

ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE IMPLEMENTATION

November 4, 2021

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
(5 mins.)
- **City Implementation Update**
(20-30 mins.)
- **Community Implementation**
(90 mins.)
 - UFMP Community Implementation Items
 - Coalitions in Other Cities
Guest Speakers: David Meshoulam with Boston Urban Forest Friends and Elizabeth Grace with Cleveland Tree Coalition
 - Open Discussion
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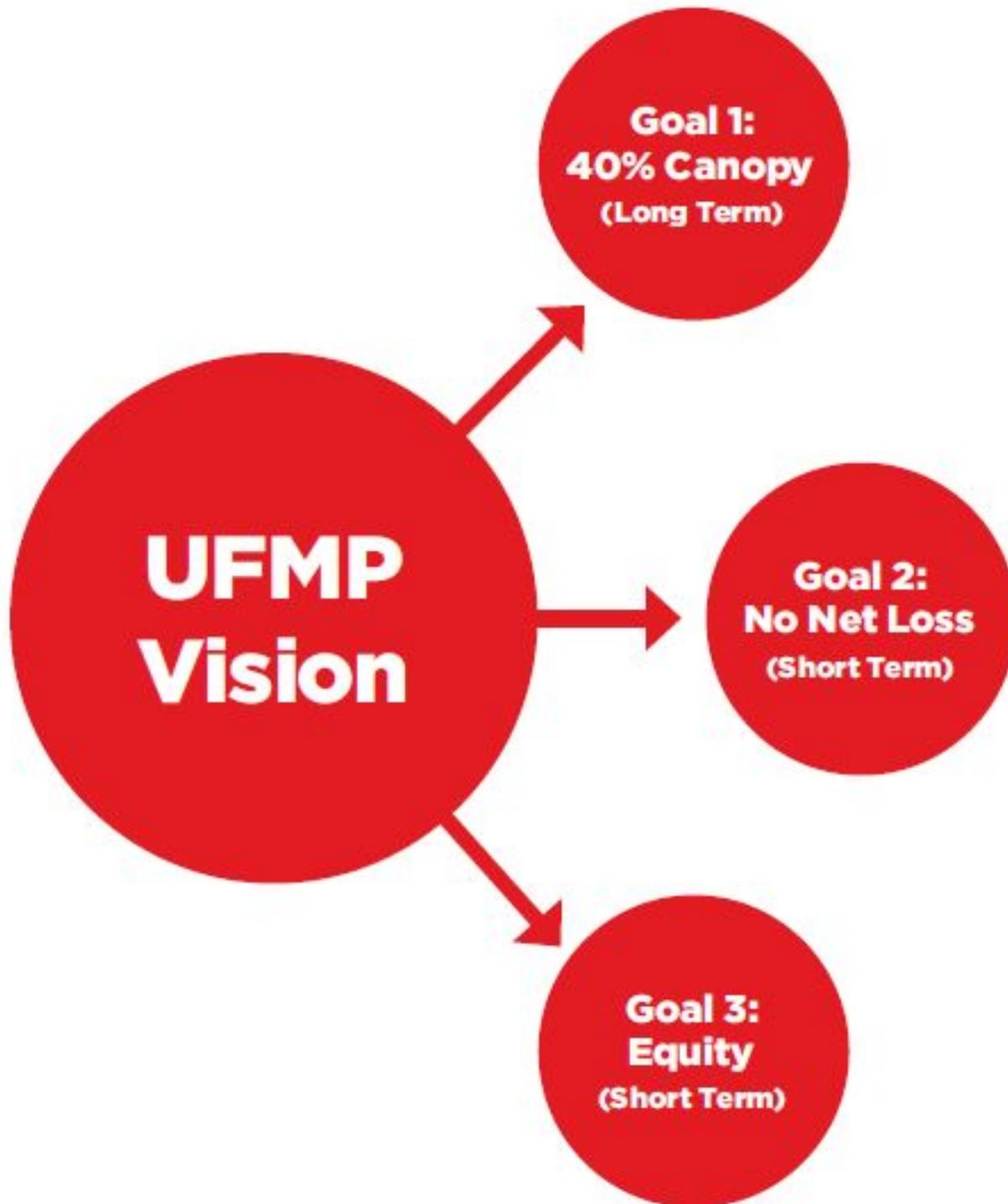
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CITY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

*Rosalie Hendon
Columbus Recreation & Parks*

GOALS



Goal 1:
40% Canopy
(Long Term)

Goal 1: Reach Citywide Tree Canopy Cover of 40% by 2050

The community expressed a clear desire for Columbus to aim for an ultimate canopy cover of 40% or higher in order to achieve the highest quality of life for residents in the long term.

