

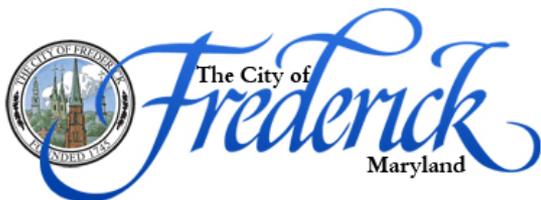
*Sustainable Maryland Wednesday Webinars*

# Growing Your Town's Tree Canopy

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# Sustainable Maryland

- Free & Voluntary program for communities that want to go green and save green!
- We help communities
  - choose a direction for their sustainability efforts
  - Improve access to resources
  - Measure their progress
  - Share success with other communities



## Actions for Sustainable Communities:

To become Sustainable Maryland Certified, municipalities must complete and document actions from the list below. To achieve certification, municipalities will need to complete actions worth a total of 150 points, including two Mandatory Actions (M) and two of six Priority Actions (P), and submit the appropriate documents as evidence that the requirements have been satisfied.

ACTION ITEM	POINTS
<b>COMMUNITY ACTION</b>	
<b>Green Team</b>	
Participate in SMC Green Team Training	5
Create a Green Team	10 M
Complete a Green Team Action Plan	10 M
Conduct Community Barriers and Benefits Assessment	15
Build SMC Resource Center	5
<b>Participation in MD Green Schools</b>	10
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20
<b>COMMUNITY-BASED FOOD SYSTEM</b>	
<b>Local Food Consumption</b>	
Local Food Fair	10
Local Food Consumption & Preservation Classes	5 per class
Establish Local Farmers Market	15
Promote Local Farmers Market	5
<b>Local Food Production</b>	
Community Gardens	15 P
Spring Transplant Sale	10
Fall Transplant Sale	10
<b>Establish CSA Drop-off Location</b>	10
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20
<b>ENERGY</b>	
<b>Municipal Energy Audits</b>	10 (1st bldg), 5 (consec bldgs) P
<b>Residential Energy Efficiency</b>	5 to 20+
<b>Wind Energy Project</b>	10
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20
<b>GREENHOUSE GAS</b>	
<b>Municipal Carbon Footprint</b> (pre-requisite)	15 P
<b>Community Carbon Footprint</b> (pre-requisite)	15
<b>Climate Planning</b>	
Climate Action Plan	10 to 25+
Climate Change Adaptation Element	5
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS</b>	
<b>Let's Move</b>	15
<b>Workplace Wellness</b>	
Join Healthiest Maryland Businesses	5
Workplace Wellness Program	5 to 15
<b>Living Well Program</b>	5 per class
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20
<b>LOCAL ECONOMIES</b>	
<b>Buy Local</b>	
Establish Local Business Directory	10
Promote Local Business Directory	5
Buy Local Campaign	15
Local Business Roundtable	5 per roundtable
Local Business Procurement Notices	10
Economic Analysis of Procurement Practices	15
Local Purchasing Preference Policy	10
<b>Green Business Recognition</b>	
Join Maryland Green Registry	5
Promote Maryland Green Registry	5 points per 2 businesses

Please note: Sustainable Maryland Certified actions and points may be subject to change. Printed on 50% recycled & 70% post-consumer waste paper.

ACTION ITEM	POINTS
<b>LOCAL ECONOMIES (CONTINUED)</b>	
Green Business Certification Program	15
<b>Green Purchasing</b>	
Green Purchasing Policy (pre-requisite)	15 P
Evaluate Current Purchasing Practices (pre-requisite)	10
Vendor Preference Statement (pre-requisite)	10
Purchase Recycled Products	10
Purchase Environmentally Preferable Products	10
Implement Waste Reduction Program	10
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	
<b>Watershed Stewardship</b>	
Implement Watershed Stewardship/Pollution Prevention Outreach Program(s)	10
Facilitate Engagement in Existing Watershed Stewardship Opportunities	5 per event
Provide Voluntary Opportunities for Citizen Engagement in Watershed Stewardship	10
Provide Incentives for Watershed Stewardship on Private Lands	15
Create a Watershed Plan	20 P
<b>Stormwater Management</b>	
Stormwater Management Program	15 P
Stormwater Manager/Coordinator	15
Stormwater Fee Structure	20
<b>Septic Management</b>	
Septics System Assessment Plan	15
Septics System Maintenance Plan	20
Dedicated Septics Maintenance Fund	20
<b>Water Conservation</b>	
Develop a Water Conservation Plan	15
Develop a Water Conservation Outreach Program	10
<b>Tree City USA</b>	15
<b>Pet Waste</b>	
Implement Pet Waste Education Program	5
Develop a Pet Waste Program	5
Adopt a Pet Waste Ordinance	5
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20

