



As a continuation of an urban forest master planning process that began in Syracuse after a derecho storm that devastated many of the city’s trees (the “Labor Day Storm”) in 1998, the City of Syracuse worked with the Onondaga Earth Corps, a local youth conservation corps program, to conduct a comprehensive public outreach campaign called ReLeaf Syracuse, designed to engage a wide range of community stakeholders in planning for the future of the city’s forest.

This document provides an overview of the outreach campaign as well as a summary of outcomes of outreach efforts. The campaign was facilitated and managed by Onondaga Earth Corps.

BACKGROUND

In late 2017 a core team of partners including the City of Syracuse Division of Forestry, the City’s Division of Planning, the Gifford Foundation and Onondaga Earth Corps convened a group of steering committee members to advise and participate in a public outreach campaign.

Steering Committee & Stakeholders Group



A steering committee convened twice, once in December and a second time in January 2018 to provide input on who to bring to the table and how to structure the public outreach campaign. Working with consultants from the Davey Resource Group, it was decided to host a series of three stakeholder meetings, which would follow Davey’s well established model of stakeholder input, as well as include sessions to design the goals and approach for a broader public outreach campaign.

BRANDING THE OUTREACH EFFORTS

Goals of the campaign were to develop an identity and brand for planning work that would resonate with a broad group of stakeholders and be more accessible than marketing the initiative as a city planning process. Working with local PR and design firms, The Digital Hyve and Strategic Communications, LLC, project partners developed the ReLeaf Syracuse campaign.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS OVERVIEW

The goal of public meetings was to provide an educational, interactive and easy way for community members to provide input about their hopes, challenges and dreams for the City's tree cover. Seven public meetings were hosted in collaboration with neighborhood partners at locations Downtown, in Eastwood and on the North, South, East, and West Sides of the city. Three targeted meetings to reach non-native English speakers also took place on the North Side.

Basic information about the ReLeaf Syracuse campaign and frequently asked tree questions was available in brochure format so participants could take information home (TreeSources 101, ReLeaf).



INTERACTIVE MEETING FORMAT

Our goal was to create a meeting format that was accessible for many different participants and that made it possible to learn and absorb information at one’s own pace and to have multiple opportunities for interaction and input. The solution was less presentation and more interaction.

Each community meeting had a series of interactive stations set up to provide information about the state of the urban forest as well as to solicit input from participants. Stations were facilitated by members of the Steering Committee, Stakeholders group, members of Onondaga Earth Corps and partner organizations.

Station 1. Benefits of Trees - vote and comment on which tree benefits are most important

Station 2. Challenges/myths - vote and comment on which challenges are the most troublesome

Syracuse is Losing Trees – information about why canopy of quality trees is in decline

Station 3. Planning for Trees – which solutions should the City put energy in to?

Canopy Audacity Goal, Sidewalks and trees

Station 4. How to Stay involved

Station 5. Canopy Map - where do we want more trees?

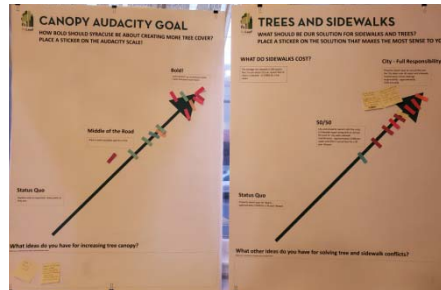
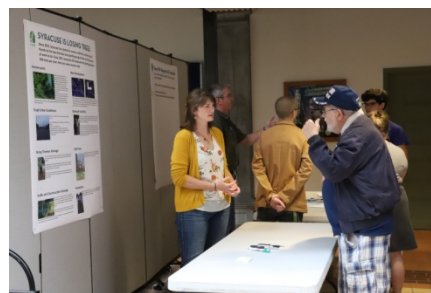
Station 6. Complaint/Request station

Station 7. Kids coloring station

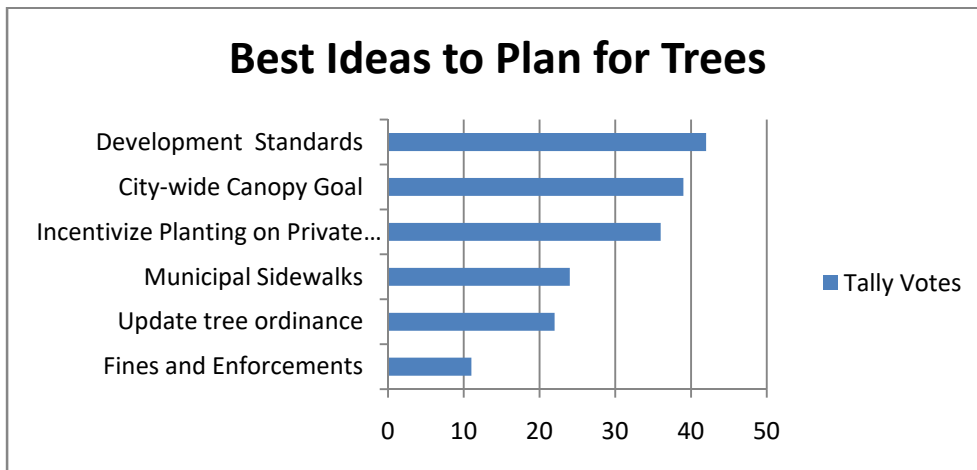
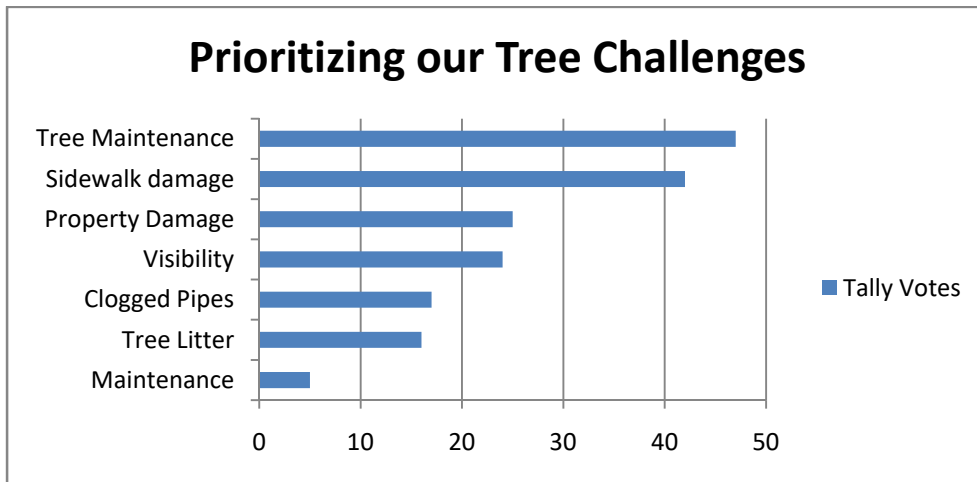
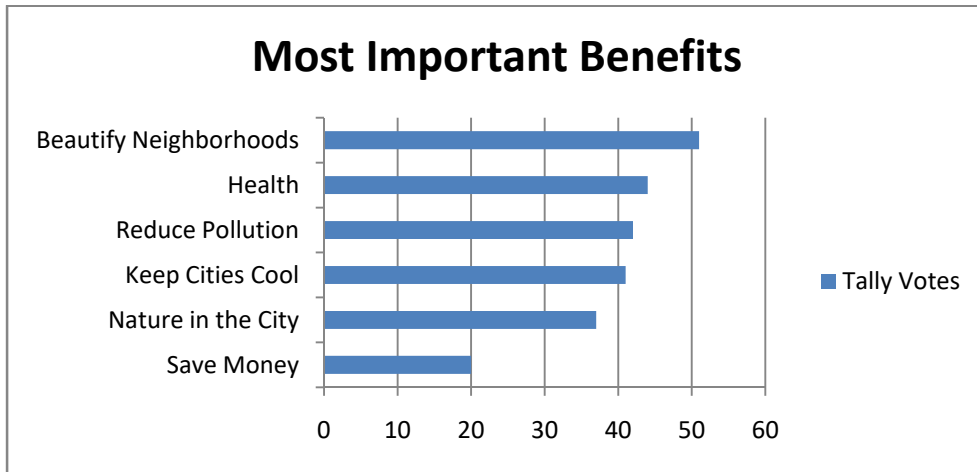
Station 8. Dream Big! What are your outrageous ideas for what Syracuse trees should look like 20 years from now?