Goal 2: Stop the Net Canopy Losses by 2030

Real gain in canopy cover will not occur until the reasons for losses are addressed.

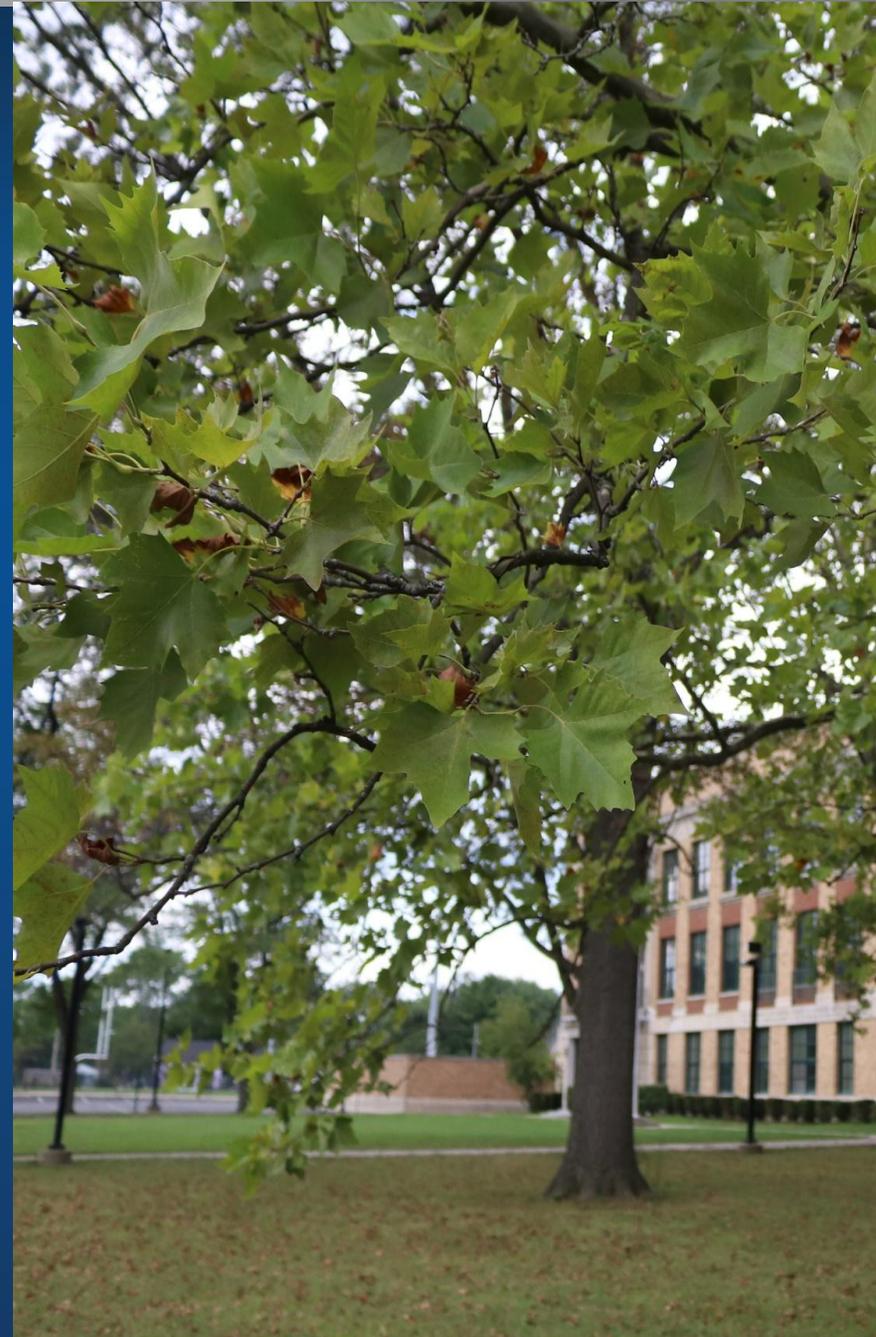
Goal 3: Invest in Equitable Canopy Across All Neighborhoods by 2030

Over the next 10 years, Columbus will invest in tree canopy equitably, focusing on neighborhoods with low tree canopy and high social equity needs.

