



Citrus Heights Urban Greening Strategy (CHUGS)

Urban Forest Master Plan
Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance
& Guidelines and Policies for native/drought tolerant landscapes

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CHUGS

- **Background**
- **Components**
 - Vision for urban greening
 - Urban Forest Master Plan
 - Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance
 - Zoning code update
 - Native/drought tolerant landscape guidelines and policies



CHUGS

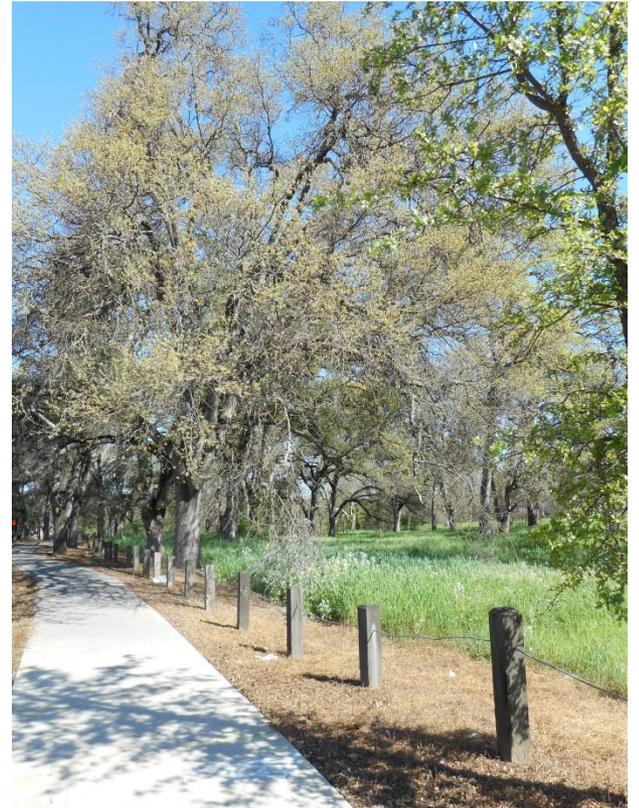
- **Overarching goals**

- incorporate urban greening principles into the City's regulations and daily activities
- develop a more sustainable urban forest by improving conditions for urban trees and optimizing the environmental, economical, and social benefits urban trees provide to the community