Station 9. Survey Station

STATION CONTENT



Comments and voting tallies at each station were documented in a spreadsheet. Participants at meetings voted on their top tree benefits, most difficult tree challenges, and the ideas they like best to plan with trees in mind. They also rated how audacious the City should be when considering a canopy goal and weighed in on how the City should handle sidewalk repairs related to trees. A total of 669 tallies were posted to the multiple boards and over 300 comments collected (see appendix with “other” comments).



For canopy goal, most participants favored an aggressive canopy goal (25), while some preferred a middle-of-the-road approach (10), and zero (0) tallies were cast for status quo of merely replacing what canopy is lost each year.

With sidewalks, most participants favored the City taking over full responsibility for sidewalk repairs (25), while some preferred splitting the responsibility 50/50 with homeowners (10). Zero (0) tallies were cast for the status quo of the burden of sidewalk repairs falling solely on the homeowner.

PUBLIC SURVEY OVERVIEW

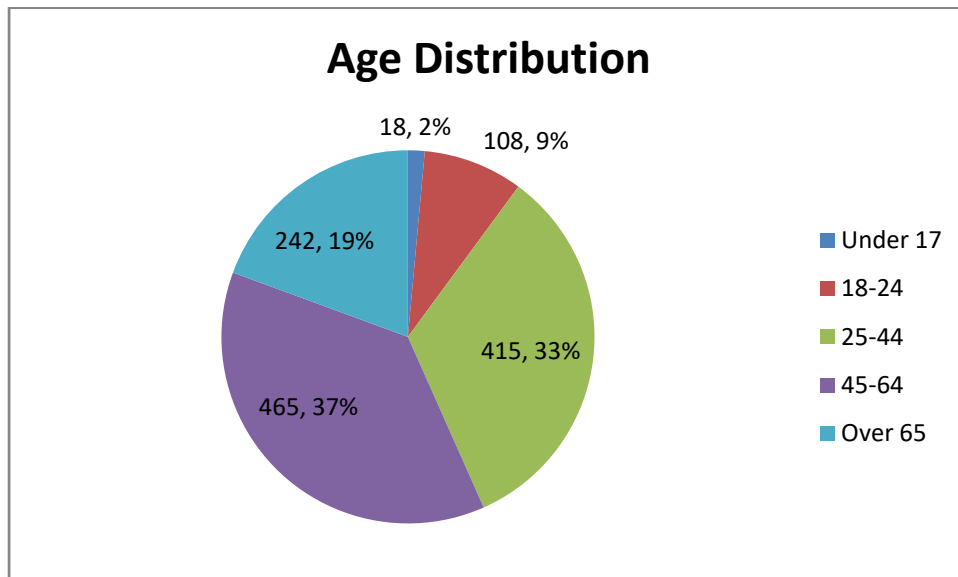
A public survey was developed by the project partners with input from steering committee members, City officials and the Davey Resource Group. The goal was to have a short, widely-accessible survey that could collect input about the future of the City’s trees beyond those able to attend public meetings.

Key areas targeted for public input in the survey included tree benefits, challenges, priorities for the future, sidewalks, preferences for strategies to increase tree cover on private property and interest in staying involved with future education and volunteer opportunities. Participants were required to provide their Zip code, age range and neighborhood.

The survey was made available in digital and print formats and distributed widely via partner and stakeholder email distribution lists and through social media. OEC young adult crewmembers also set up at targeted neighborhood “street corners” to invite community members to take the survey and attend public meetings.

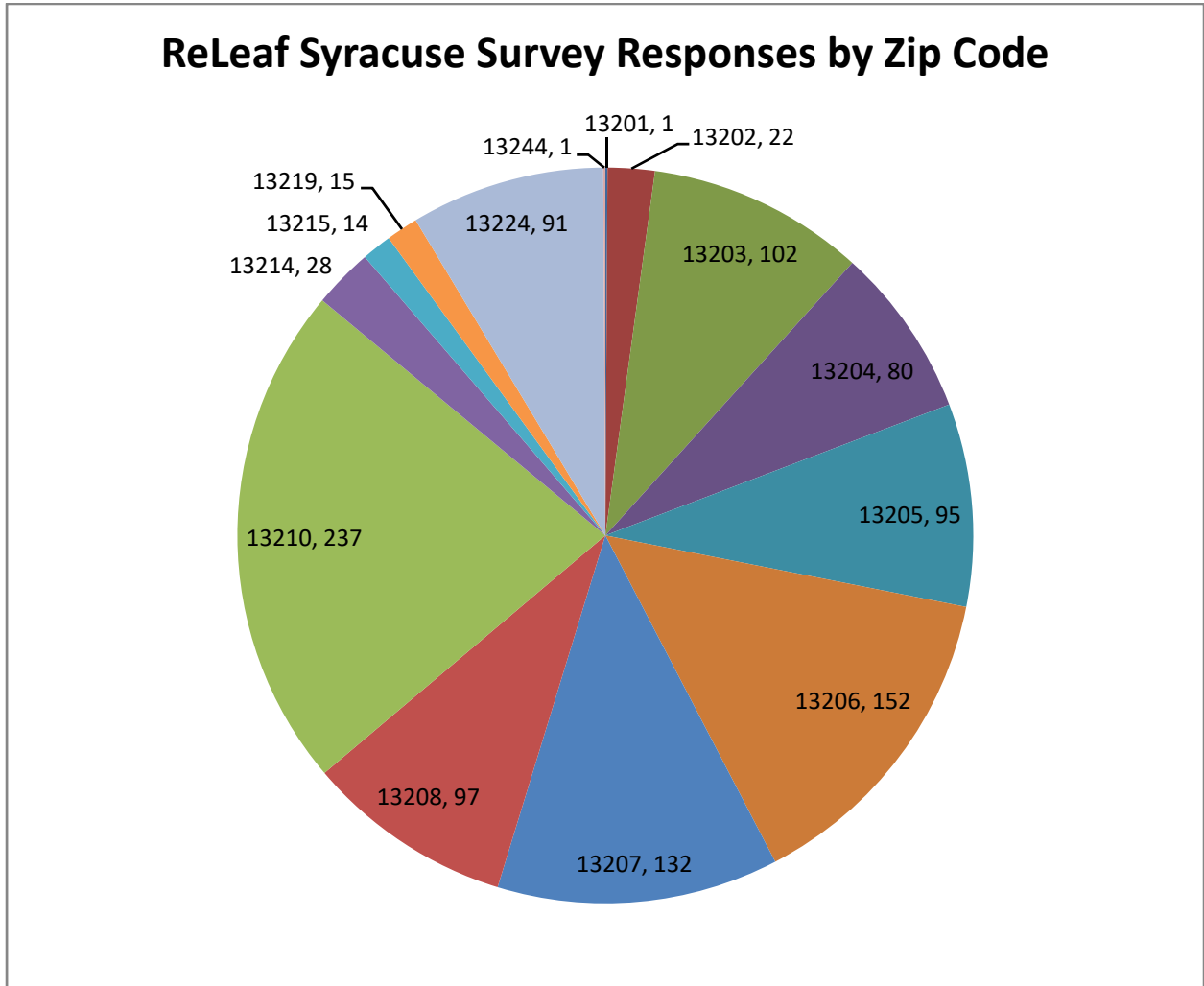
A total of 1249 surveys were completed, including 469 paper surveys that were completed by respondents and entered into an online survey instrument. All survey data was exported in to a final spreadsheet for retention and analysis by the project partners.