CITY UPDATE

OPERATIONS IN 2021

- Tree plantings
 - 4,156 trees across spring and fall
 - Increase over 5 year average (2015-2019) of 3,000 trees
 - Includes contracts using CIP funds, CDBG funds, UIRF funds, and in-house plantings
- Stump grindings
 - 1,537 estimated (contracts and in-house)
- Hazardous tree removals
 - 1,815 estimated (contracts and in-house)



CITY UPDATE

INVEST IN PUBLIC TREES

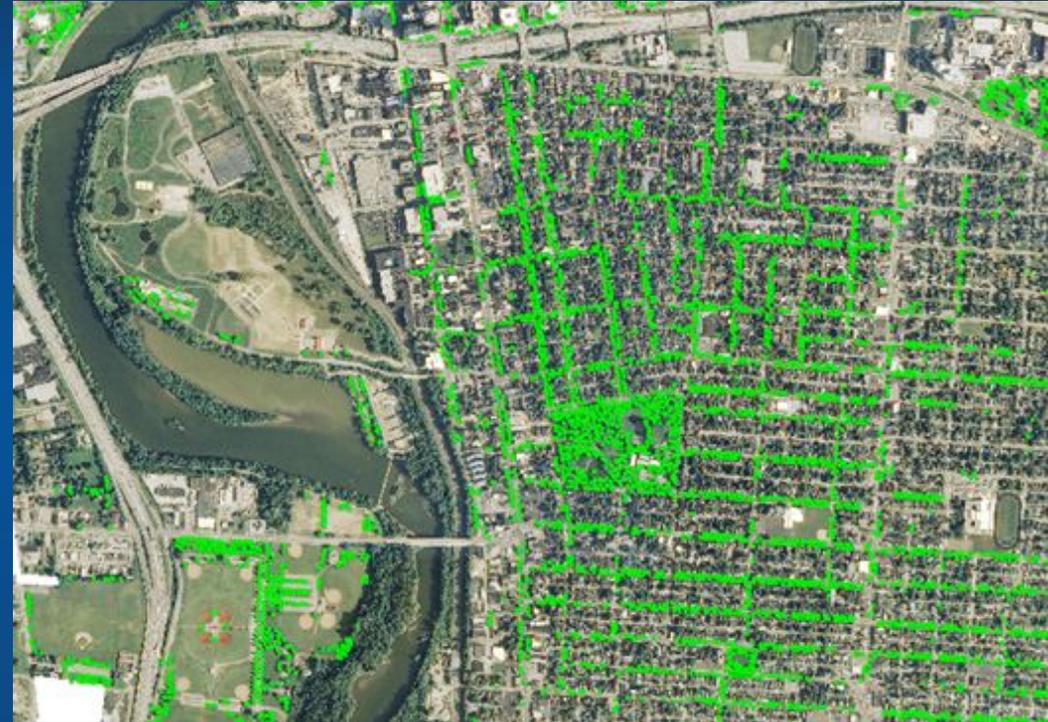


- Created 5 year proposed budget expansion for City Forestry
- 2020: Hired a forestry plan reviewer
- 2021: Hired a fourth regional arborist
- Revised City Forester job description, position closed 11/4/21
- Awarded \$1.5M of capital funds from Mayor's Office, appropriated by City Council for UFMP implementation
 - Staff
 - Street tree inventory
 - Contracts
 - Equipment
- Leveraged federal funds for street tree inventory and plantings



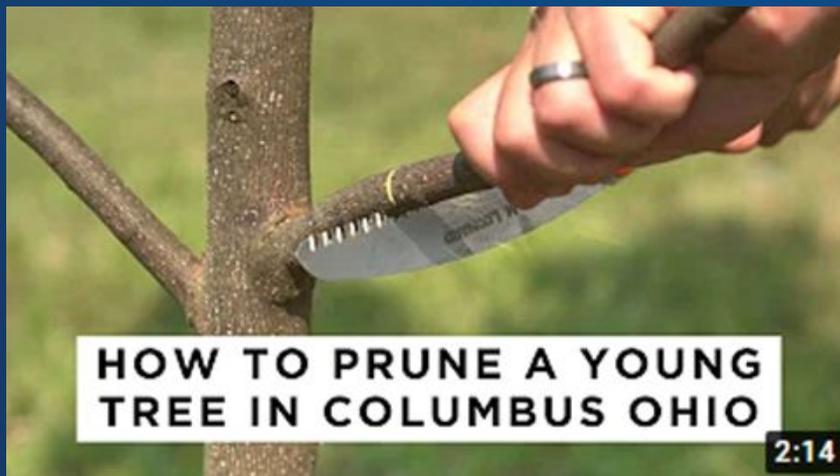


- Completed 7 communities in 2020 & 2021
 1. South Linden
 2. South Side
 3. Southwest
 4. Milo-Grogan
 5. North Central
 6. Far South
 7. Franklinton
- Leveraged \$250K of CDBG funding
- \$300K of capital budgeted for Fall 2021 inventories
- Goal: complete citywide street tree inventory by December 2022