<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<b>Participation in DHCD Sustainable Communities Housing and the Comprehensive Plan</b>	
<b>Land Preservation</b>	
Conduct Easement Outreach that Encourages Inspection, Evaluation, and Stewardship	
Build Easement Inventory	10
<b>Innovative Demonstration Projects</b>	5 to 20

P denotes Priority Action M denotes Mandatory Action

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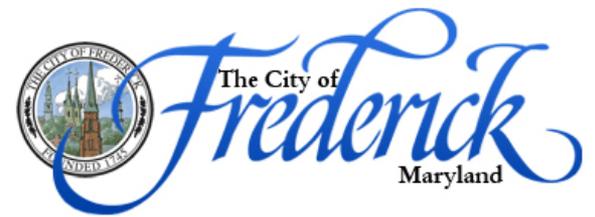
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# *What have we done so far?*

1. Tree City USA
2. Canopy Assessment
3. Target Planting Areas
4. Trainings
5. OpenTreeMap
6. *Outreach*



# City of Frederick—TREE CITY USA (Sustainable Maryland Action points!)



## Forest Service

- > Forest Service Home
- > About Us
- > Forestry Education
- > Forestry Facts
- > Volunteer Opportunities
- > Chesapeake Forests
- > Sustainable Forestry Council
- > Governor's Commission on Sustainable Forestry
- > Vision, Mission and Goals
- > The Online Forester

## Urban & Community

- > Forest Conservation Act
- > Reforestation Law
- > Tree Expert Law
- > Roadside Tree Law

## Tree City USA - Awards Program



### The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program is celebrating its 40th Anniversary

Tree City USA was designed in 1976 to encourage better care of the trees in our communities. Today, 3,400 cities and towns in all 50 states take great pride in being recognized as Tree City USA. In fact, 42 communities were recognized in the inaugural year and of those, 36 are still participating this year. In Maryland, the two longest participating towns are the City of Frederick with 36 years and Chestertown with 35 years.

