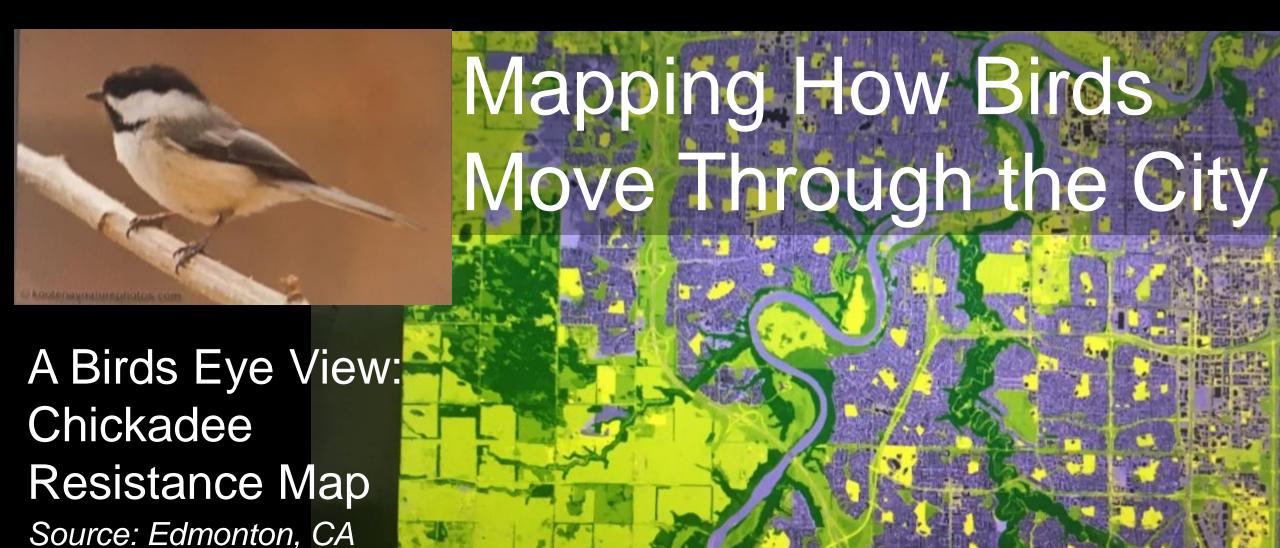


Citizen Heat Mapping Campaigns





Portland, Oregon

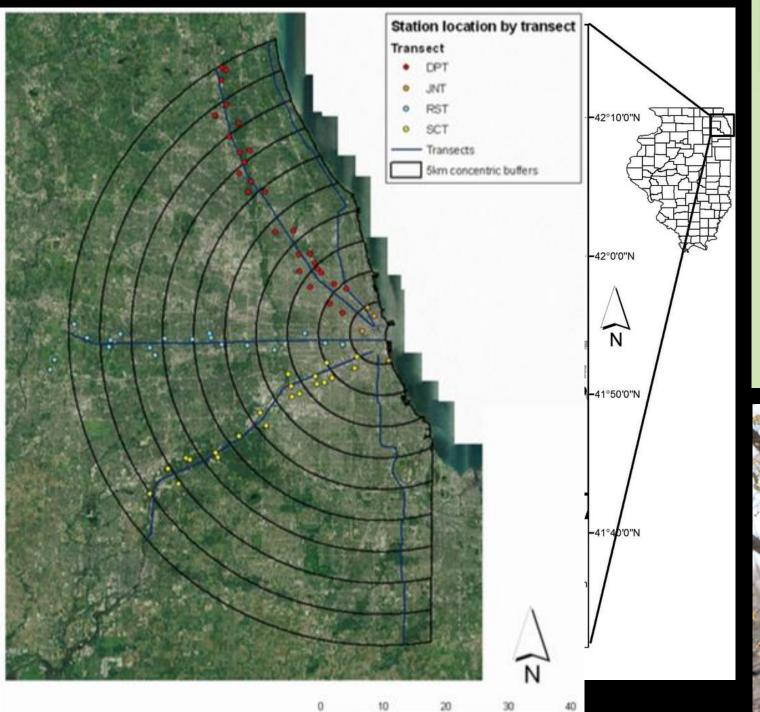


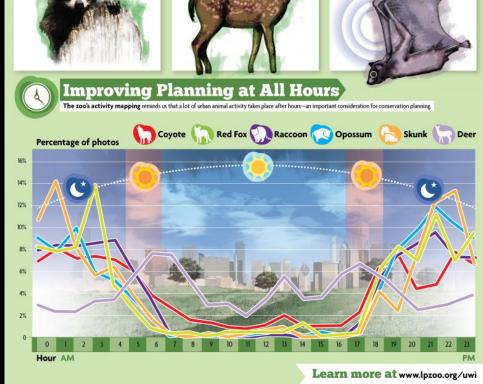
Circuit Theory in City Planning



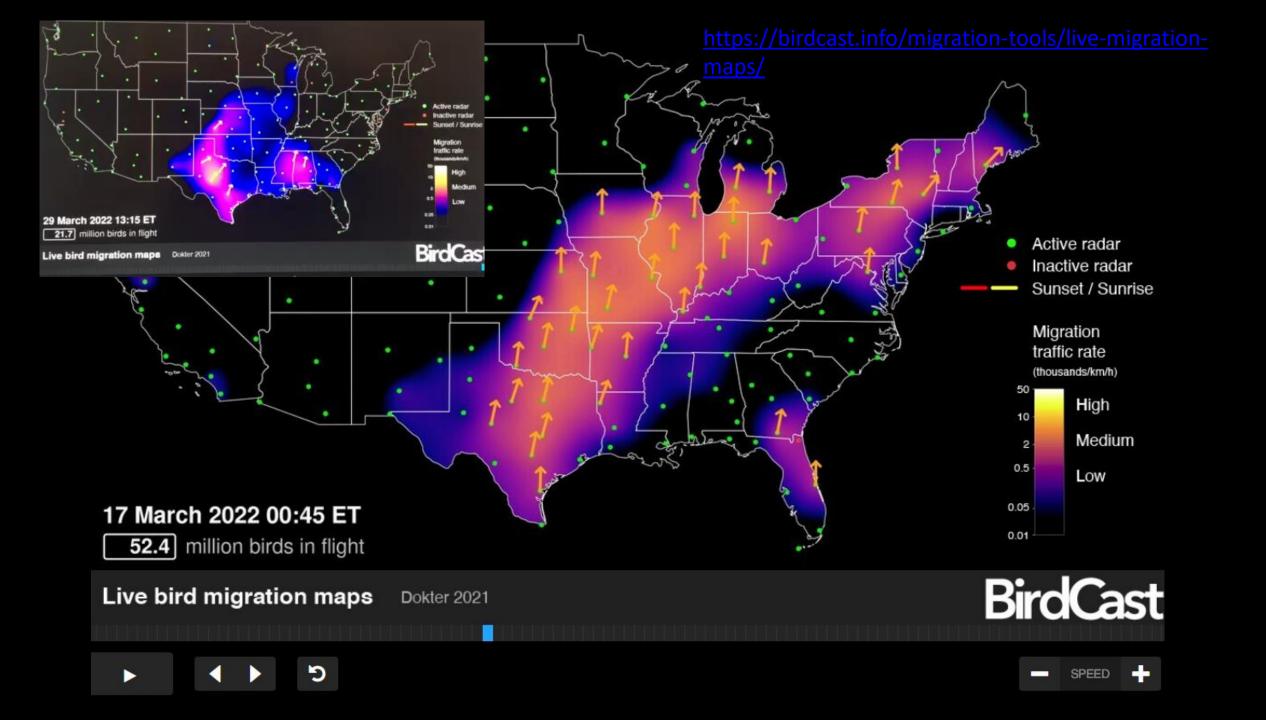


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Raleigh Joins Lights Out for Bird Migration

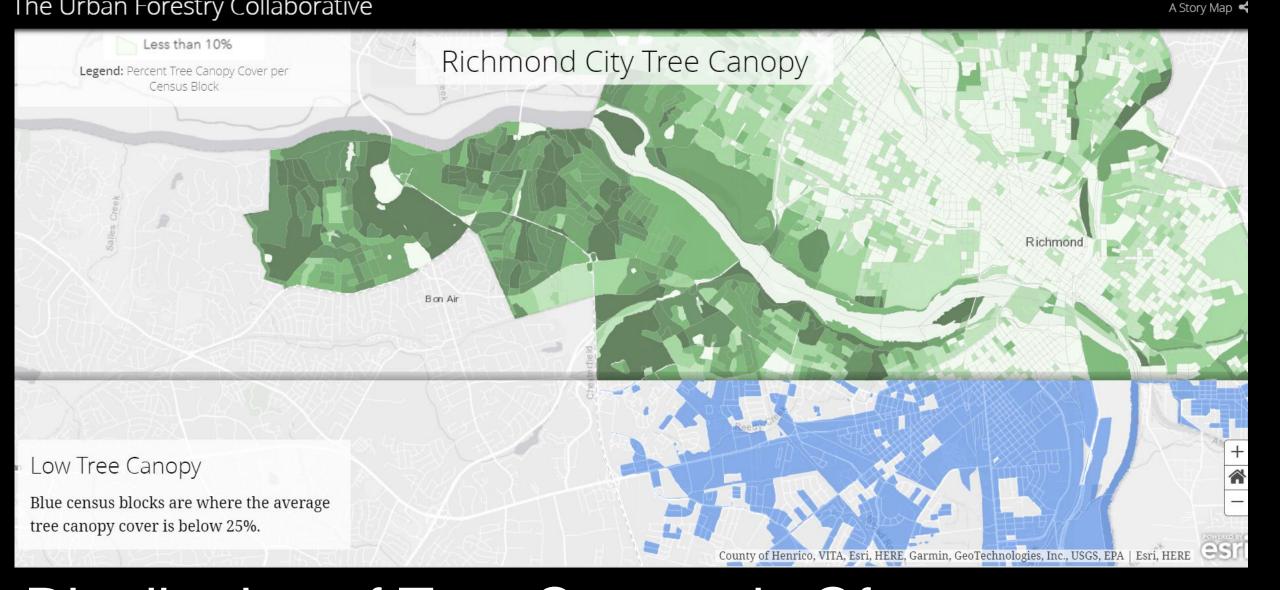
March 15 through May 31, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

MAR 8, 2022

Each spring and fall, millions of migrating birds travel through the State of North Carolina, mostly under the cover of darkness. To help assure their safe passage, the City of Raleigh is joining efforts to protect migrating birds by going Lights Out.

Effective March 15 through May 31, all non-essential lighting in City facilities will be turned off between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Bright lights can attract and disorient nocturnally migrating birds, leading to potential collisions with buildings. Migratory bird populations are in serious





Distribution of Tree Canopy is Often Profoundly Inequitable

Big Move

Provide Greenways & Parks for All

100% of Richmonders within a 10-minute walk of a park

A connected network of parks and greenways will provide Richmonders with access to green space for places of relaxation, rejuvenation, and recreation and provide these benefits:

- Reduce the heat-island effect: Richmond's heat island effect is more pronounced in areas of high poverty because there are not many parks, a lot of pavement, and a thin tree canopy.