SURVEY RESPONDENT AGE RANGE DISTRIBUTION

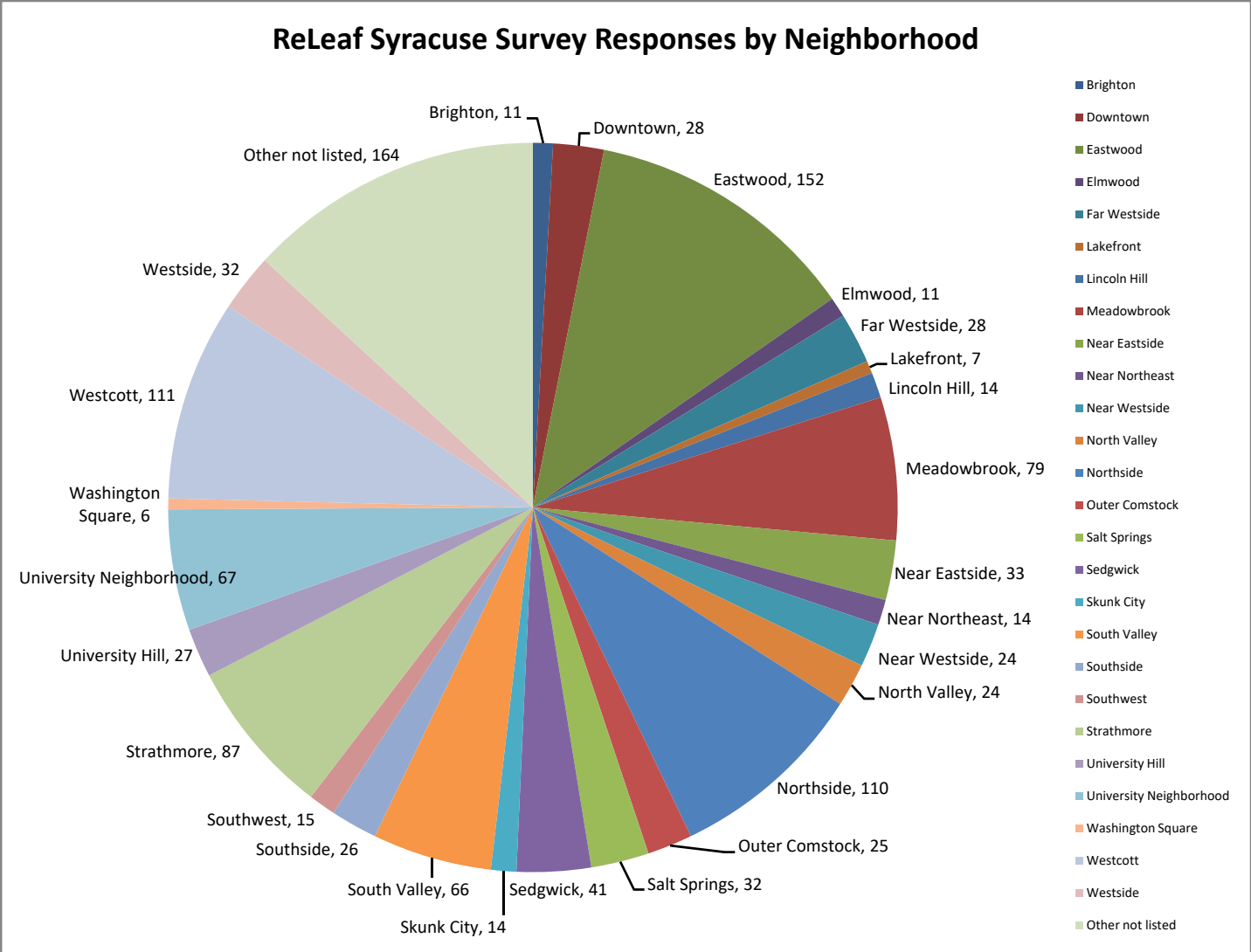


The highest percentage of survey respondents by age distribution was within the 45-65 year range (37% of responses), followed by the 25-44 years range (33% of responses). Survey responses disproportionately represented young, middle age, and elderly adults, while under-representing children and youth. Participants age 45-64 participated at a rate 15% higher than their representative rates in the city as a whole. Participants age 65 and over participated at a rate 8% higher than their representative rates and participants age 18-24 participated at a rate 14% lower than their representative rates in the city as a whole. Children under the age of 17 were also participated at a rate 18% lower than their representative rates in the city as a whole.