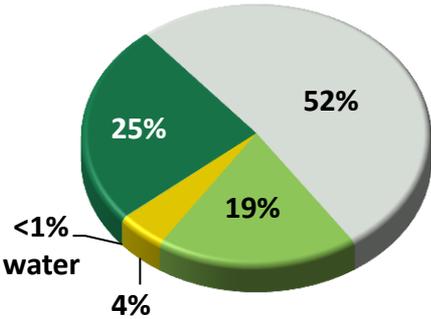
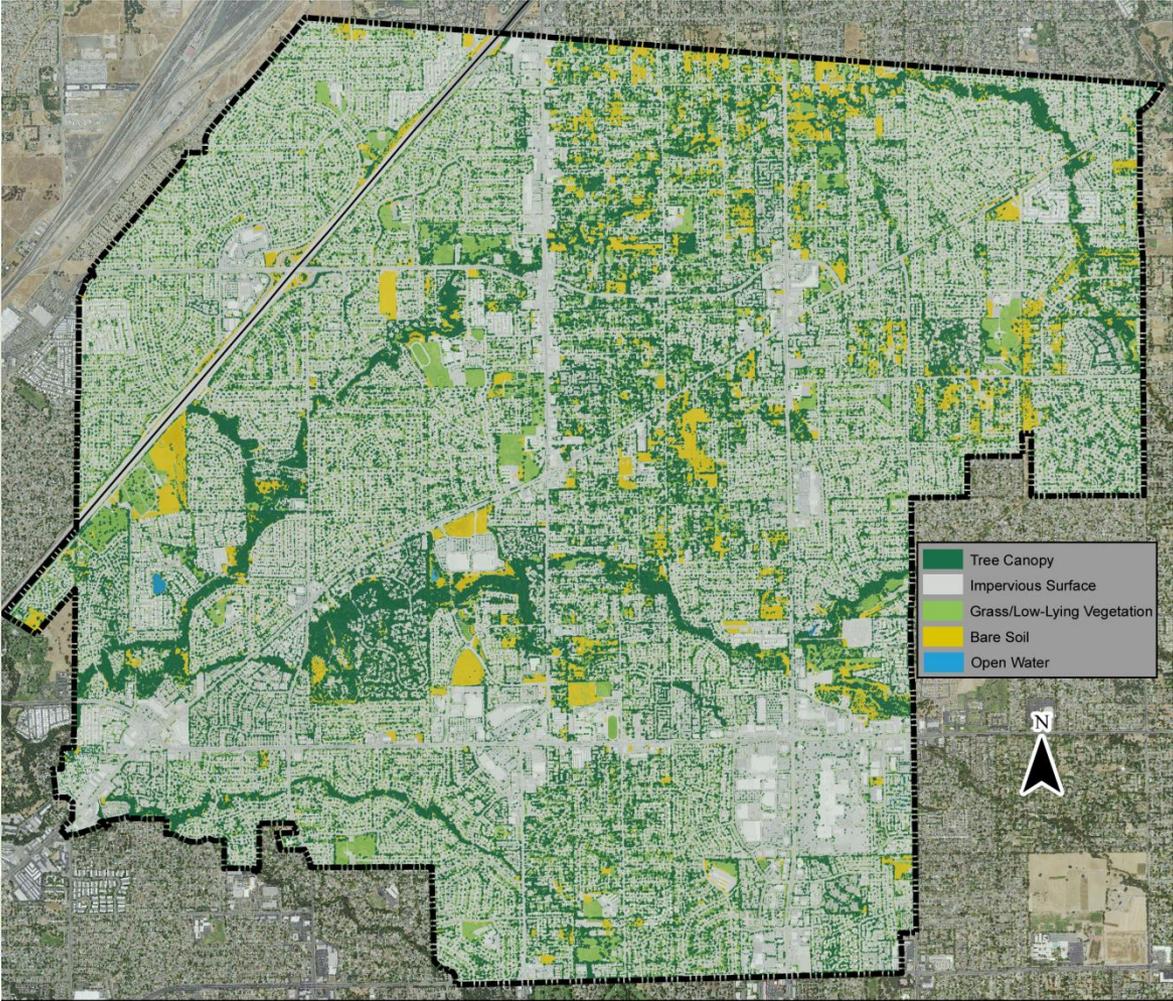


The Urban Forest in Citrus Heights

- Tree Canopy and Land Cover
- Community Urban Forest
 - Benefits
 - Composition
 - Investment versus benefits



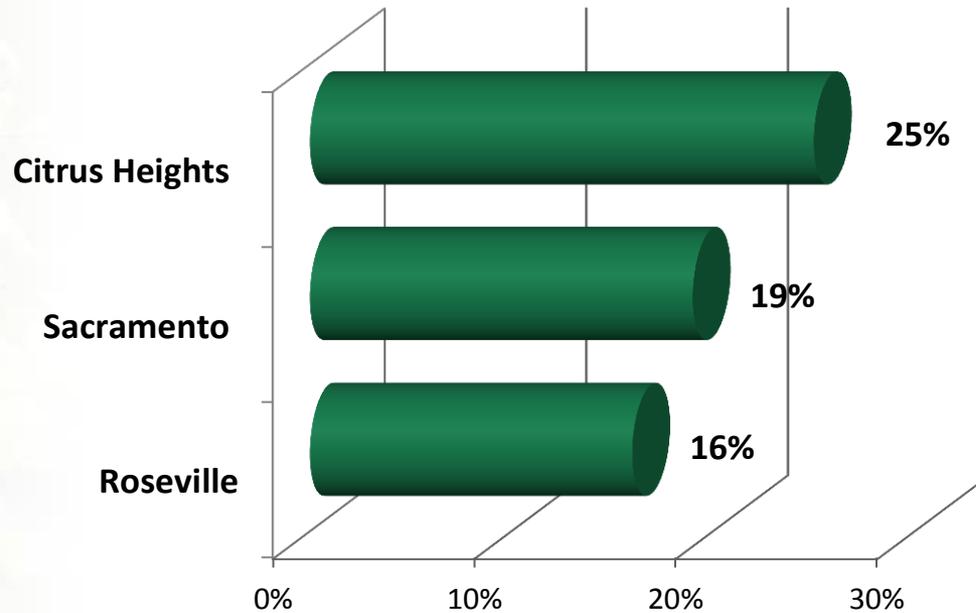
Land Cover in Citrus Heights



- Tree Canopy
- Impervious Surface
- Grass/Low-Lying Vegetation
- Bare Soil
- Open Water