- Manage rainfall: Green space manages rainfall and reduces the amount of rainwater that flows into the City's drainage and sewage systems.
- Improve health outcomes: Proximity to a park and greenway system can help reduce chronic conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, and
- Anchor new and existing neighborhoods: Parks and greenway systems create a gathering place in communities and can serve as catalysts to spur private investment in the city.
- Increase resiliency to a changing climate: vegetation sequesters carbon which helps reduce the total amount of emissions in the city and a network of greenways encourages biking and walking, instead of driving, thereby potentially reducing per capita carbon emissions

Many strategies in Richmond 300 relate to creating more parks and greenways. Objective 17.4 states: "Increase the percentage of Richmonders within a 10-minute walk of quality open space to 100%, prioritizing low-income areas with a high heat vulnerability index rating, with a long-term goal of having all Richmonders within a 5-minute walk of a quality open space."





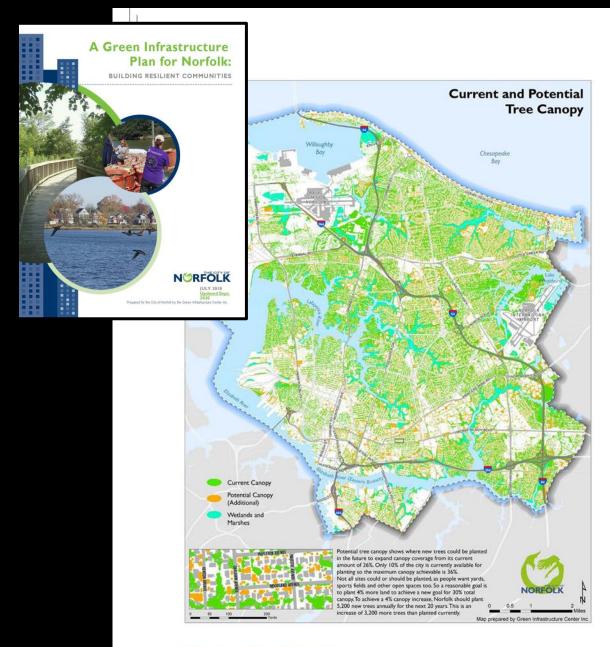


Parks and Greenways As Richmond looks to add new parks to the city, not all new parks will be large parks. Some may be pocket parks, like Scuffletown Park in the Fan [top] and others may be reclaimed industrial space, like the Low Line [middle]. The Capitol Trail [middle] and Cannon Creek Greenway [bottom] are greenways that provides safe paths for walkers, joggers, and cyclists.