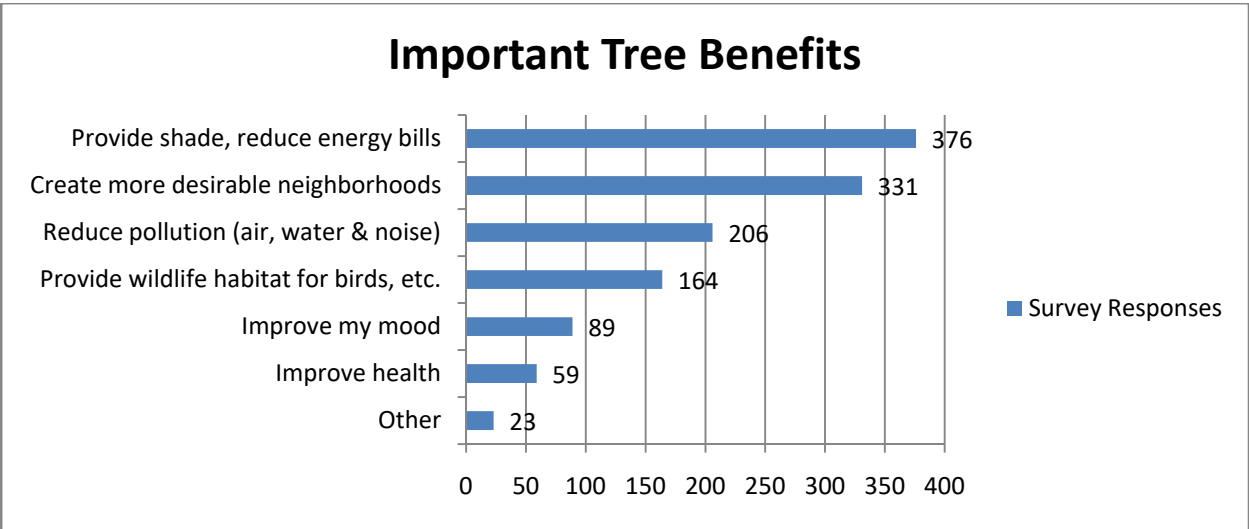
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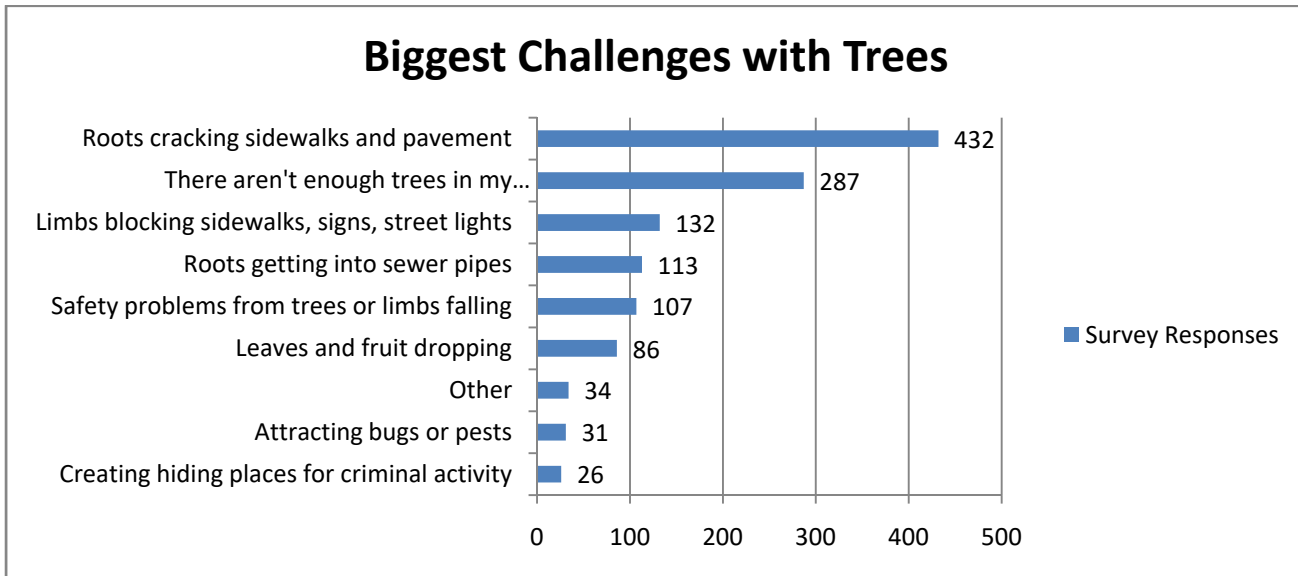
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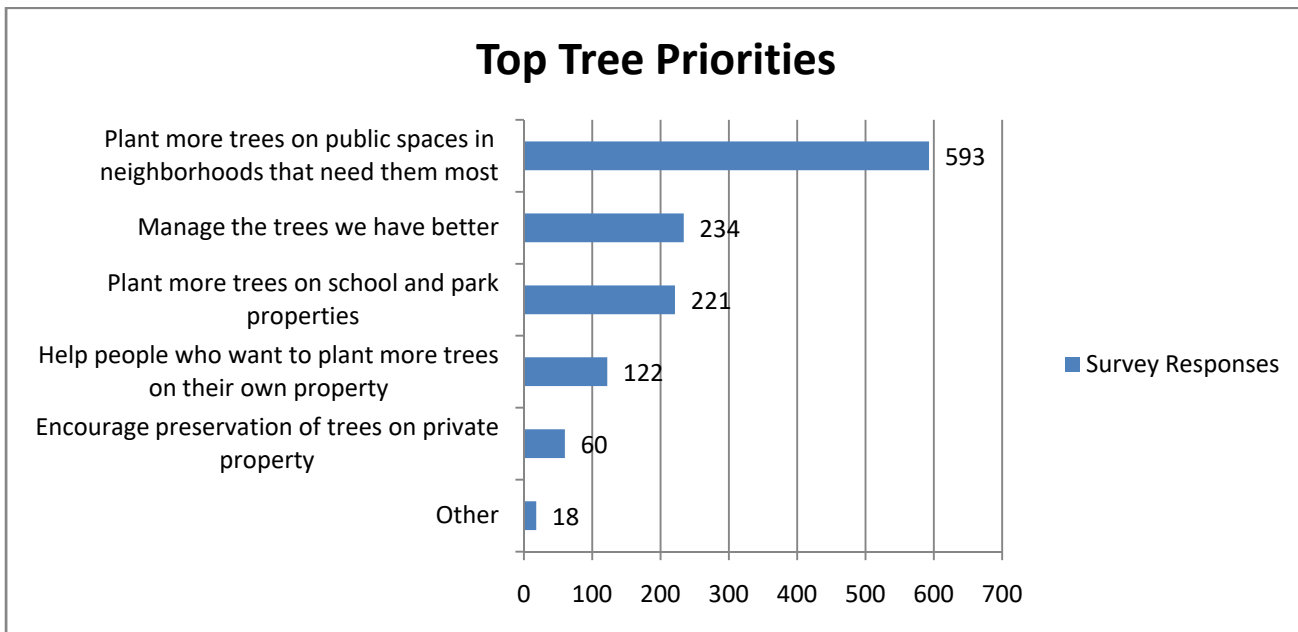
TREE BENEFITS