### How can I join the celebration?



Oldest Tree City in MD



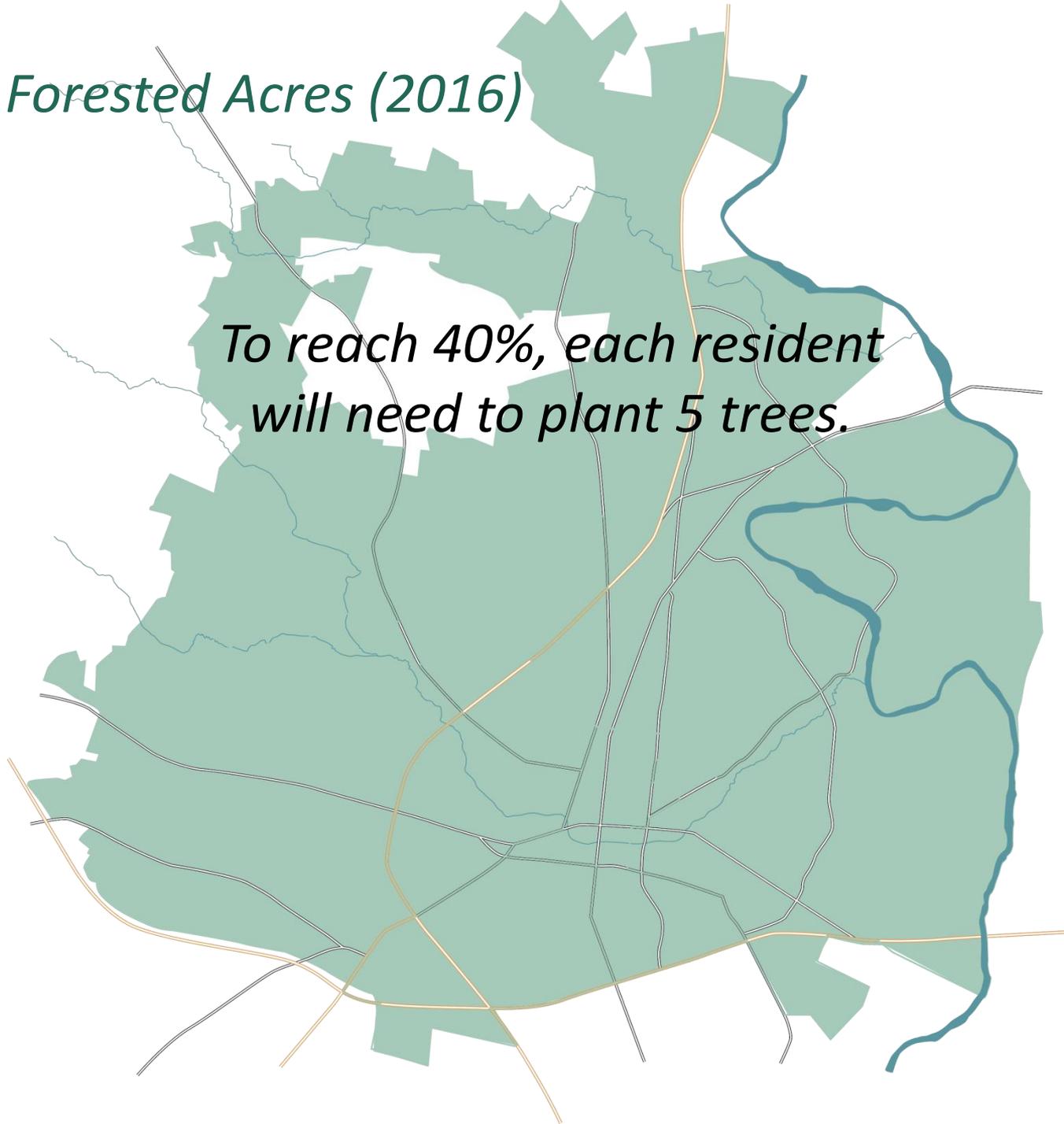
Sterling Tree City USA



1 of 8 Sterling Communities

*2,841 Forested Acres (2016)*

*To reach 40%, each resident  
will need to plant 5 trees.*



# *How Do We Stack Up?*

Rockville 44%

Pittsburgh 37%

Annapolis 41%

Brunswick 38%

Purcellville 20%

Baltimore City 25%

Cumberland 49%

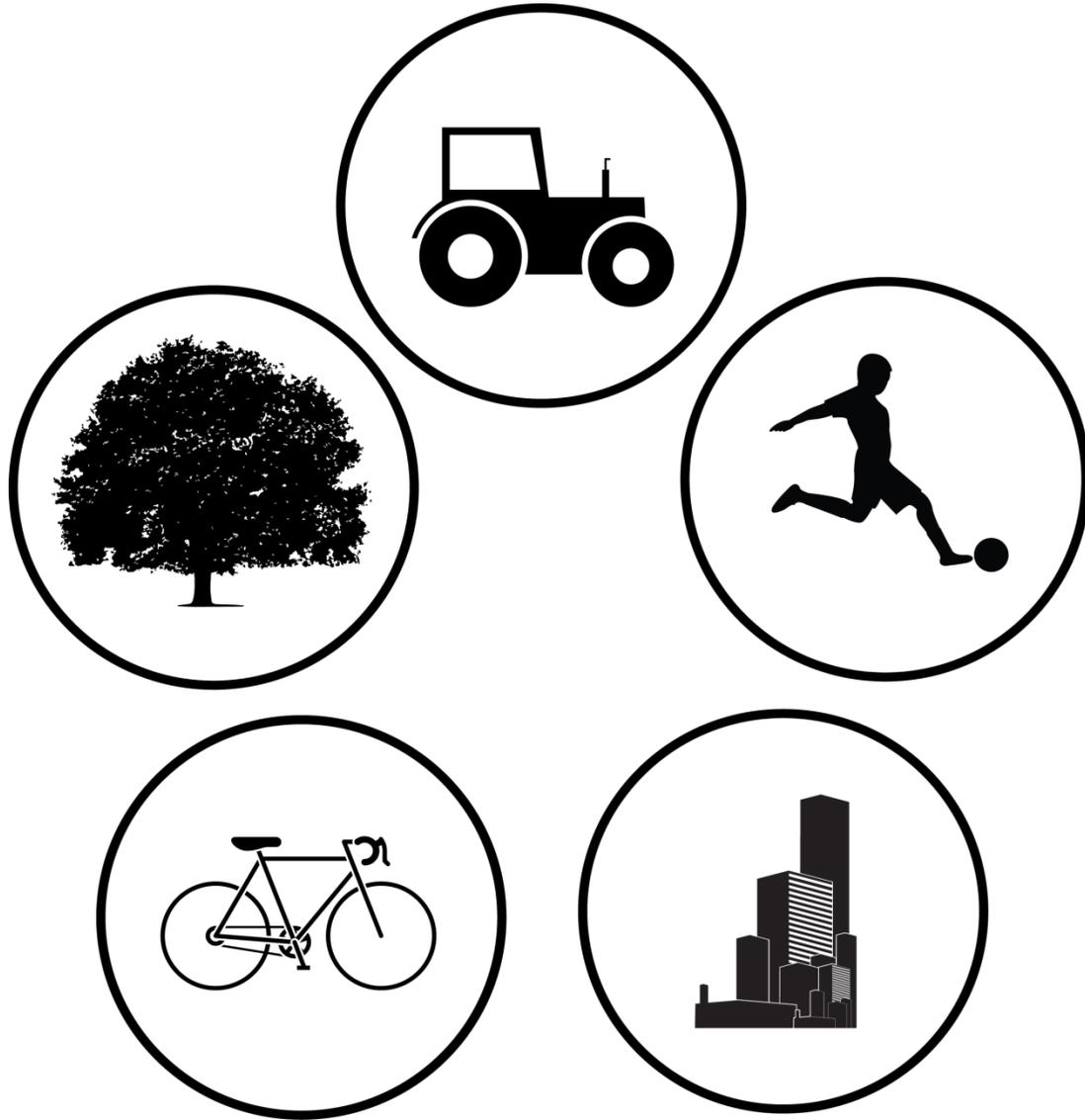
City of Frederick 20%

Bowie 46%

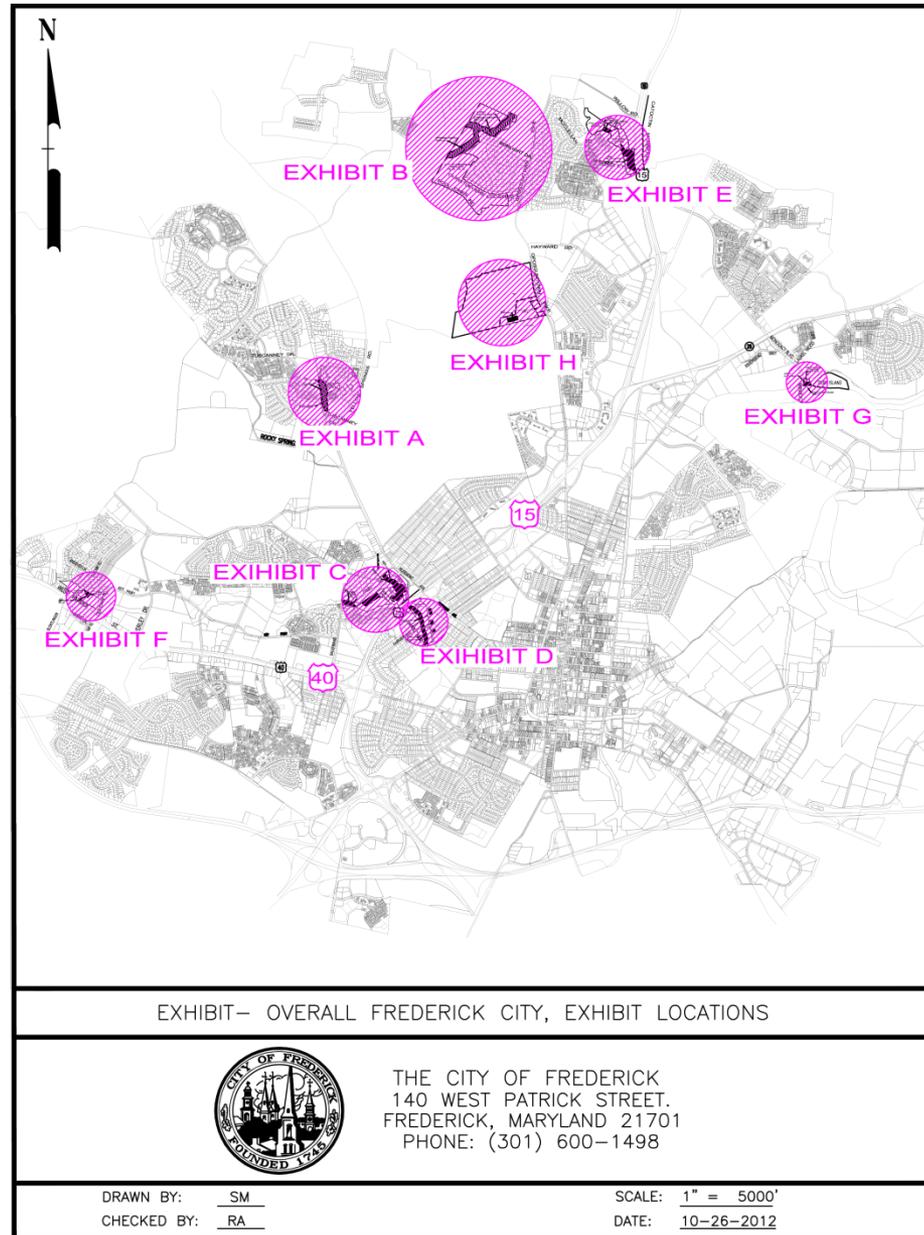
Leesburg 27%