Norfolk's Target: 30% Canopy Site Plans for New Development: Minimum Canopy by Zoning District Tree Preservation Incentive





Trees lost to flooding.



Tree root damage.



WHAT IS A GREEN STREET?

A green street provides places for multi-modal travel, enhanced vegetation, and other functions such as 'green' constructed stormwater management. Green streets not only take up excess stormwater, they can be more attractive to prospective businesses. Often, new shops and businesses locate in an area where a green street project has been installed. At right are hypothetical 'before and after' green street simulations to model the visual (aesthetic) improvements a green street can offer.

LIVING SHORELINES

A resilient city also needs to have healthy shorelines that are as natural as possible to absorb wind and wave energy and provide habitat. 'Living shorelines' are a key focus of this plan. There are many variables that affect whether a stabilized shoreline can be natural - also called a living shoreline. Factors such as waves and wind that build up energy over distances ('fetch') can require a hardened shoreline to protect man-made structures. However, there are many shorelines in the city that are unnecessarily hardened

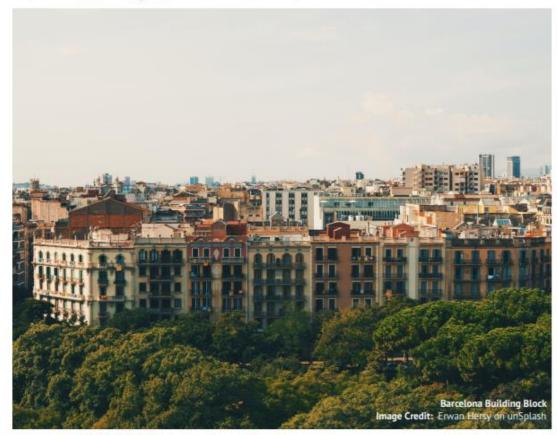
Streets can be redesigned to be green, bringing back life and reducing vacancies in commercial districts.







BIOPHILIC CITIES JOURNAL / RESEARCH



The 3-30-300 Rule for Urban Forestry and Greener Cities

By Cecil Konijnendijk

Crucial Urban Forests

Urban forests provide a wide range of essential benefits.
Current global challenges, such as climate change, environmental degradation, and the COVID-19 pandemic, have resulted in increased awareness of the importance of urban trees.

spaces during times of restricted movements, and when lock-down restrictions were eased in Spain, many people flocked to parks and other green spaces. Many studies from across the world have demonstrated the importance and increased use of urban nature during the pandemic.

show.

When working with cities, national governments, and international organisations, experts like me are often asked for specific guidelines for developing successful urban forestry programs. We have

cover) across various contexts and settings. The situation in Barcelona, for example, is very different from that in Vancouver, and Beijing is a world away from Lagos, even though these are both megacities. Based on some of the most up-to-date research on the links between urban forests and health, wellbeing, and climate change, and the work of influential global organisations like the World Health Organization, we would pandemic, people have often been bound to their homes or direct neighbourhoods, placing even greater importance on nearby trees and other green in gardens and along streets. Seeing green from our windows helps us keep in touch with nature and

the 3-30-300 rule:



300m to nearest park

The 10-20-30 rule, however, does not have a specific focus on the benefits provided by urban forests. Given the current climate and public health urgencies, as well as a range of other challenges we face, it would be useful to introduce a guiding principle for urban forest programmes, and city greening across the world, that ensures that all residents have access

where we live and work, so that nature is always within sight and easy access.

3 Trees from Every Home

The first element of the rule is that every citizen should be able to see at least three trees (of a decent size) from their home. Recent research demonstrates the importance

residents benefit in terms of their health and wellbeing. By creating more leafy neighbourhoods, we also encourage people to spend more time outdoors and to interact with their neighbourhoods (which in turn promotes social health). Many of the most ambitious cities in the world in terms of greening, including Barcelona, Bristol,

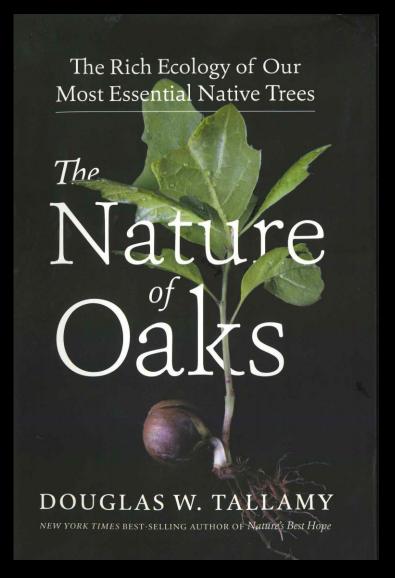
What Species of Trees Should We Plant?



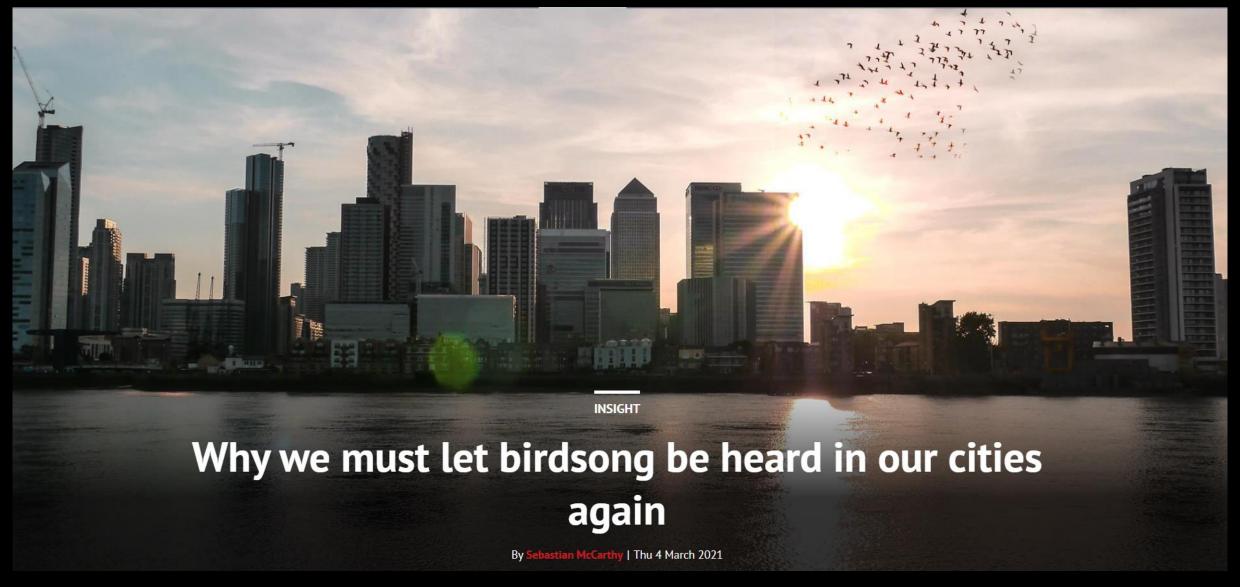
"Currently, the city's canopy is estimated to be up to 50% crepe myrtles. While they are lovely and very hardy plants, they do not take up much stormwater, provide much shade, or host beneficial insects such as pollinators and butterflies." -Norfolk Green Infrastructure Plan, 2020