TREE CHALLENGES

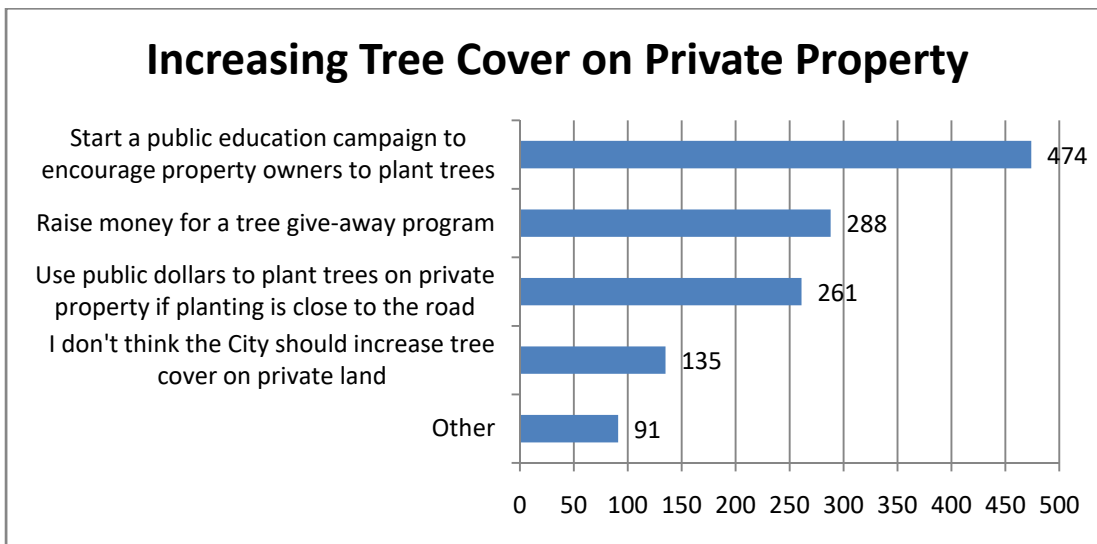


PRIORITIES

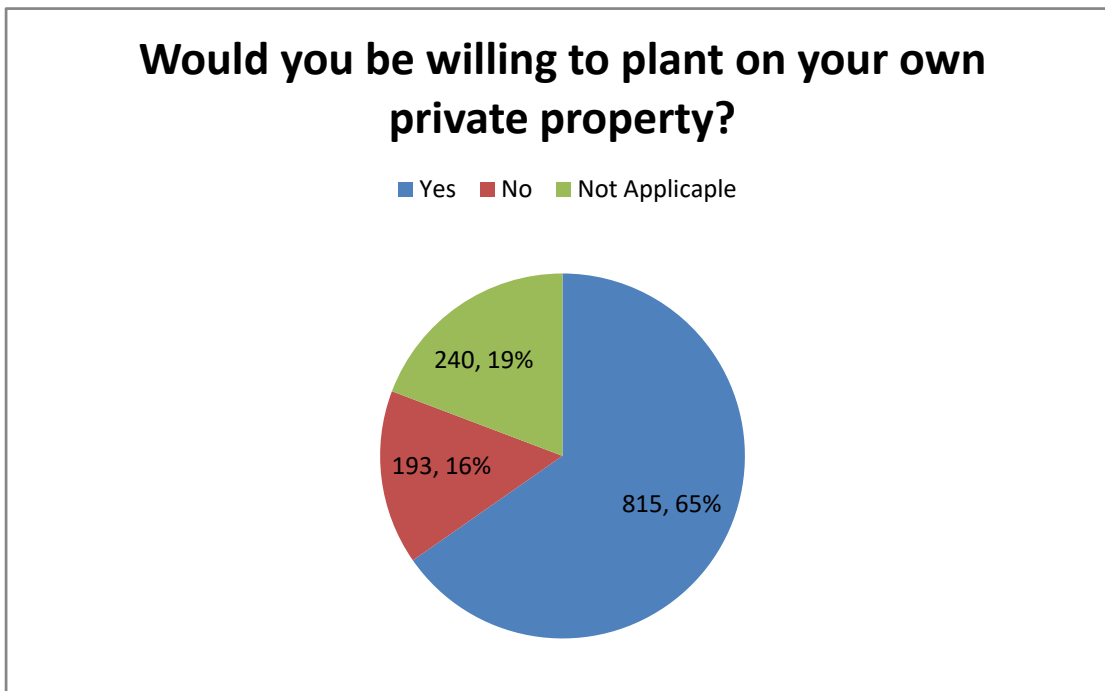


PLANTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

As 80% of the tree cover in Syracuse is on private land, the City was interested in the community’s ideas about planting more on private lands. The strongest preference is for the city to embark on an education campaign to encourage private property owners to plant trees on their own properties.



Survey respondents, 70% whom are property owners, also showed a strong willingness to plant trees on their own property. 65% said “yes” to planting trees on their properties. Of those that answered, “no” or “not applicable,” cited, “I don’t own any land” (40.7%) or “I don’t have room for more trees” (36.7%) as the primary reasons. Only a few cited maintenance concerns (4.2%), blockage of views (1.5%), expense (1.5%), or other.



VOLUNTEERISM

Of 1249 respondents, 588 individuals (47.1%) expressed interest in volunteering to learn more about urban forestry and participating in volunteer activities and provided follow up contact information. This is an important element considering that many of the efforts to restore and grown the urban canopy will need to happen in partnership with private property owners and through public and private partnership.

RECURRING THEMES IN OUTREACH

EDUCATION

It was clear early on from both Steering Committee and Stakeholder meetings that the general public, even those who are very engaged in their communities, had little base knowledge about how trees – both public and private – are managed in the city. When stakeholders and residents were presented with the challenges that face the urban forest, and learned about how they could be more proactive in supporting the health of a thriving urban forest, they were happy to act. Stakeholders rated this as one of three top priorities during our meetings. Survey respondents rated education as the top priority for increasing canopy on private property. Brochures created during public outreach will continue to serve as tools for this purpose and to inspire future educational tools.

ReLeaf Syracuse staff and volunteers experienced firsthand that some people’s poor perceptions about trees are easily overcome when they have the opportunity to learn about how City trees are managed. There were a number of residents that came to meetings to voice their complaints about current maintenance practices. Many of them left excited the City is looking strategically at how to increase canopy while addressing maintenance challenges.

REACHING OUT TO THE DIFFICULT TO REACH

In this public outreach process, the outreach team went to great lengths to engage community members that traditionally have not been at the table regarding trees and other community planning initiatives. Meetings were planned with neighborhood organizations that have deep reach in to the diverse groups and neighborhoods of Syracuse and a broad geographic representation was achieved through our survey responses. Additionally, three targeted meetings were held on the North Side of Syracuse which has experienced a rapid growth in population in recent years due to refugee resettlement.

New Americans

Many “New Americans” in Syracuse are from countries that traditionally have a close and direct relationship to trees. Trees are a source of food. Trees are used for building materials. Trees are a part of daily life. For many of these residents, they are aware of the value and benefits of trees but the concept of an “urban forest” is foreign. Similar to their native Syracusan neighbors, New Americans lacked a base knowledge of how trees – both public and private – are managed in the city and have never thought about trees as infrastructure. This is compounded by language and cultural barriers and a broader lack of information about how American society functions – from infrastructure to health care, social services, education, etc.