Hyattsville 41%

# *Balancing Interests With UTC*



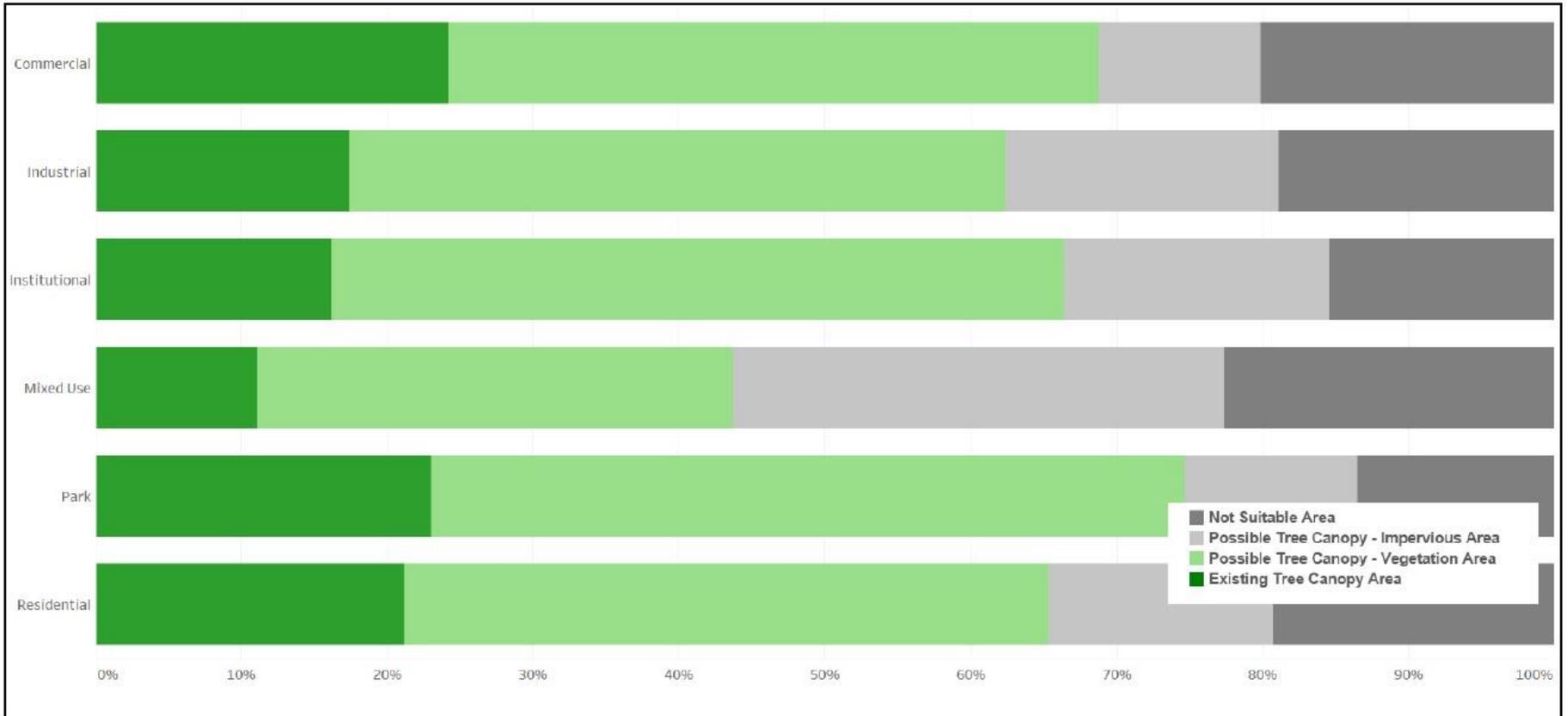
# Completed Park Tree Plantings



# *Most UTC Potential in Areas We Cannot Control*



# *After Removing Ft. Detrick and Airport From Calculations...*



***About 20% Residential land is covered by UTC but could potentially have 45% more***

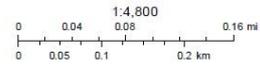
## *Possible Additional UTC in City of Frederick*

61%

*“By ownership type, it is Frederick’s residents that control the largest percentage of the city’s tree canopy (Fort Detrick and the airport excluded). Programs that educate residents on tree stewardship and incentives provided to residents that plant trees are crucial if Frederick is going to sustain its tree canopy in the long term.”—COF Urban Tree Canopy Assessment, 2010*



June 10, 2015



**LINETYPE LEGEND**

- PLAT BOUNDARY
- PARCEL LINE
- PUBLIC EASEMENT
- 100 YEAR FLOOD ZONE
- 50' WETLAND BUFFER

**AREA TABULATION**

CITY OWNED = 4548.10 SQ. FT. OR 10.44113 AC.  
 HOME OWNED = 11621543.37 SQ. FT. OR 36.79836 AC.