Citrus Heights Urban Tree Canopy

In comparison



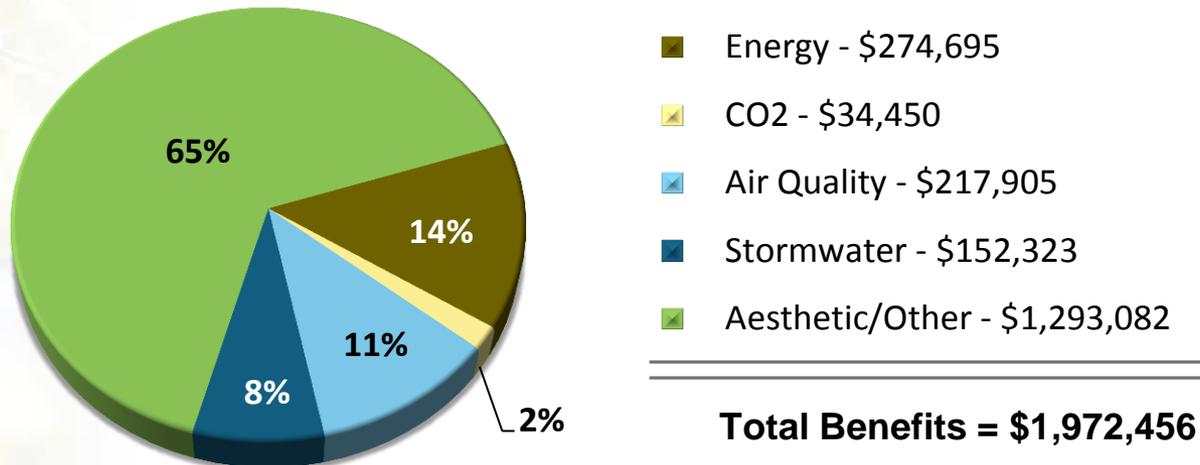
Citrus Heights Urban Tree Canopy



Citrus Heights' Community Urban Forest

Value

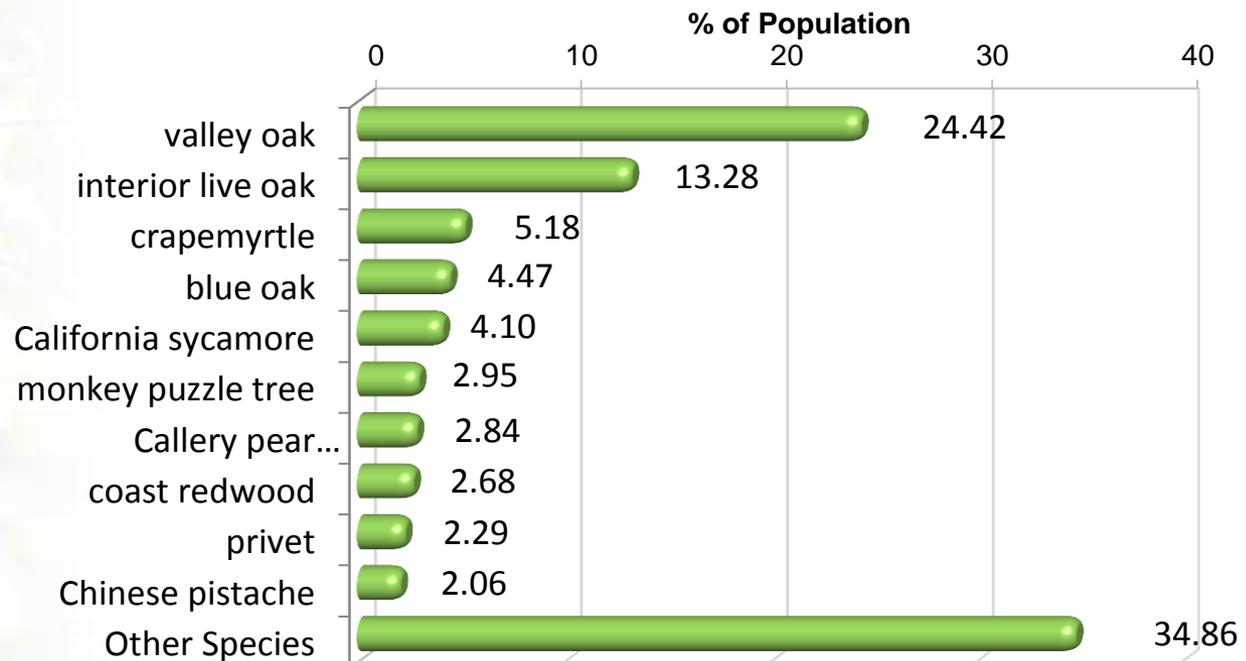
- 27,994 trees
- \$101 million to replace (\$3,603/tree)
- \$2 million in annual benefits