Importance of Native Trees and Plants and the Mutualisms They Support



From *Property Week*

4. An Ecosystem of Plans



Building and Site

Block and Street

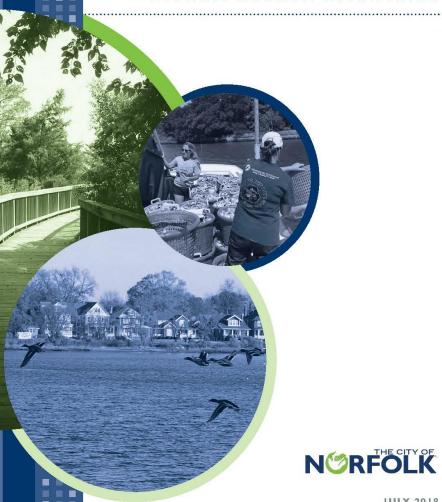
Neighborhood and District

City

Region and Bioregion

A Green Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk:

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES





JULY 2018

Prepared for the City of Norfolk by the Green Infrastructure Center Inc.



GOAL SUMMARY:

The following is a summary of goals and objectives. Detailed actions are included in the strategy section on page 50.

Land Goal 1: Increase and maintain natural green infrastructure - urban forest, shrub and meadow habitats - to support wildlife, infiltrate and clean water, improve air quality, reduce high temperatures and provide scenic beauty.

- Obj. I: Create a planting goal for tree canopy to achieve 30% canopy coverage (a 4% increase).
- Obj. 2: Create incentives for tree planting by citizens and
- Obj. 3: Protect intact habitat patches in the city and connect or reconnect them with green pathways to support people, plants, and animals. (See map of Future Green Infrastructure Network).
- Obj. 4: Encourage the use of native plantings.
- Obj. 5: Improve the city's data on trees to ensure good management and longevity.
- Obj. 6: Promote urban food production for healthful communities and permeable landscapes.
- Obj. 7: Daylight (re-surface) creeks that have been buried to expand channel capacity and provide natural amenities for communities.

Land Goal 2: Install and maintain constructed green infrastructure to detain and retain stormwater and beautify areas where natural green infrastructure practices are less suitable.

- Obj. I: Use schools and parks as demonstration sites for low impact development - constructed and natural green infrastructure - and continue to engage students as designers.
- Obj. 2: Retrofit existing parking lots to create room for bioswales and other best management practices to infiltrate or
- Obj. 3: Encourage building owners to retrofit existing roofs for stormwater treatment.
- Obj. 4: Create an annual innovation award for those developments that use the greatest creativity in instituting and maximizing the use of low impact development strategies.
- Obj. 5: Create and promote stormwater education through parks to demonstrate low impact development practices.
- Obj. 6: Expand or create volunteer programs to maintain the aesthetics and health of green infrastructure projects.
- Obj. 7: Increase knowledge about the infiltration capacity of the city's soils to ensure projects account for local soil conditions when designing stormwater projects or land development plans.



Field work for the project included site visits across the city to assess opportunities to improve shoreline habitats, connect and restore landscapes and improve access to the water.

The future green infrastructure of the city shows be increased to support healthy lifestyles. New life form the connective green threads that link these marshes, parks and other green spaces -- together people are more likely to walk and bike through a

< 2 acres

Marshes

Pedestrian On Road Bike



Now more than 35 wildlife passages!



And a Nearly 60% Reduction in Car-Wildlife Collisions

Design and Planning for Ecological Connectivity



Understanding

Arlington County's Comprehensive Plan

The **Comprehensive Plan** guides coordinated development and sets high standards of public services and facilities in the County. It is a decision-making tool for the County Board, the Planning Commission and County Departments. The plan was established in 1960 and originally included five elements. Today, it includes these eleven elements:

Water Historic **County Vision** Distribution Preservation Master Plan Master Plan Arlington will be a diverse and inclusive world-class urban community with secure, facilities, operations and policies to maintain a high level of service. attractive residential and commercial neighborhoods where people unite to form a caring, learning, participating, sustainable community in which each person is important.

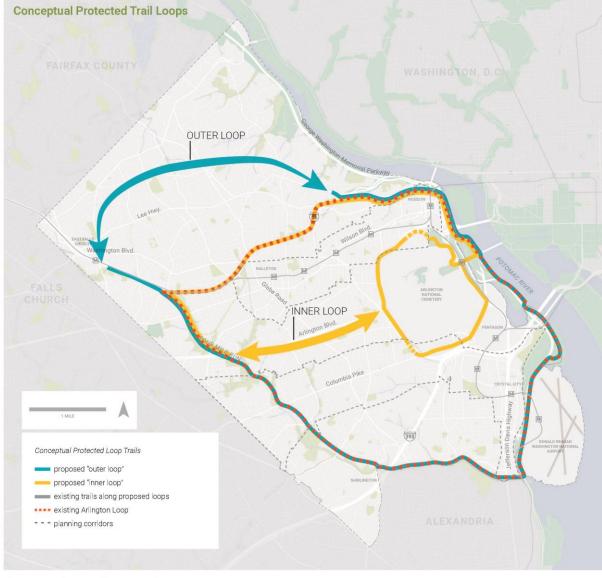
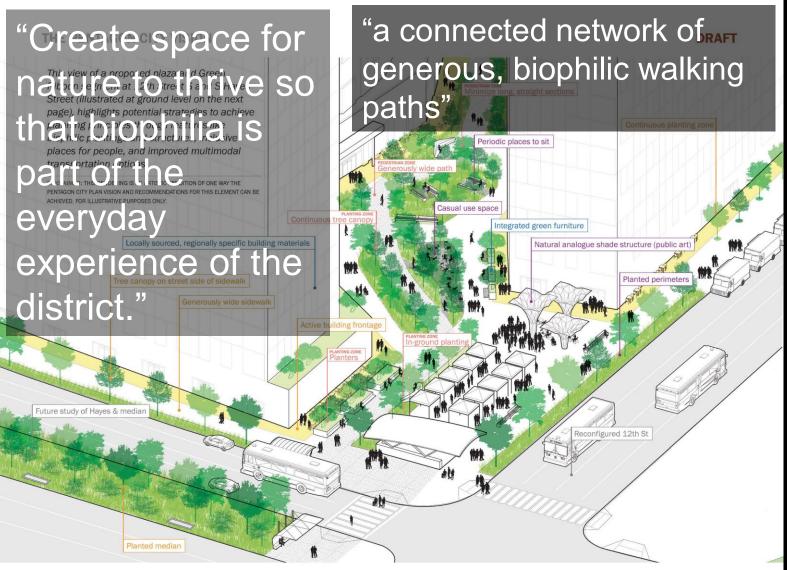
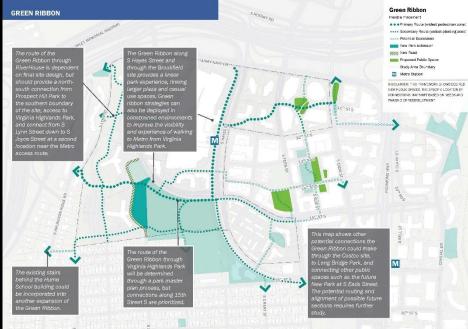