**Dearbought HOA Potential:  
93 acres**

<p><b>APPROVED</b> CITY OF FREDERICK PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>DATE: 6/10/15          CHAIRMAN: <i>Dianne Spill</i></p>		<p><b>AREA TABULATION:</b></p> <p>AREA OF LOTS - N/A SQ. FT. OR N/A ACRES          AREA OF PARCELS - 2054385.87 SQ. FT. OR 47.2274 ACRES          STREET RESERVATION - N/A SQ. FT. OR N/A ACRES          TOTAL AREA OF PLAT - 2064385.87 SQ. FT. OR 47.2274 ACRES          TOTAL NO. OF LOTS - 0 LOTS/ 3 PARCELS</p>		<p><b>SYMBOLS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CONCRETE</li> <li>○ MONUMENT</li> <li>● IRON PILE</li> </ul>		<p><b>DATE:</b> 02/12/2015  <b>REVISIONS:</b></p> <p><b>REVISIONS:</b></p> <p>NO. DATE ADDRESS COMMENTS</p>	
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***THE WHY:***

Create Stewards

Plant More Trees

Reach 40% Goal

Intangible Benefits



## THE HOW:

~15 Dedicated Treeple

4-Week Training

50 Trees

Variety of Backgrounds

Targeted NAC Training

A-10 | LOCAL

# City approaches tree education

## Class teaches how to identify varieties

By SYLVIA CARIGNAN  
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The city of Frederick's efforts to create a tree inventory are getting started with grass-roots efforts to educate the public.

Sustainability Manager Jenny Willoughby is teaching a series of six classes on tree identification for

city residents. The weekly courses began Sept. 17 and have attracted about 15 volunteers.

Renee Bourassa, a Frederick resident and one of the newest members of the city's Green Initiative Team, has been attending the courses.

"For the most part, I know the trees in our own backyard, but now I'm learning about my neighbors' trees," she said.

The attendees are a mix of green thumbs and greenhorns, but they all have one thing in common.

"It's people that are passionate about Frederick city," Bourassa



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said.

Willoughby has taught the residents about more than two dozen tree varieties by helping them identify their structure and leaf type.

In addition to those who are taking the class, Willoughby is looking for more volunteers to help the

determine the current tree canopy percentage and how far it needs to

crea

To catalog the trees that already exist, volunteers will learn how to use a tree ID app on their smartphones.

ner Pam Reppert. Willoughby's class plans to meet at the tennis courts in Baker Park

## Commissioners

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will be remembered primarily for setting in motion the



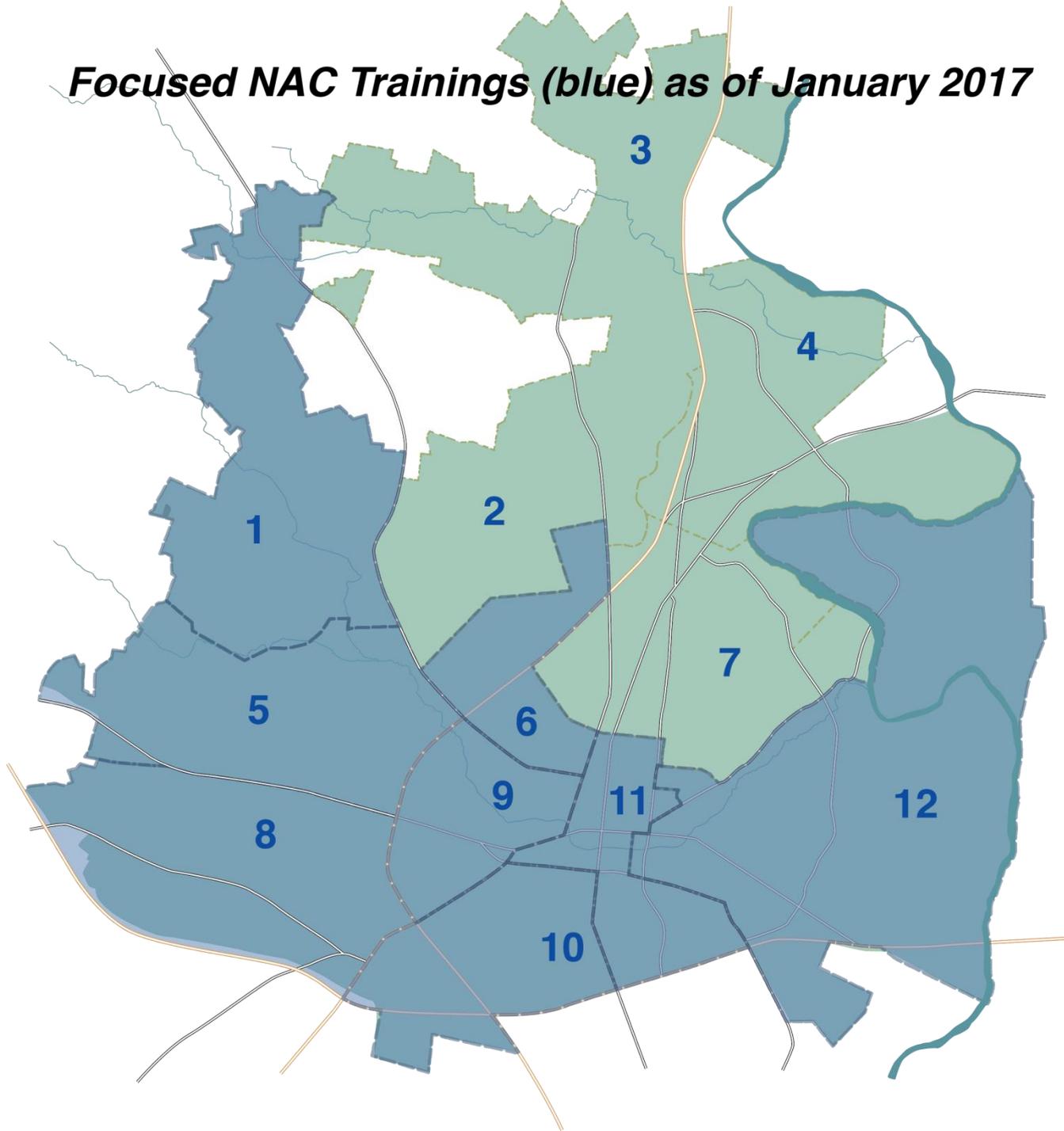
served as an opportunity for Rhoderick to smoke a cigar without his wife's knowledge,