Citrus Heights' Community Urban Forest

Composition

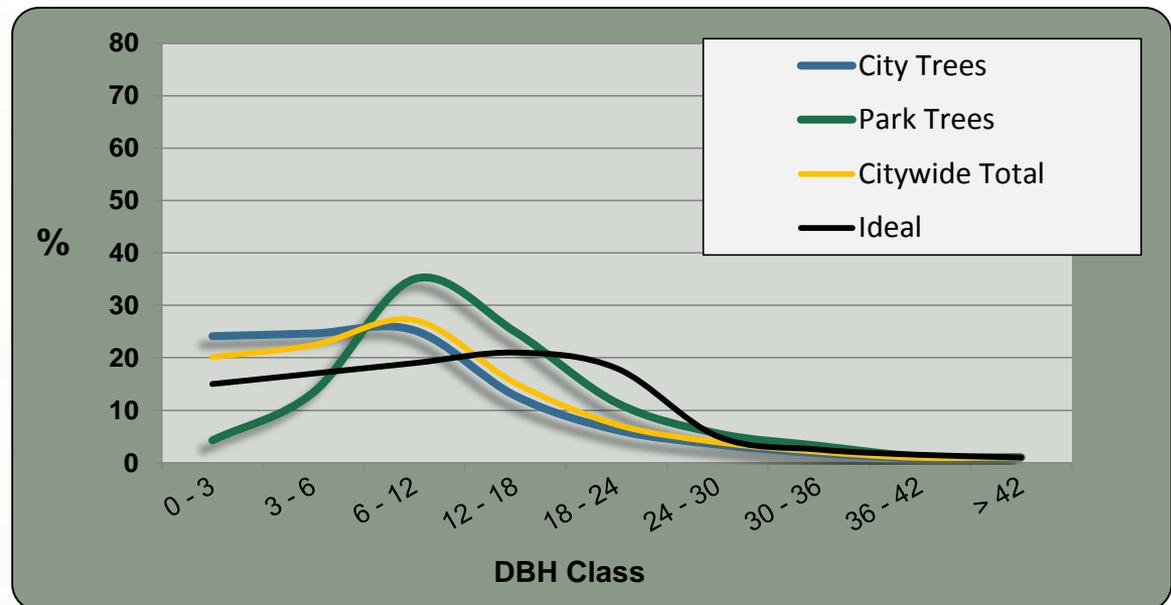
- Over 175 unique species



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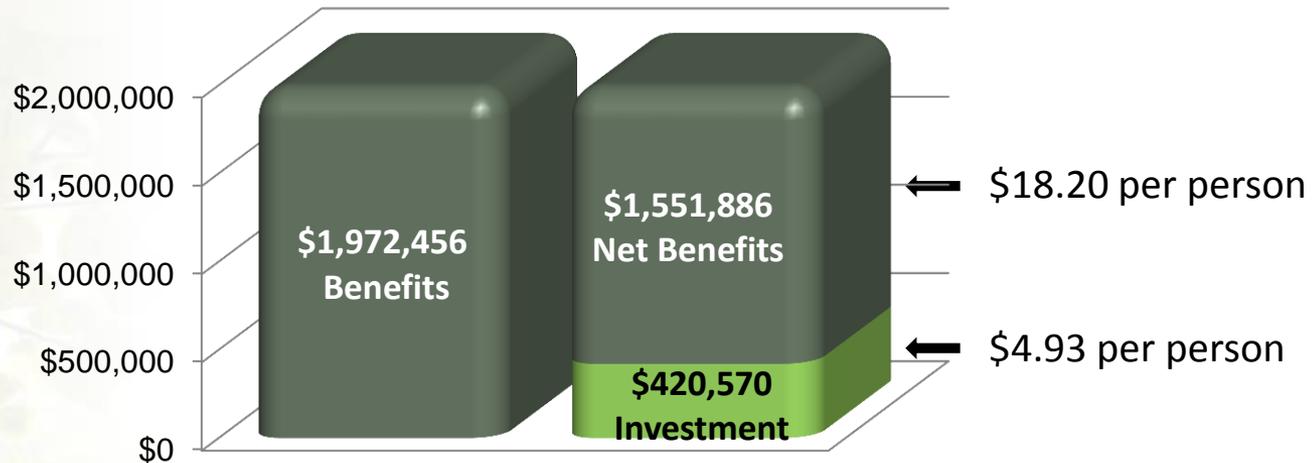
Composition