Figure 18. Map of conceptual inner and outer loops

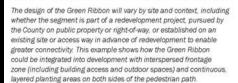
2.1.2. Complete an "outer loop" of protected routes that connects the Four Mile Run, Mount Vernon and **Custis Trails.**

Arlington's Green Ribbon











The section above shows a conceptual section of the Green Ribbon, including the pedestrian path and planting areas that make up the Green Ribbon, as well as adjacent frontage zones. These are not strict divisions—in most places, planting zones may intersperse within frontage area, or even into the pedestrian path. The frontage zone will vary by context, it may include further plantings, access to retail and services, outdoor dining, entrances or amenity spaces to residents, or other uses that help achieve an indoor-outdoor transition in redevelopment and help create a safe walking path. In some cases, the Green Ribbon may be located along right-of-way where there is a frontage zone on only one side. The design of the Green Ribbon through a site, and how redevelopment responds to it, should be an interesting the fire SEPER.

Mandating Rooftop Biodiversity / BioSolar?





ZONING ADMINISTRATOR **BULLETIN** NO. 11

Better Roofs Ordinance

Date:
December 2016

Relevant Code Section:
Section 149 Better Roofs; Living Roof Alternative

PURPOSE:

Pursuant to the Planning Code, Green Building Code and the Better Roof Project

opinion, necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of the Planning

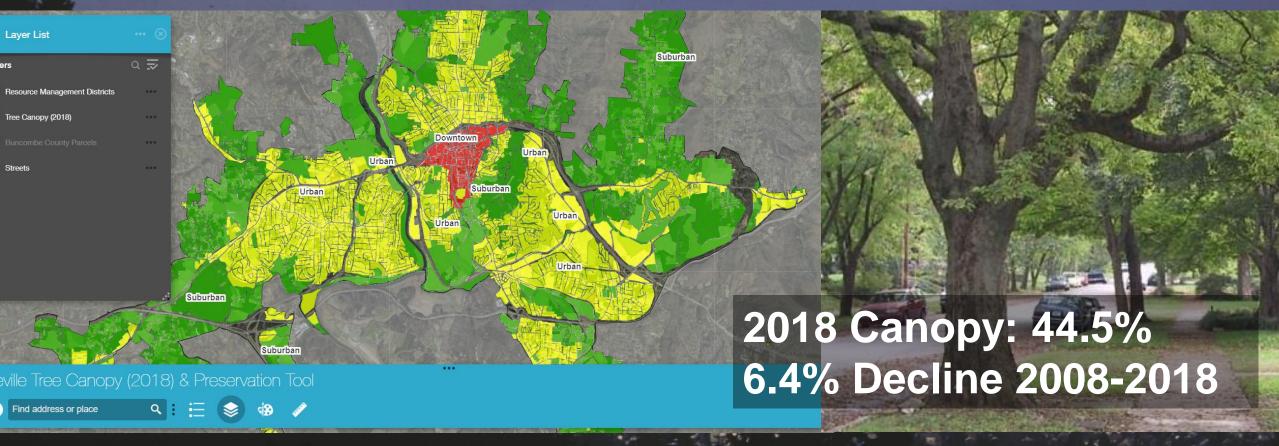
Guide issued by the Planning Department in coordination with the Department of the Environment, there are requirements for new building construction to facilitate the development of the development

APPLICABILITY:

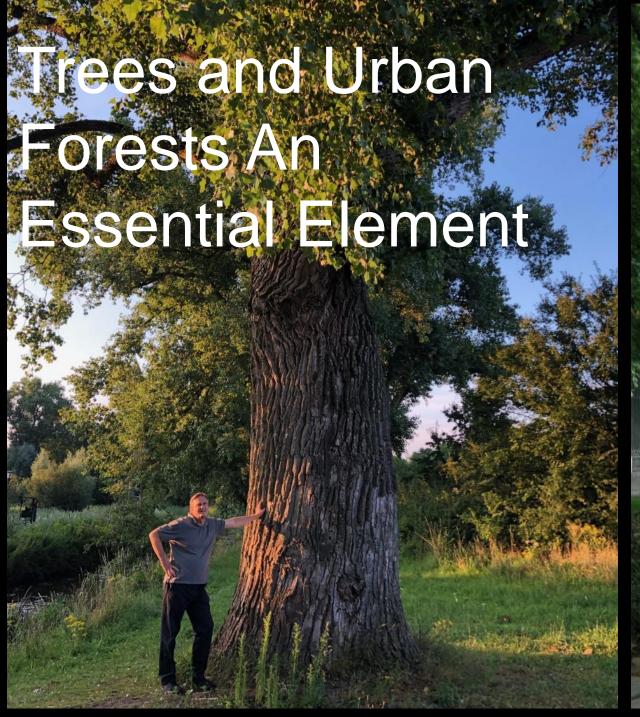
The Better Roofs requirements apply to all building that meeting et house for the larger state of state

Source: SF Living Roofs Manual

Asheville Tree Protection Requirements



New Development Must Meet Minimum Canopy Standards By Zone



"You can stand beneath a grand oak and know that your more distant ancestors did so too. Oaks hold onto the memories of earlier generations. By touching the skin of the oak it is possible to feel some tentative trace of those that have gone before. --James Canton, The Oak Papers