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bike ride and still had miles to go when she stopped at

"She might complain about a few things, but she is going to keep going and keep making her own decisions."

***Focused NAC Trainings (blue) as of January 2017***



# Diversity: 30-20-10 Rule (& Why NACs 6/9 Were Chosen First)

have long, dense clusters of extremely fragrant, one-inch white blossoms which are literally "alive" with the bustling activity of visiting bees. The honey which is produced is quite delicious. The dark red to black, leathery seeds pods which follow will persist on the trees throughout the winter.

- **MAGNOLIA, SOUTHERN (*Magnolia grandiflora*)**

Height: 60' – 80', Spread: 30' – 50'. Can be a very large, handsome, yard tree in a room to grow. Leaves are leathery and dark green above. Flowers are creamy with a pleasant fragrance. Seeds grow in a "cone" and are a beautiful red.

- **MAPLE, RED (*Acer rubrum*)**

Height: 40'-60', Spread: same. Medium to fast grower. Excellent tree as specimen for lawn and park settings. Excellent fall color. Good shade tree. Buds, flowers and leaves provide food for many birds and mammals. Chipmunks and squirrels eat seeds and some songbirds use for nest building.

- **MAPLE, SUGAR (*Acer saccharum*)**

Height 60'-70', spread usually 2/3 the height. Leaf color is medium to dark green in summer, changing to brilliant yellow, burnt orange and red tones in autumn. It grows best in well-drained, moderately moist, fertile soil. It does not grow well in tight, compacted situations such as in very small lawns or other conditions that restrict root growth. It tolerates shade but does not tolerate air pollution and is susceptible to damage from road salt.

- **OAK, CHESTNUT (*Quercus prinus*)**

Chestnut oak commonly reaches 60 to 80 feet at maturity and grows better in full sun than other oaks. Acorn is a favorite food of deer, turkey and squirrels.

- **OAK, NORTHERN RED (*Quercus rubra*)**

Height: 60'-80', Spread: 45'-65'. Habit is round-topped and symmetrical. Full sun. Prefers loamy, well drained soils. Fast growing tree for lawns, parks and estates. Acorns are at the top of the food preference list for wood ducks, pheasants, grackles, jays, nuthatches, thrushes, woodpeckers, rabbits, foxes, squirrels and deer.

- **OAK, PIN (*Quercus palustris*)**

Height: 60'-70', Spread: 25'-40'. Strongly pyramidal with ascending branches. One of the faster

30% From One Family

20% From One Genus

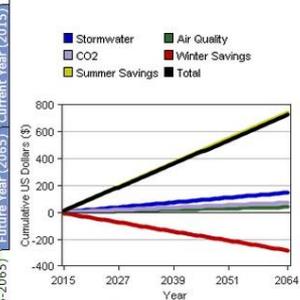
10% From One Species

# The Value of a Tree

i-Tree Design v6.0 4904 Old National Pike, Frederick, MD 21702, USA

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Overall Benefits Stormwater Energy Air Quality Carbon Dioxide



**If it is cared for, this eastern redbud will provide a total of \$725 worth of overall benefits over next 50 years.**

While some functional benefits of trees are well documented, others are difficult to quantify (e.g., human social and communal health). Trees' specific geography, climate, and interactions with humans and infrastructure are highly variable and make precise calculations much more difficult. Given these complexities, the results presented here should be considered initial approximations to better understand the environmental and economic value associated with trees and their placement.