- Good condition
- Relatively young population



Citrus Heights' Community Urban Forest

Investment vs. Benefits



Annual Net Benefits from community trees = \$1.6 million

For EVERY \$1 Invested in community trees, Citrus Heights receives \$4.69 in Benefits

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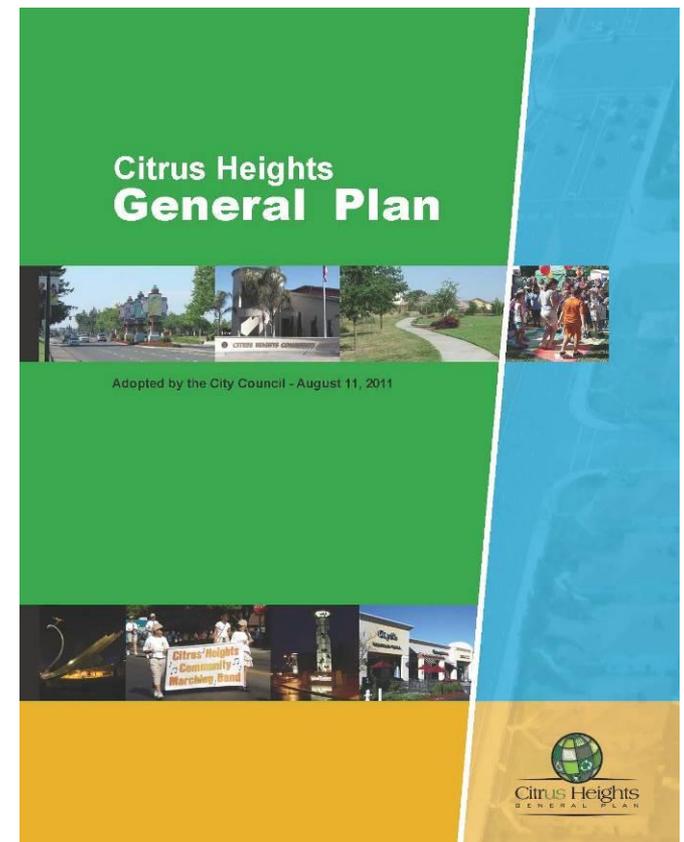
City Forestry Operations

- Inspection of ROW trees
- Pruning
- Tree removal
- Service requests
- Emergency response
- Tree planting
- Maintain inventory data

Developing Landscape and Irrigation Guidelines

General Plan

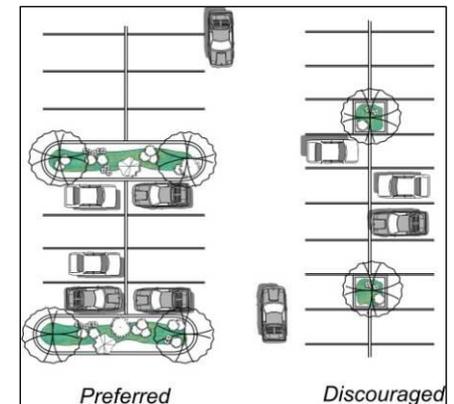
- Community Design Guidelines
- Street Tree Program
- Gateway Treatments
- Water Conserving Landscaping



Developing Landscape and Irrigation Guidelines

Zoning Code Section 3, Article 106, Chapter 34

- Apply to new Commercial and Multi-Family Development and certain other projects subject to Design Review
- Landscape Requirements
- Water Efficient Landscape Requirements
 - Do not apply to single-family homes
- Guidelines for landscaping around native oaks



