



# Neighborhood-level Urban Forest Master Plans

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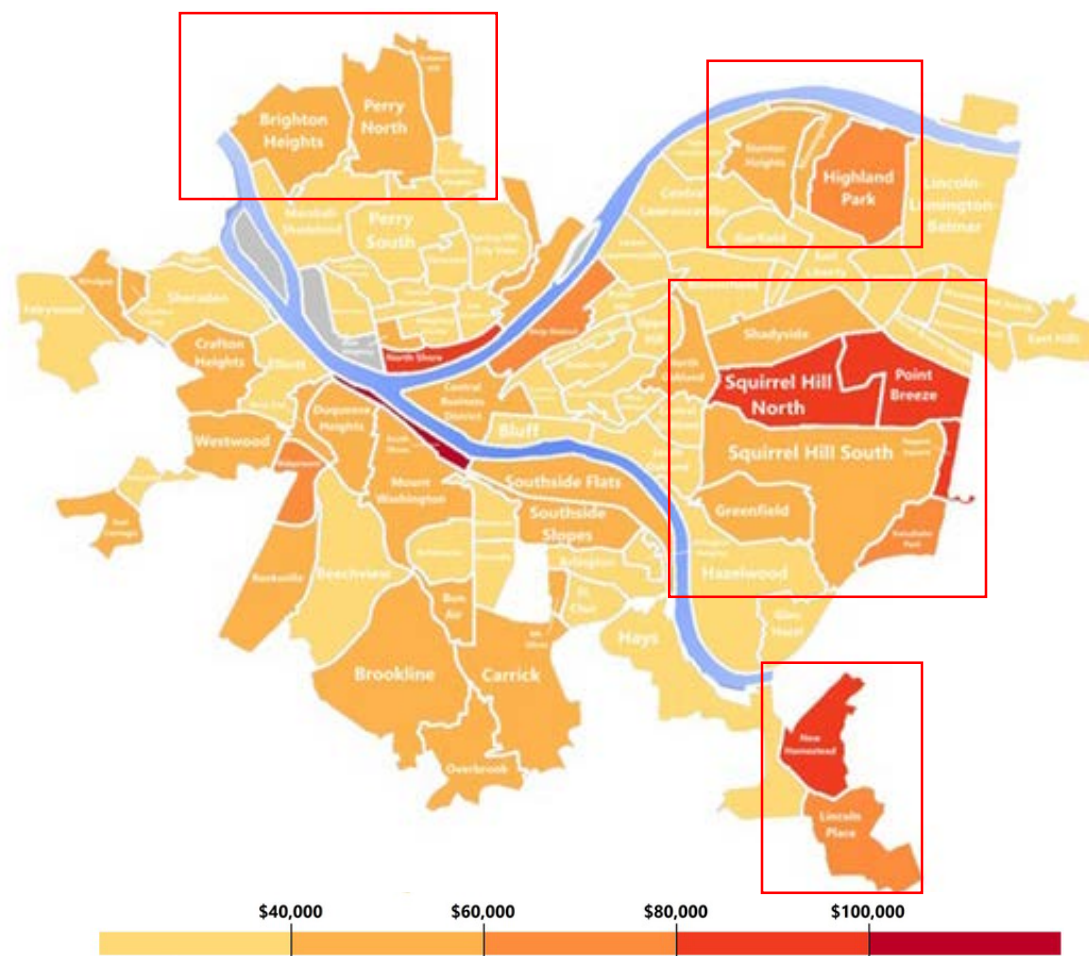
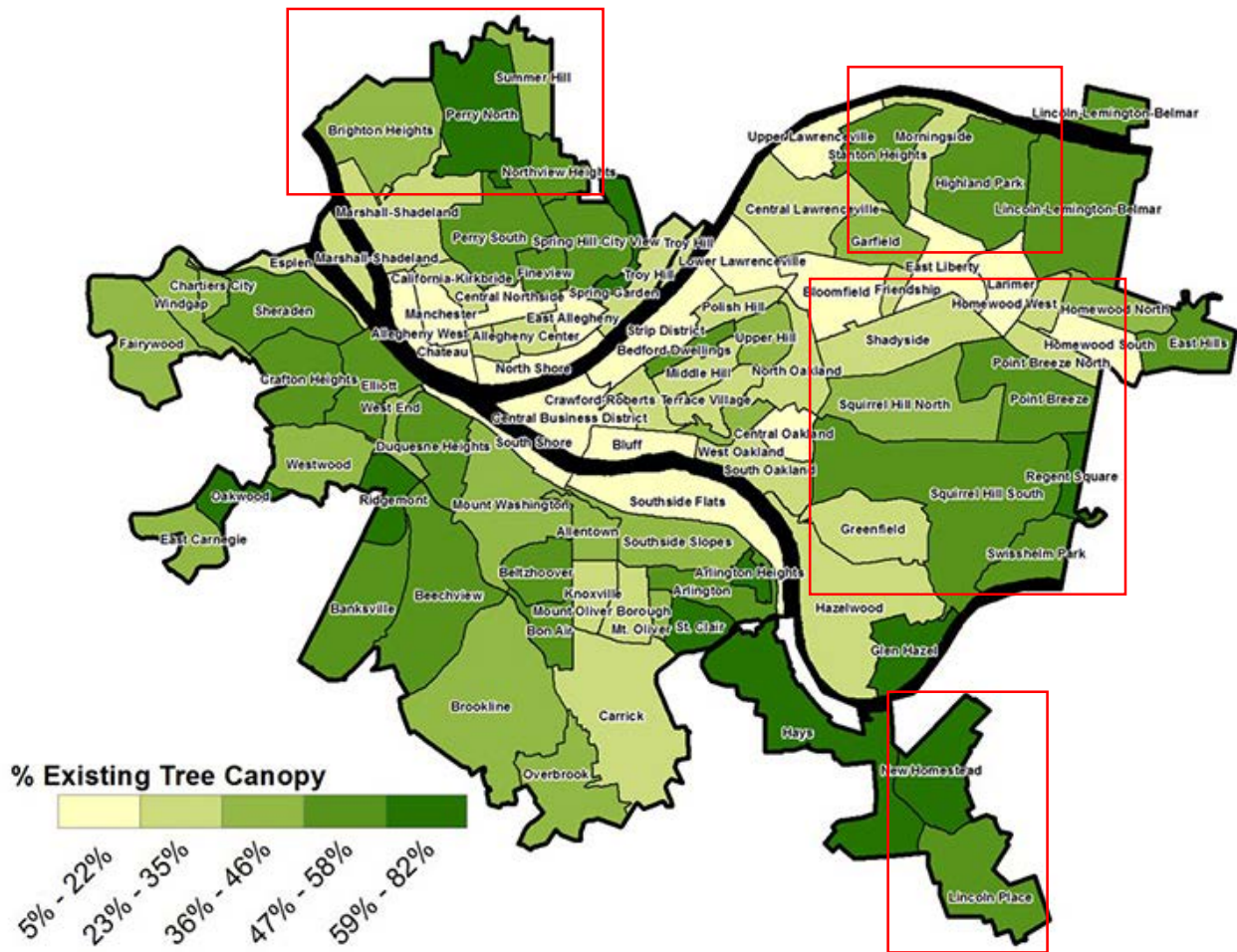
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# Goals