Benefits of trees do not account for the costs associated with trees' long-term care and maintenance.

Breakdown of tree benefits

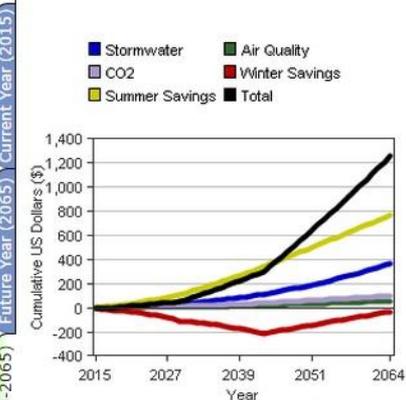
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Total (2015-2065)  
Total to date

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**If it is cared for, this bur oak will provide a total of \$1,260 worth of overall benefits over next 50 years.**

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Bur oak  
Quercus macrocarpa

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Total to date

**\$725 vs. \$1,260**

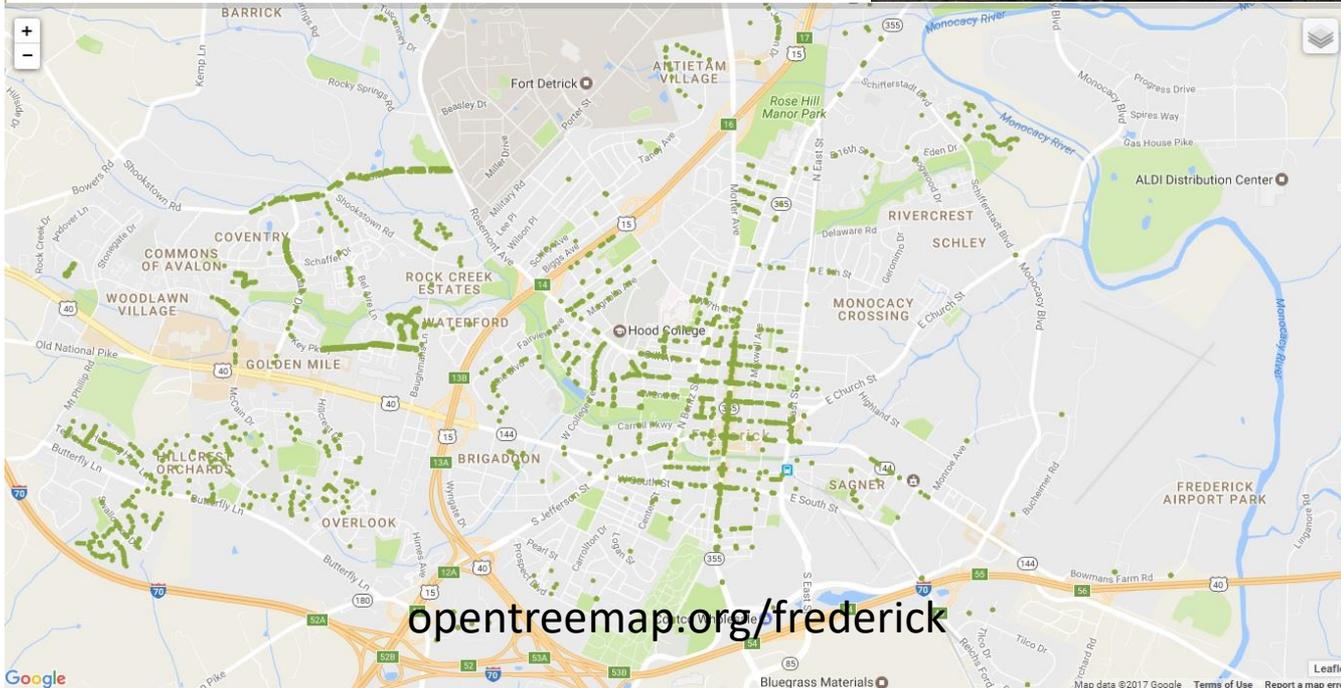
# The Future of 5 Trees (Sustainable Maryland Innovative Demonstration Project Points!)



Add a Tree Explore Map View Edits



5,202 trees, 0 empty planting sites



[opentreemap.org/frederick](http://opentreemap.org/frederick)

Details >

Eco Benefits >

Total annual benefits  
\$182,474 saved

TREE BENEFITS

Energy conserved  
2,685,490 kwh/year saved \$149,839

Stormwater filtered  
4,152,746 gal/year saved \$3,322

Air quality improved  
4,868 lbs/year saved \$25,381

Carbon dioxide removed  
1,176,967 lbs/year saved \$3,931

Carbon dioxide stored to date  
3,047,682 lbs saved \$10,179

Based on 4,919 out of 5,202 total trees.

Google

Bluegrass Materials

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# QUESTIONS?



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# Thank You!

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