Developing Landscape and Irrigation Guidelines

Design Review

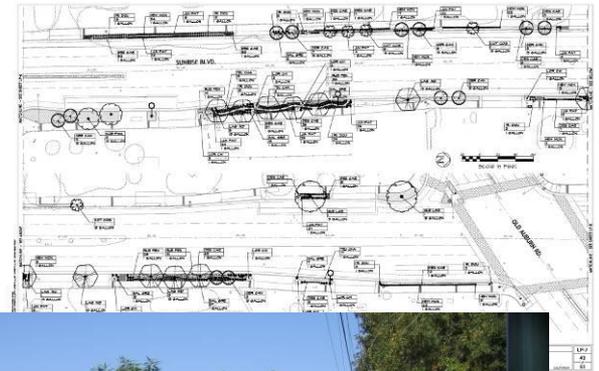
- Plant List and Concept Plan

Building Permits

- Landscape Plans
 - Plant Legend
- Irrigation Plans
 - Water Use Calculations

WATER USE CALCULATIONS					
WATER USE	TREES CODE	SHRUBS CODE	VINES CODE	BROADLEAVES CODE	SQ. FEET WATER USE FACTOR
LOW	CER, OCC, LAG, IND, OVE, WIS	ARC, RM, CAR, GAL, GEA, YP, SIS, SUN, HES, PAR, HET, ARE, RHA, IND, ROS, GAL.		ARC, FAC, MYO, PAR, ROS, OFF	71,726 $71,726 \times 0.4 = 28,690$
MEDIUM	CER, CAN, KOE, PAN, PLA, BLO	FES, GAL, GAU, LIN, HEM, HYB, MUH, RIS, PHO, MM, PHO, SUN, ROS, PIN, VIB, TIN	PAR, TRI	GOT, MIC, BUO, FOR	41,848 $41,848 \times 1.0 = 41,848$

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Developing Landscape and Irrigation Guidelines

The Urban Greening Project will:

- Propose changes to existing regulations to address water efficiency
- Develop Planting Guide and Recommended Plant List
- Develop User-friendly Irrigation Calculator

Companion Plants

Genus Species	Common Name	CA Native	Evergreen	Deciduous	Height	Spread
Shrubs						
<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	Glossy abelia		■		3-7'	5'
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Strawberry Tree		■		25'	8'
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i>	Manzanita	■	■		3-5'	7'
<i>Berberis darwinii</i>	Darwin's barberry		■		5-10'	4-7'
<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Butterfly bush			■	10-12'	10'
<i>Carpenedia californica</i>	California bush anemone	■	■		12'	4-6'
<i>Conoclinium 'Cocoba'</i>	Wild lilac	■	■		4-8'	4-8'
<i>Cornus occidentalis</i>	Western redbud			■		
<i>Daphne odorata</i>	Fragrant daphne		■			
<i>Diplazium hybridum</i>	Monkey flower	■	■			
<i>Gastropia spadiosa</i>	Island bush snapdragon	■	■			
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	■	■			
<i>Myrtus unguis-cati</i>	Myrtle		■			
<i>Philadelphus virginicus</i>	Mock orange			■		
<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	Cape plumbago		■			
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffee berry	■	■			
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonade berry		■			
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Flowering currant	■	■			
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California wild rose	■	■			
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn sage		■			
Groundcover						
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i>	Monterey manzanita	■	■			
<i>Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks'</i>	Coyote Bush	■	■			
<i>Conoclinium 'gracile'</i>	Carmel creeper	■	■			
<i>Cistus salicifolius</i>	Sageleaf rock rose		■			
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis 'cicutari'</i>	Rosemary		■			
Grasses						
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue wild rye	■	■			
<i>Festuca californica</i>	California fescue	■	■			
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Dcegrass		■			
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	Fountain grass		■			
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	Purple needlegrass	■	■			





Developing An Urban Forest Master Plan

Why is a master plan important?

- Illustrates the value and benefit of community trees
- Communicates the challenges and opportunities
- Promotes shared vision
- Ensures resources are in place to support community goals



Developing An Urban Forest Master Plan

Opportunities and Challenges

- Preserve and enhance existing trees and canopy
- Maximize environmental benefits
- Develop a more sustainable, drought tolerant resource
- Identify sustainable resources/funding
- Increase public outreach and engagement

Developing An Urban Forest Master Plan

Goals & Objectives

Community urban forest benefits



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Goals & Objectives

Tree Maintenance



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Goals & Objectives

Community outreach and engagement



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Goals & Objectives

Tree planting and canopy expansion



Developing An Urban Forest Master Plan

Goals & Objectives

Existing issues and challenges



CHUGS – What's next?

- Draft Urban Forest Master Plan
- Draft Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance
- Develop recommendations for native/drought tolerant landscape guidelines and policies
- Draft species palette
- Next community meeting
 - Review draft CHUGS



Questions and Discussion?



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