DC's Tree Canopy Protection Act

Special Trees = 44 inch – 99 inch circumference



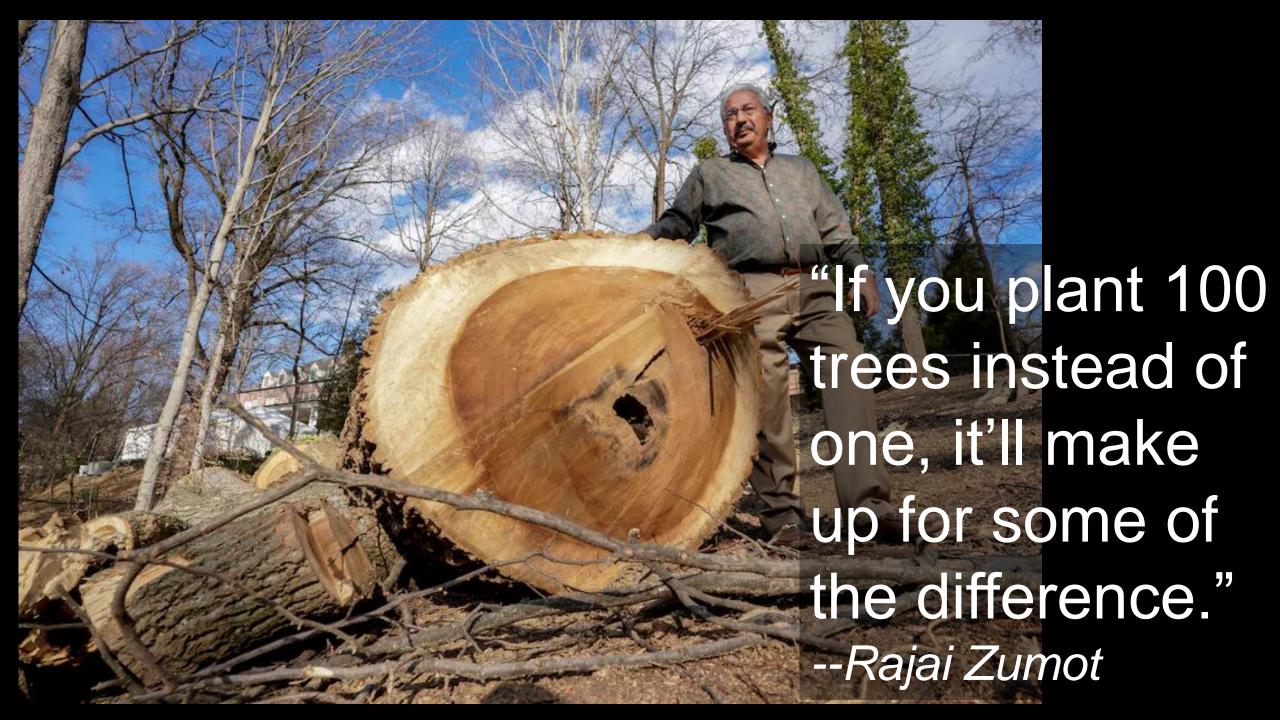
If not a hazardous tree, then subject to a tree replacement fee \$55 per inch of circumference, or planting of seedlings that equal or exceed circumference lost

Heritage Trees = 100 inch
Circumference or greater



Removal only allowed if "necessary to avoid imminent harm or danger to persons or property..."

Can be relocated or replanted If cut illegally, fine = \$300 per inch circumference

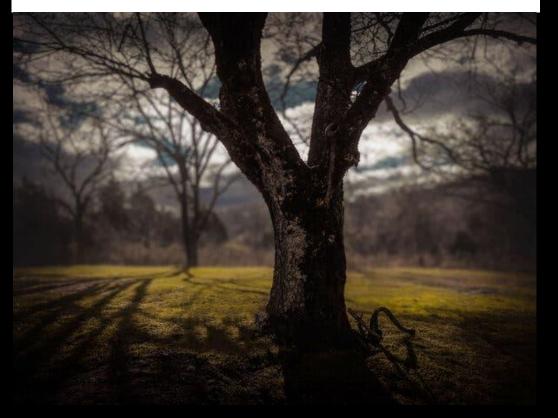


The New York Times

OPINION GUEST ESSAY

How Do You Mourn a 250-Year-Old Giant?

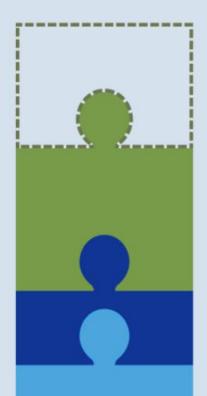
Jan. 24, 2022



"We need to stop thinking of trees as objects that belong to us and come to understand them as longlived ecosystems temporarily under our protection. We have borrowed them from the past, and we owe them to the future."

-- Margaret Renkl, NYT

Goal of 100,000 Acres of Healthy Tidal Marshes



22,000 acres

Additional acquisition/ restoration to reach goal

25,000 acres

Protected/planned for marsh restoration

13,000 acres

Wetlands restored to tides since 2000

40,000 acres

Healthy tidal marsh as of 2000

Stewardship

First-of-its-Kind Climate Parcel Tax Now a Measure of Hope

Bay Area voters passed Measure AA in 2016. Its funding now means jobs, restoration, and flood control

by Kristine Wong

September 27, 2020 | SPONSORED BY SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY

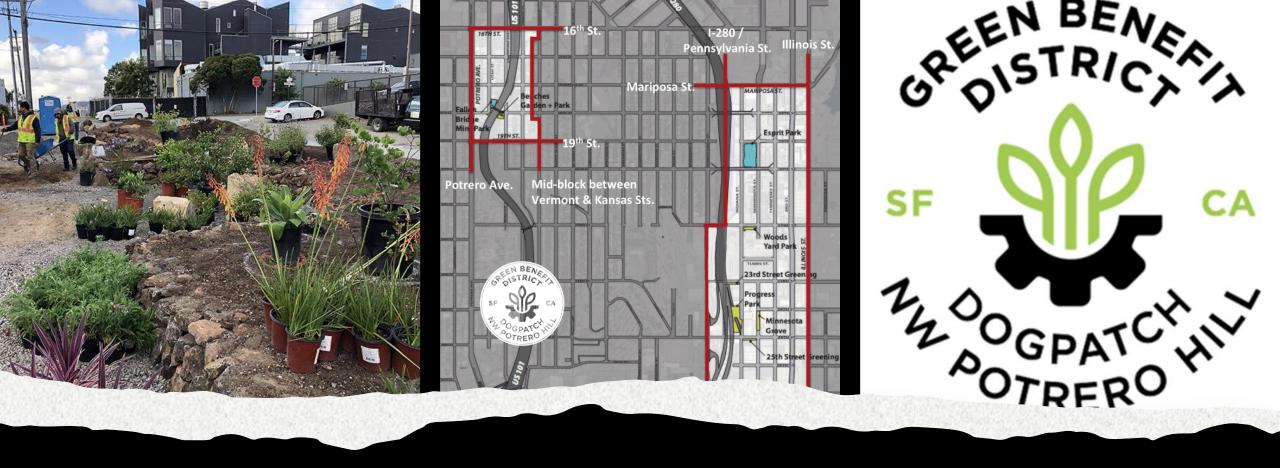
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or centuries, San Francisco Bay's wetlands were one of the richest ecosystems in the world. It's estimated that 250 years ago the Bay was bounded by 200,000 acres of wetlands—lush habitat that provided a home for birds, fish, and other wildlife and that served as the basis of life for the Ohlone people who made, and still make, their home around the Bay. In the centuries since, 80 percent of these wetlands have been lost to development. That's been devastating to wildlife. And because wetlands filter water impurities and help