Though also true for many Syracusans, financial self sufficiency is of the utmost importance for New Americans. Out of necessity for daily survival and in adapting to a new culture, trees are not at the front of many residents’ minds. However, when introduced to how trees are managed and the interest of City officials to increase canopy, there was support and interest.

EQUITY

Data from the [State of the Urban Forest Report](#) shows that all canopy cover and its distribution is not created equal. The neighborhoods with least canopy tend to be located in the downtown where there is little pervious surface to begin with, in areas with a high concentration of commercial and industrial sites, in low-income neighborhoods where advocating for trees may not always be a top priority, and in neighborhoods where street layout and competition for space with other utilities precludes trees from being sited. Taking all of these complexities in to account, whether at public meetings or through surveys, residents provided feedback indicating that the City should prioritize increasing canopy where it is needed most so there is more equity in the distribution of tree canopy and the benefits that trees provide.

MAINTENANCE

Overall, both meeting attendees and survey respondents were supportive of City trees and increasing canopy cover, however, keeping the trees we have well maintained seemed to be just as important. The biggest challenge for trees sited at our public meetings was maintenance, while “Manage the trees we have better” was the second ranked priority for the future of the City’s trees. The message seems to be, “We support the growth of canopy but only if it will be well cared for.” Absent a strong maintenance plan, new trees seem to create an impression of neglect which leaves a bad impression with community members.

NEW DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

At public meetings, a point was made to introduce several of the planning tools that the City might consider to strengthen the protection of existing trees and encourage the replanting of trees lost to age, disease, storms, development, etc. Information was provided about six different planning ideas: “Incentivize tree planting (rebates, stormwater credit, cost share)”, “Development standards” (parking lot design, existing tree protections, replacement fees), “Municipal Sidewalks,” “City-wide Canopy Goal,” “Fines and enforcement,” and “Update Tree Ordinance.” For many, these ideas were new and took some time to grasp. Of the ideas, working on new development standards to improve the health of the City’s trees ranked the highest at public meetings and was a recurring theme in many survey comments.

CANOPY GOAL

Setting a canopy goal for the City ranked second amongst ideas for improving planning for trees in the City. When questioned about how canopy goal, most participants favored an aggressive canopy goal (25), while some preferred a middle-of-the-road approach (10), and zero (0) tallies were cast for status quo of merely replacing what canopy is lost each year.

STATUS QUO IS NOT WORKING FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Through both the public meetings and in survey results, it appears that City residents are interested in sidewalk management beyond the status quo and are willing to consider different models of cost sharing for the City to take on the responsibility of maintaining sidewalks. Numerous comments were also made about the importance that any solutions not carry a disproportionate burden on low income residents.

FRUIT TREES

Though not a topic specifically brought up in any presentation materials, community members made multiple requests for the City to consider the value of adding fruit trees to the landscape (many in person discussions plus over 13 direct comments).

Public Outreach Meeting - Interactive Station Comments

Date	Station	Topic	Transcribed Comment
7/25/2018	Benefits	Health	N/A
7/25/2018	Benefits	Pollution	N/A
7/25/2018	Benefits	Beautify Neighborhoods	N/A
7/25/2018	Benefits	Save Money	Saving \$\$\$ is important especially in low-income
7/25/2018	Benefits	Keep Cities Cool	Nothing will be as important as this issue as temperatures rise
7/25/2018	Benefits	Nature in the City	Kids need the cycle of responsibility - trees in schoolyards they help plant + maintain those SAME TREES. ID in parks that are decades/150 y/o
8/29/2018	Benefits	Improve Health	It seems to be common sense... But the infinite health benefits of trees nearby are only now becoming critically important
8/29/2018	Benefits	Save Money	Does this relate to iTree? If not, can it?
8/29/2018	Benefits	Nature in the City	Education on forest bathing & its benefits
8/29/2018	Benefits	Nature in the City	Arboretum-style info/signage?
9/6/2018	Benefits	Nature in the city	Make the connection with citizens of "urban forest" to rural/wild forest. Encourage exploring these too.
9/6/2018	Benefits	Improve Health	More elm trees
9/12/2018	Benefits	Health	More education and awareness of these benefits
9/12/2018	Benefits	Pollution	Educating people on creating less litter will help increase the impact that trees add
9/12/2018	Benefits	Beautify neighborhoods	Add more trash cans
9/12/2018	benefits	Nature in the city	Increase trees in parks that need them
9/17/2018	Benefits	Pollution	Remove 81 place more trees WIN -WIN!
9/29/2018	Benefits	Nature in the city	Of course nature in the city provides overlay with all the other benefits referenced here !
9/29/2018	Benefits	Comments	Tree canopy for streets and sidewalks benefits people who walk or ride bikes .
10/2/2018	Benefits	Comments	These are all interrelated and more trees will be good for city residents regardless
9/12/2018	Canopy	Bold	Tree giveaway. We should plant on private property when right-of-way is small.
9/12/2018	Canopy	Bold	Do More of this

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9/12/2018	Canopy	Bold	More trees
9/17/2018	Canopy	Bold	Emphasize the mental health and economic benefits
9/17/2018	Canopy	Bold	Add to parking lots
9/29/2018	Canopy	Comments	Relate tree canopies to health issues like HABS (water quality)
10/2/2018	Challenges	Comments	Squirrels, bees, bears, my favorite animal is a cat
10/2/2018	Complaints	Comments	How come Rochester has a forestry department of 35-40 employees and Syracuse has 4?
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	The 400 y/o swamp white oak - can we label it and can we celebrate it. Can we know the history. Story telling tree.
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Oldest tree in the city across from the community folk art center
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Local schools - tree planting programs/ceremonies
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Have Lowes give city people 50% off on trees every spring/fall
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Grants for proper tree pruning + maintenance
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	A free tree for every new homeowner
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	More trees at the NYS State Fair, the Ampitheater, all mall parking lots
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Every baby gets a birth certificate and a tree
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Color!!!! Blooming trees
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Tree tunnels on every street
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Treet maintence + planting tax incentives
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	More front yard trees on private property
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	!OAKS!
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	No new construction without mandatory tree planting
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Street trees in bug planters on north salina st
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Provide/educate on solutions for invasive/aggressive trees remove/prevent/replace
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Private citizens can donate a tree and have a plaque with their name on the tree

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7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Dense tree canopies in the city - similar to the streets in Franklin Square
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	More trees at state fair grounds
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Teach the value of urban forests in elementary + secondary schools
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Increase the use of structural soil. More sidewalk repair options. Better communication with the property owners who have had a tree removed. City dollars to plant on private land for public benefits
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	Replace street trees in Elmwood (lost to blight) with a new variety
7/25/2018	Dream	Comments	I would like to see more maple trees planted in the inner city
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Create clusters of 100% tree cover downtown
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Short-life street trees that calm traffic & help with stormwater & long-life trees in more 'protected' areas
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Trees in parking lots
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Ditto! More trees in and around parking lots and roadways.
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Fruit trees where members of the community can eat fruit
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Single nice downtown park that I could go to. Like Franklin Square... w/good trees.
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Trees in Destiny USA lot
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	More trees at schools & playgrounds
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Evergreens along roadways to increase air quality
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Line City-owned (and private) parking lots with trees
8/29/2018	Dream	Comments	More mighty oaks
9/6/2018	Dream	Food forest	Utilize knowledge of community members to promote potential food forest options/agroforestry particularly in parks.