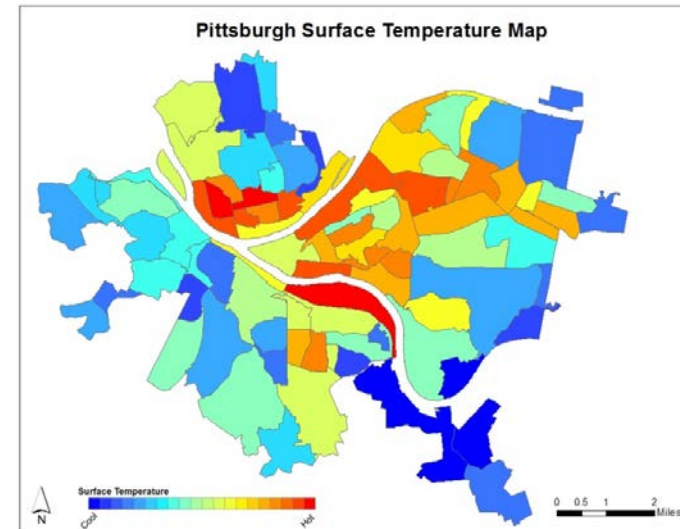
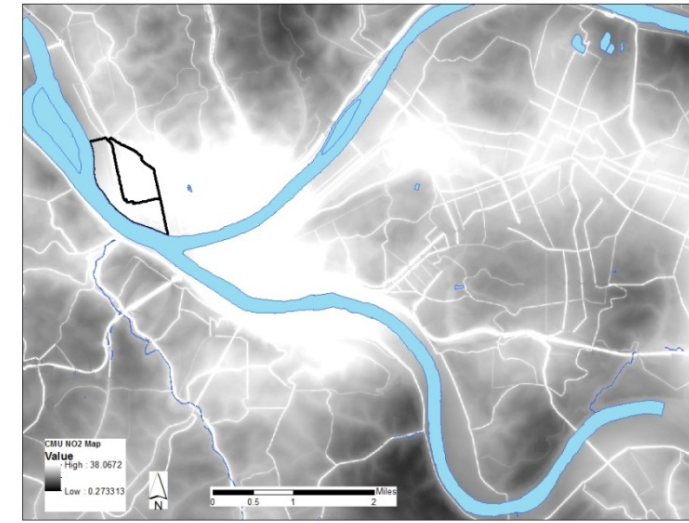
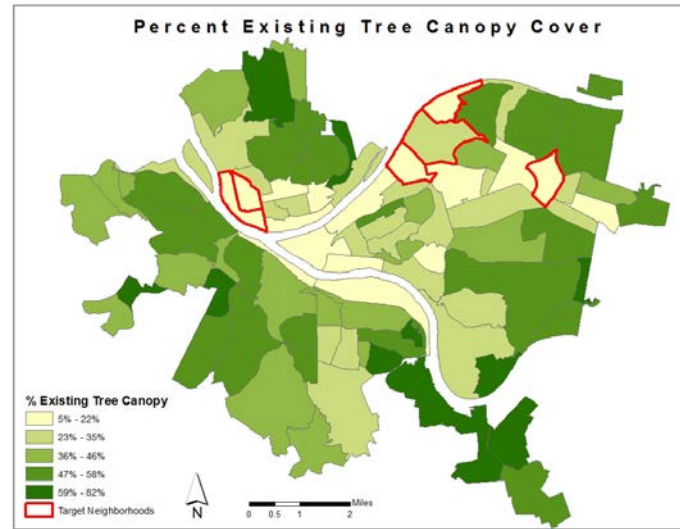
- To increase & enhance the current the tree canopy
- To create a community culture that values the benefits of trees.
- To encourage and help people and organizations to take care of trees.
- To help neighborhood organizations develop projects and programs to plant, maintain, and protect trees.
- To promote a diversity of trees and ensure trees for future generations.





# Neighborhood Criteria

- Low tree canopy cover
- Compromised air quality
- Urban heat island issues
- Stormwater management
- Engaged group of Tree Tenders



# Neighborhood Planning Process

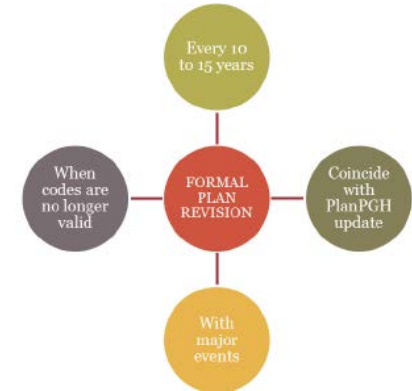
## What do we have?

State of the Urban Forest Report



## How do we get there?

Recommendations & Implementation



## What do we want?

Public engagement



## How are we doing?

Evaluation



# Lessons Learned

## Challenges

- Finding neighborhood champion
- Targeting lower canopy neighborhoods with limited capacity
- City committing resources
- Relying on volunteers for implementation

## Reflections

- Key partnerships
- Working with local CDC
- Building trust and relationships
- Limited past involvement
- Continued investment and involvement

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