Green Benefit Districts (San Francisco)



Austin (TX)
Carbon Credits



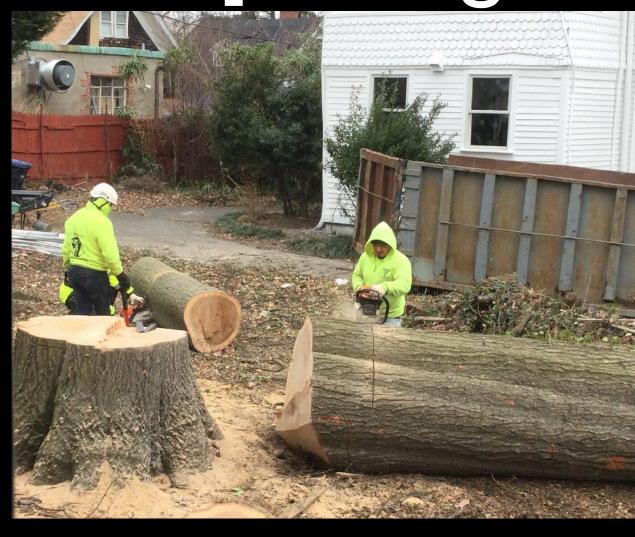


It Takes a [Wooded] Village



Jennifer McLean, left, and Jean Iu say when they discovered a tree was allegedly removed against city orders, dozens in the neighbourhood rallied to stop any more from being cut down. (Robert Krbayac/CBC)

Jennifer McLean, has lived in the neighbourhood for 35 years and was one of more than 150 residents who signed a petition in May asking the city not to approve the permit to take down more trees on the property.



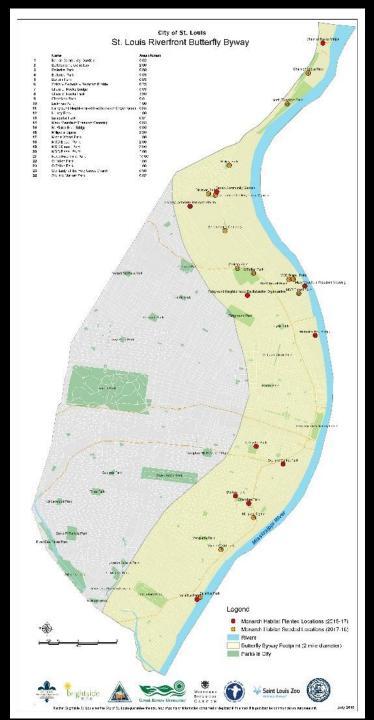
6.Community Engagement and Education



Monarch Metamorphosis at Earth Day

Milkweeds for Monarchs: The St. Louis Butterfly Project Earth Day Festival 2014







All Gardens

The Saint Louis Riverfront Butterfly Byway

A Pollinator Haven

Join us in creating natural habitats for pollinators and other wildlife.



Ninety percent of flowering plants depend on pollinators—yet many, like the monarch butterfly, are in trouble.

- Female monarch butterflies only lay their eggs on milkweed plants.
- Monarch caterpillars feed solely on milkweed.
- Monarchs also need nectar from native flowers to provide energy for their annual migration.
- St. Louis is an important part of the monarch's migration path.

This habitat area is one of several along the Mississippi River that collectively serve as a pollinator pathway. The City has been

promoting urban monarch conservation through Milkweeds for Monarchs: The St. Louis Butterfly Project. Find out more at StLouis-mo.gov/monarchs

Ways to Help Pollinators:

- Plant a nectar- and pollen-rich native flower garden that blooms throughout the seasons. This will also support bees, birds and other important wildlife.
- Minimize or eliminate the use of insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers in your yard.
- Purchase locally grown, pesticide-free flowers, fruits and vegetables.
- Keep your native garden intact throughout the winter; pollinators use spent stems to lay eggs, nest and survive cold temperatures. In the spring, cut the dead