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9/6/2018	Dream	Neighborhood revitalization	Green spaces have the potential to uplift a neighborhood struggling with light, vacancy code violations, crime law economic prospects. has this been considered? Strategic tree planting as part of a larger community development initiative
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Tree houses in playgrounds
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	More colorful trees
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	100% OF CITY TREES watered every summer
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	FRUIT ORCHARD FOR ALL TO ENJOY
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	TREES 1ST SIDEWALKS 2nd
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	SCOUTS FOR TREES
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	More trees downtown fill every space
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Trees around Thorden Park pool for shade
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Plant trees that will have beautiful color in the fall
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	CYCLE PRUNING
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Memorial tags that are permanent for familys
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Create a NFP to maintain trees
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Expensive permits for tree removal if not sick or dying
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Diversifying plant life
9/12/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	MCT-Morningside Cultural Trails throughout the city
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Tree database
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Promote shade to vendors downtown
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Roof top gardens downtown
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	More Evergreen and Flowering trees are needed
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Replace invasive trees with native trees
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Educate people about what types of trees are suitable for each location
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Plant more trees around places where alot of die back and dead trees are
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	1 tree for each parking space
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Old slow growing trees should be optional

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9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	"You could have a tree here" stakes to promote planting sites
9/17/2018	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	Food trees
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Legislate or incentives to plant trees in parking lots
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Plant fruit trees near businesses or establish a partnership so that both sides win !
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Educate people on passive solar / long term economic value of investing in trees .
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Cannon and Newell St tree plant for Duriel Ryans
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Create flyers for residents
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Collaborate with Jubilee Homes and Walt
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Remove and prevent invasive trees
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Educate young children
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Over grown trees should be pruned regularly
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Keep city trees maintained
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Protect the forest and state parks from over browsing deer.
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Sidewalk conflicts when trees are removed from destroying the sidewalk they need to be replaced by the right kind of trees.
9/29/2018	Dream	Comments	Stop mulch companies from making mountains of soils & suffocate the roots
9/12/2018/	Dream	Outrageous Ideas	HOCPA Oakwood
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Clean up around the trees!
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Grow apples and other fruits
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Memorial trees or plant a tree when a baby is born. Gives people ownership over the trees.
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Plant in layers - hard woods, fruit trees, shrubs, flowers
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Create eco-friendly areas within a park or private lots
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Plant fruit trees in areas where they are wanted, but not in areas where they are not wanted

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10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Trees that provide nuts and fruits for people to collect
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Engage youth in tree planting and maintenance
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Tree houses for homeless people
10/2/2018	Dream Big	Comments	Mulch tree rings around all trees
7/25/2018	Involvement	Volunteer	N/A
7/25/2018	Involvement	Private Prop	N/A
7/25/2018	Involvement	Organize Neighborhoods	N/A
7/25/2018	Involvement	ReLeaf Mtgs	N/A
7/25/2018	Involvement	Let us know about trees	Not True (in response to the city not cutting down healthy trees)
7/25/2018	Involvement	Support Local Urban Forest Orgs	N/A
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	Invasive Pets	N/A
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	New Development	N/A
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	Though Urban Conditions	N/A
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	Sidewalk Conflicts	N/A
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	String Trimmer Damage	Remulch after year one for increased benefit
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	Old Trees	Save old trees first cut 2nd
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	Traffic Construction	N/A
7/25/2018	Losing Trees	Vandalism	N/A
9/6/2018	Map		Along S. Salina as you drive away from downtown
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	Replace big tree that was removed 10 years ago between Jefferson Tower and the former Bank of America
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	Sunnycrest Rd from Woodbine to Midler 50 trees
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	Line with trees both sides of Huntington
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	500 Block Hixson
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	300 Block Hixson
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	Fernwood Ave needs more greenery
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	Make forest Ave forested
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	Westside and Near Westside near WSA school
9/6/2018	Map	More trees	Shady people hang out @ Foesler Park. I'd love to hang out there but don't feel safe
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Add more trees in parking lots on erie blvd

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9/12/2018	Map	More trees	ALL OF ERIE BLVD
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Need more trees on the University
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	More trees on Canal St AND Seeley Rd
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	E. Genesee and S. Crouse
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	300 & 500 BLOCK ON HIXSON
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	200 Woodbine
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	ALL OF NICHOLS AVE
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	ALL OF JAMES ST
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	PARK @ LODI
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Prospect Hill
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	North salina in PLANTERS
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	ALL OF DOWNTOWN
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Fruit trees in Elmwood
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Fruit trees should be planted on schools and nursing homes (S.Harrison)
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Strathmore
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	100 BLOCK REED
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Southwest
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Clinton square
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	W.Fayette St
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Tipp hill
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Burnet park
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	S. Geddes St
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Green space along S. west St & Wyoming St
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	MALL PARKING LOT
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Urban forest lake front (creek walk area)
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Solar st
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	N. CLINTON ST
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Hiawatha Blvd East
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Around private lots
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Skunk City
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Fowler High School
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	MORE TREES ON SU CAMPUS!
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Green space opportunity @ oakwood cemetary

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9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Across from 661 Fellows ave
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Stop cutting trees on Euclid
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Replace street trees @ thorden park
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	NOTTINGHAM
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	SOUTH VALLEY
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	S.SALINA
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Plant trees along highway
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	Riparian
9/12/2018	Map	More trees	S.State st
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Clinton Square & Everson need more trees
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Trees needed on vacant lots on Nottingham Rd
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Ger rid of Highway 81 more trees !
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Replace vacant lots with successful landscapes
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Plant more trees along Onondoga Lake
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Mall parking needs more trees
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Roof top gardens downtown
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Wood ave 300/400 block needs more trees
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	More trees should be planted along Glenclove Rd
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	More trees along walkways @ Sunnycrest Park (near golf course)
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	James to Thompson Rd plant trees in business districts
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Need more trees on East Washington St & Forman Ave
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Work with Interfaith Works and community plant @ Washington Square
9/17/2018	Map	Comments	Tyson Place & Fobes Ave
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	More trees along Onondaga Park
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Green space oppotunity Otisco & Wyoming St.
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	S. Geddes St needs more trees
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Tipp Hill
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Around private lots
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Genant Dr (more trees)
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	W. Bear St . (more trees)