- Outreach and education a key theme from stakeholders
- Educational videos to encourage tree planting and care featuring South Linden leader (and advisory group member!), constrained urban front yard



2022 PROJECTS

- Stockbridge Urban Forest
 - 11 acre site at old Stockbridge Elementary, Far South community
 - Demolished a vacant school building, depraved 3 acres
 - Planting thousands of trees in 2022
- 12-month contract extension with Urban Canopy Works
- Draft tree code
 - Public tree code updates
 - Private tree protections

Tree Protection and Preservation

	Columbus, OH	Gahanna, OH	Dublin, OH	Charlotte, NC
Land Use Regulated				
Single/two-family Residential		•	•	•
Multi-family Residential	X	•	•	•
Commercial/industrial		•	•	•
Public Land	•	•	•	•
Public Tree Damage and Removal				
Restricts tree removal on public property	•	•	•	•
City permit or approval required for tree removal, pruning or excavating	•	•	•	•
Prohibits damage to public trees (e.g. ropes, signs, wires, and excavation)	•	•	•	•
Private Tree Damage and Removal				
Restricts tree removal on public property		•	•	•
City permit or approval required for tree removal on private property		•	•	•
Requires preservation of trees during development on private property		•	•	•
Prohibits damage to preserved/protected trees		•	•	•
Regulated Features on Private Property				
Forests/wetlands		•	•	•
Specific species and/or size tree (e.g., heritage/significant trees)	X	•	•	•
Tree critical root zone/dripline			•	•
Amount of canopy cover (minimum amount set)				•
Riparian buffers, natural areas, preservation zones		•		•
Tree Protection Measures				
Tree protection/preservation plan required		•	•	•
Identification of prohibited activities in dripline/critical root zone		•	•	•
Tree protection fencing or other protection measures required		•	•	•
Credits/incentives for tree preservation		•		•
Site Plan/Development Requirements				
Inventory and location of trees/forests/woodlands on site		•	•	•
Tree protection/preservation plan		•	•	•
Tree protection measures (e.g., fencing, soil protection, trunk protection)		•	•	•
Landscape plan with mitigation plantings		•	•	•
Grading and utility plans with trees		•	•	•
Mitigation/Penalties				
Tree planting requirements for removal of regulated trees	•	•	•	•
Fee in lieu of planting mitigation trees	•		•	•
Tree planting establishment, maintenance and survival requirements		•	•	
Penalties established for damage and removal of preserved/saved trees		•	•	•
Tree fund	•	•		•
Note: 'X' Only applies to University District zoning overlay.				

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QUESTIONS?

NEXT UP:

Community Implementation *(90 mins.)*

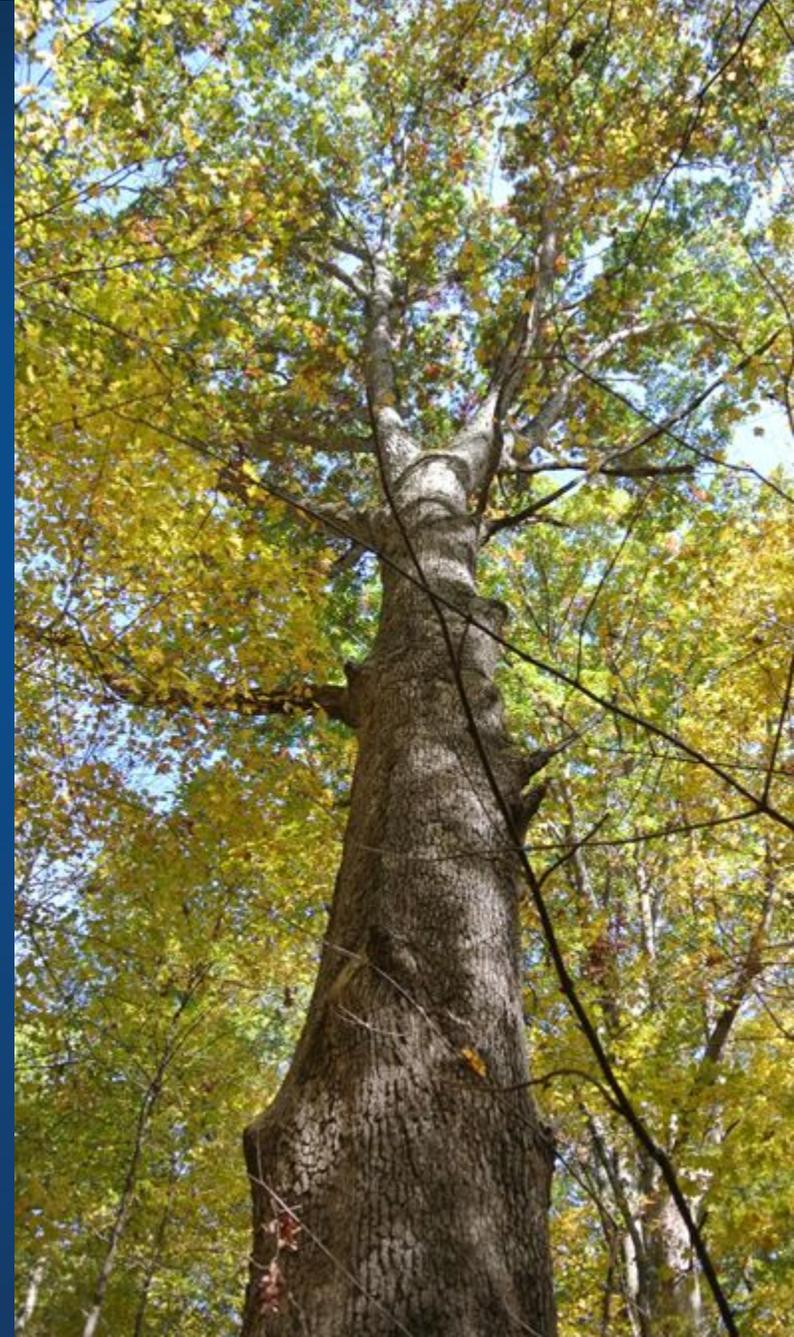
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Best Practices

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7. Ensure Space for Trees
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9. Create an Urban Forestry Best Practices Manual
10. Institute a Plan to Regularly Measure Progress & Reassess Next Steps

Dedication of Resources

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12. Expand Size & Scope of Urban Forestry Leadership
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UFMP ACTION STEPS

GET ORGANIZED TOGETHER: COALITION

- Form a Team for Implementation: Coalition

EDUCATION & AWARENESS / OUTREACH

- Work on developing a messaging and education campaign
- Improve Communications & Collaboration
 - Via an online information hub
 - Potential future Tree Summit (over 1000 people signed up to get involved throughout the UFMP process)

CITIZEN SCIENCE

- Consider effort to fill data gap on trees on private land

POLICY & PROGRAMS

- Brainstorm program ideas for
 - heritage trees
 - help for low income areas
- Prepare to engage in the tree protection regulation discussion

COALITION DISCUSSION COALITIONS IN OTHER CITIES



SPEAK FOR THE TREES
Boston

BOSTON URBAN FOREST FRIENDS

www.bostonforest.com



David Meshoulam, PhD - Boston Urban Forest Friends
Exec. Director / Co-Founder, Speak for the Trees

Boston Urban Forest Friends (BUFF) is a coalition of organizations, community groups, and individuals focused on increasing partnerships and collaboration around growing Boston's urban canopy.

BUFF is coordinated by Speak for the Trees, Boston.

BUFF's meetings and networking provides ways for groups to align projects, goals, and speak with a unified vision for Boston's forest. With the City of Boston committed to a 20-year Urban Forest Plan, BUFF sees an opportunity to elevate the importance of Boston's urban forest for generations to come.

COALITION DISCUSSION

COALITIONS IN OTHER CITIES



CLEVELAND TREE COALITION

www.clevelandtrees.org

Elizabeth Grace - Cleveland Tree Coalition
Director of Urban Fundraising, Western Reserve Land
Conservancy

The Cleveland Tree Coalition is a collaborative group of public, private and community stakeholders that have partnered with the City of Cleveland to rebuild our urban forest. The coalition is striving to create a healthy, vibrant, sustainable, and equitable urban forest by working collaboratively to implement the Cleveland Tree Plan.

Together, we're making Cleveland the Forest City once again.



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QUESTIONS FOR GUEST SPEAKERS?

NEXT UP:

Open for Group Discussion / Next Steps

Share your work with the group

Discuss options to organize