Native Flowers Provide Pollinator Habitat













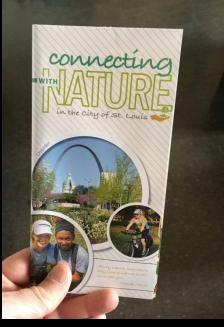












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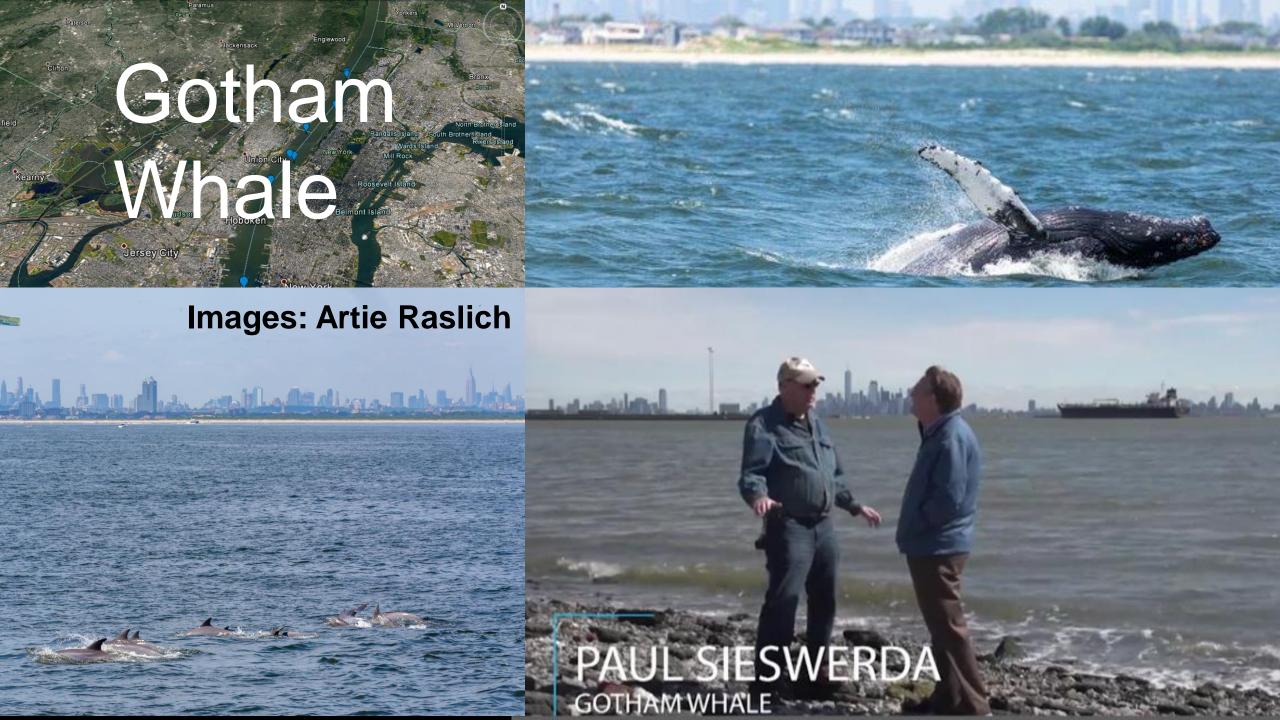
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an asset value of \$1 billion, excluding the added value of pollution and carbon sequestration, shading, and cooling. Its loss would pose both a significant environmental and economic loss.

Noticing the urban forest's decline, City of Melbourne sent out an arborist to conduct a city-wide 'useful life expectancy' analysis of each tree.

"Results of the surveys forecast that 23% of the city's current tree population will be lost within a decade, and 39% within 20 years," said Yvonne Lynch, team leader for Urban Forest & Urban Ecology in City Design at the City of Melbourne.

So, in 2011, the City of Melbourne moved to strategically address these

and progress of the Urban Forest Strategy. Melbourne visualisation company OOM Creative was engaged to build the

"The design was based on questions said Greg More, forest? Secondly, how can this information be made available to assist an ongoing public consultation process, and therefore accessible across a range of desktop and mobile devices?

To a Golden Elm, Tree ID 1028612

If you are that big round beautiful

To a Golden Poplar, Tree ID

The Melbourne Urban Forest Visual site hosts an attractive webmap, usable across devices...

To a London Plane, Tree ID 1023923

but our unused and excess water

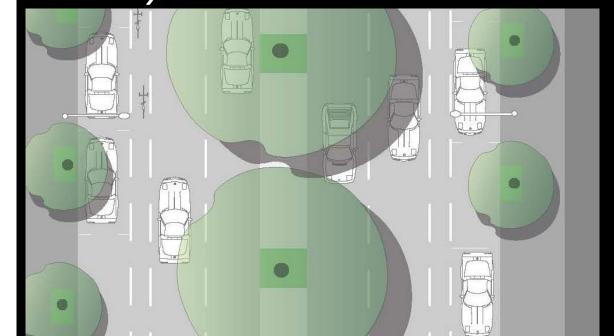
then we can reduce our summertime temperatures by 4 degrees Celsius - this will deliver significant benefits for our city

"After a few data tests, CartoDB became a clear choice for the map component as it could provide solutions to support the above questions; it handles data management, the number of elements, and visual styling with ease, and works across platforms including mouse and touch interaction."

CartoDB is a cloud-based spatial platform that provides a framework to analyse and visualise spatial data, as well as easily embed it in websites. It's popular with web developers because it

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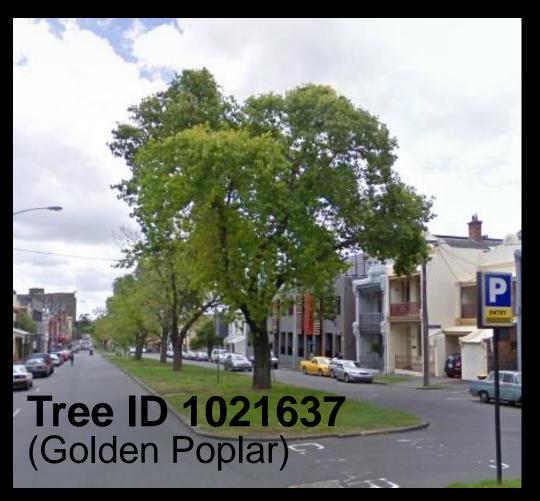
Goal: Doubling of Canopy Coverage, from 22% to 40% by 2040



How Do We Show Our Love for Trees?

"I see you every morning, watch you change with the seasons. It makes me happy knowing you are there."

--Alicia



Source: Yvonne Lynch, Head, Melbourne Urban Forestry and Urban Ecology Team

FOREWORD BY E. O. WILSON

BIOPHILIC CITIES

Integrating Nature into Urban Design and Planning



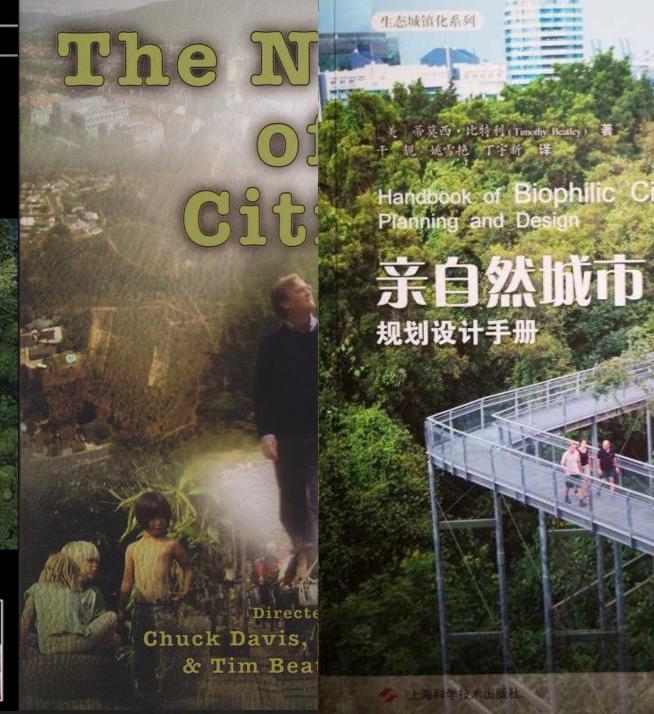
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Why cities should be designed for birds

Habitats that are good for birds are good for people, too.



[Photos: SteveByland/iStock, Rohit Tandon/Unsplash]

