








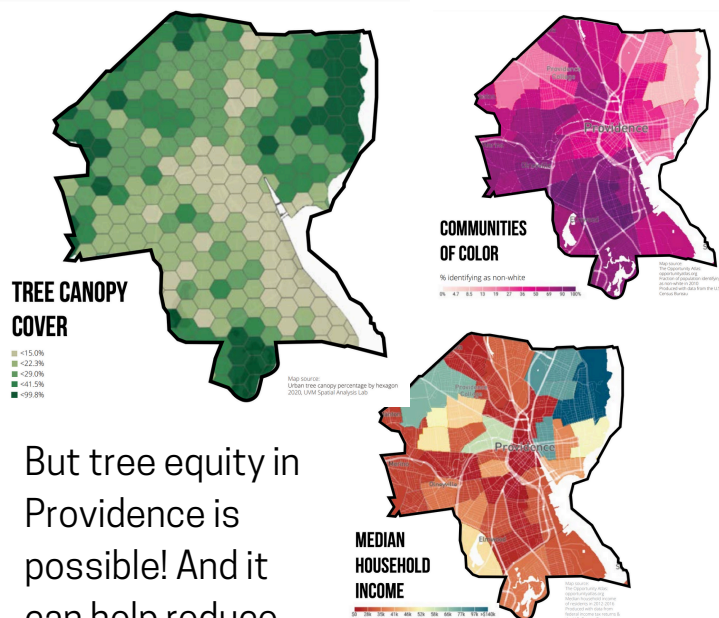
Trees are critical community infrastructure.

Providence's urban forest provides:

-  Cooler summer temperatures
-  Lower utility bills
-  Reduced flooding
-  Local green jobs
-  Improved air quality and health



Right now, this critical green infrastructure is unevenly distributed across the city.






But tree equity in Providence is possible! And it can help reduce harm to communities and neighborhoods that have experienced long-term environmental racism and underinvestment.

Trees are the only infrastructure that *increase in value over time*.

For every dollar spent on tree planting and maintenance, the city of Providence reaps at least \$3.33 in benefits.

If we achieve the targets laid out in the PVD Tree Plan, our newly planted trees would:

-  Provide **\$437,336.43** in combined environmental benefits,
-  Prevent **10.4 million gallons** of polluted stormwater runoff from entering our waterways, and
-  Remove **38,228.1 pounds** of pollution from the air we breathe **every single year.**

The PVD Tree Plan outlines an action plan for transformative change in our communities' public health and quality of life . It is a unique opportunity for collaboration across the city towards a shared vision and an essential tool to address the climate change impacts of extreme heat and flooding facing Providence today.

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Goals of the PVD Tree Plan

Community Leadership and Engagement

- Foster leadership by and accountability to climate justice frontline communities.
- Build community power across local movements
- Expand access to information and educational and training opportunities
- Celebrate residents' existing relationships with trees

Planting

- Prioritize planting trees on private property
- Plant trees, orchards, and “mini-forests” in community spaces
- Increase street tree plantings in tree equity focus areas
- Adopt coordinated city-wide approaches to plant for equity and resilience

Maintenance and Management

- Nurture our young and newly planted trees
- Ease the burdens that trees create for our communities
- Protect existing canopy from short- and long-term threats
- Monitor the health of our urban forest and the activities that sustain it

Workforce Development

- Introduce employment-seekers to tree industry career options
- Dismantle barriers to entry into the tree industry
- Support tree workers' professional growth and changing needs from training to retirement

Funding and Financing

- Secure reliable funding streams for long-term investment
- Link urban forestry funding streams with funding streams for intersecting social and environmental equity initiatives
- Distribute resources according to the needs and priorities of climate justice frontline communities

Policy and Planning

- Strengthen City policies to protect and equitably distribute the benefits of urban trees
- Coordinate urban forestry activities, policy, planning, and enforcement across municipal and state departments
- Develop state-level policies that eliminate barriers facing municipal urban forestry departments

By investing in these three fundamental needs, we can cultivate a healthy, resilient, and equitable urban forest in Providence

Coordination | Capacity Building | Community leadership