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9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Spencer St. (more trees)
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Replace tree on Kennedy St. thats in a row near the new cafe
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Street trees on 800 block of Stinard Ave
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Kirk Park (more trees)
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Mark Ave (more trees)
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Sankota Park needs more trees
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Community cafe needs nore trees on S.Salina St.
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Model neighborhoods (partnership)
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Cortland Ave (more trees)
9/29/2018	Map	Comments	Trees needed on vacant lots on Nottingham Rd
10/2/2018	Map	Comments	Plant more trees on Woodland Reservoir .
10/2/2018	Map	Comments	We need more trees in (Kenya)
10/2/2018	Map	Comments	
9/29/0218	Map	Comments	Plant trees to shade benches & pools
7/25/2018	Planning	Incentivize	ID and declare significance of old, specific trees in parks - cultural importance
7/25/2018	Planning	City-wide Canopy Goal	Many cities include canopy goals
7/25/2018	Planning	Development Standards	Some cities require new project designs provide adequate space for trees
7/25/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcements	Need more info sent to homeowners about trees on city R.O.W. property in front of homes.A lot of ignorance out there
7/25/2018	Planning	Municipal Sidewalks	Property Owners + potential owners are frustrated at being responsible for sidewalk damage from city trees. I'd be willing to pay a fee based on property frontage
7/25/2018	Planning	Update tree ordinance	Registry for old/specific trees
7/26/2018	Planning	Incentivize	Storm water credit for designs that encourage more trees to be planted
7/26/2018	Planning	Development Standards	PARKING LOT DESIGN STANDARDS
7/26/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcements	We should not accept the destruction or defacement of ANY public property. Do people understand "their" trees are public trees?

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7/26/2018	Planning	Municipal Sidewalks	Create tax, don't bill property owners. Driving people away
7/27/2018	Planning	Development Standards	Protect existing trees
7/27/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcements	Fine structure and code enforcement does not have meaningful impact
7/27/2018	Planning	Municipal Sidewalks	Sidewalks benefit all so everyone should pay to maintain - just like lighting districts
7/28/2018	Planning	Development Standards	Replacement fees
7/28/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcements	City should explore adjusting fines... enforce effectively
8/29/2018	Planning	City-wide Canopy Goal	Considering the mortality rate of young transplants, the short term goal might better be: plant as many as possible in appropriate locations, as soon as possible. Streamline the process
8/29/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcements	Punishment may not be as effective as education. 1st infraction: education. 2nd: Fine time
8/29/2018	Planning	Municipal Sidewalks	City obtains easements. Fully owns
8/29/2018	Planning	Comments	Policies that have a carrot and stick work well.
8/29/2018	Planning	Comments	Protect Rand Tract! And forests like it.
8/29/2018	Planning	Comments	Educating people on tree lawn care and the importance of preserving it. So we can plant trees.
9/6/2018	Planning	Incentivize Tree Planting	Yes-energy companies can pay for rebates
9/6/2018	Planning	Development Standards	I always look at parking lots like the one at the Gannon's on McDonald road and wish they re-designed it with trees. It would be cooler
9/6/2018	Planning	Municipal Sidewalks	Frontage fee, heavily subsidized for those with lower income
9/6/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcements	I see kids and youths damaging trees for "fun". Is there a "junior communitree" program?
9/6/2018	Planning	Other comments/poster design	Too many words to read
9/12/2018	Planning	Dev Standards	Modify existing standards to require adequate conditions for growth /survival
9/12/2018	Planning	Dev Standards	Should include mandatory maintenance plan as part of standards

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9/17/2018	Planning	Dev Standards	Reduce parking lot space for more canopy
9/17/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcement	Fines should go towards a Tree Fund to support forest expansion
9/17/2018	Planning	Fines and Enforcement	People should be fined for exposed root collars
9/17/2018	Planning	Municipal Sidewalks	The city should take over all repairs responsibilities
9/17/2018	Planning	Municipal Sidewalks	No more double pour !
9/17/2018	Planning	Comments	Assistance for residents with diseased trees ; offer treatment , tree removal , stump grinding .
9/17/2018	Planning	Comments	Heritage Tree program to protect trees and to celebrate Syracuses large / old trees
9/17/2018	Planning	Comments	What about the leaves ?
9/17/2018	Planning	Comments	Tree placement that accounts for accessibility
9/29/2018	Planning	Comments	What ecological services will these trees provide for the Urban communities ?
9/29/2018	Planning	Comments	We need incentives & regulators !
10/2/2018	Planning	Comments	Incentives for homeowners to keep/protect large trees on private property.
10/2/2018	Planning	Comments	Fruit trees as incentive such as pear or cherry .
9/17/2018	Sidewalks	Full Responsibility	Only full responsibility if those that paid to replace sidewalk are paid off 100%
9/17/2018	Sidewalks	Full Responsibility	Eliminate the double pour /Crystalline mixture can provide the same protection from spalling (xypex)
9/29/2018	Sidewalks	Comments	Have more stake holder engagement.
9/29/2018	Sidewalks	Comments	Corner properties should get 50% more \$\$\$ (as in Chicago)
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Move sidewalk not tree
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	When widening sidewalk, widen on house side not road side
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Oatmeal raisin cookies
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Plant more conifers
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	We need more trees
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Why are we using styrofoam plates
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Renters/rent property owners should not have the right of refusal on planting trees

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7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Plant more oaks in parks
7/25/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Empty tree pits on James Street
8/29/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Blocked stop signs
8/29/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Create (or help market) a tree database for the public to report damaged trees.
8/29/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Never people out. -> not safe to enjoy trees
8/29/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	City Arborist did a good job with homeowner education on which species to choose for ROW.
8/29/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Street tree root in my sewer -> how can we prevent in the future?
9/6/2018	Specific Requests		In the 1400 block of Stolp Ave is a tree hanging over the street blocking the view of the traffic coming down the hill. Please trim.
9/12/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Barry Park woods needs to be restored
9/12/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Cambridge and Harvard london plane trees has slime flux
9/12/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Teach mowers how to mow around trees
9/12/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	More trees in Sherman Park
9/12/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	My tree was trimmed without any contact
9/12/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	We need a ordinance so we know who is responsible
9/12/2018	Specific Requests	comments	Reach out to all developments to support tree plantings as apart of of development plan
9/17/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	STOP CUTTING DOWN A TREE EACH YEAR FOR CLINTON SQUARE !
9/17/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Trimmers on the city contract should prune more thoughtfully
9/17/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Tree education workshops
9/17/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	People need a place to go get plant / tree advice
9/17/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Junk trees on the fence is a problem
9/17/2018	Specific Requests	Comments	Exposed root collars need to be replaced or re-planted
9/12/2218	Specific Requests	Comments	flying ants
7/25/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk damage	Make Sidewalks go around trees

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7/25/2018	Tree Challenges	Property Damage	Sidewalk Fears
7/25/2018	Tree Challenges	tree Litter	N/A
7/25/2018	Tree Challenges	Visibility	N/A
7/25/2018	Tree Challenges	Tree Maintenance	Time, energy, i.e. elderly parents unable to care for trees
7/25/2018	Tree Challenges	Clogged Pipes	WOW! Property owner's biggest fears
7/25/2018	Tree Challenges	Additional Challenges	The neighborhood dogs "like" our red maple, does urine harm our tree trunk?
8/29/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk damage	See also: driveway damage
8/29/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk damage	If the sidewalk needs repair - make the sidewalk accommodate the tree, don't cut a healthy big tree down for the sidewalk
8/29/2018	Tree Challenges	Property Damage	Are there any programs or assistance for property owners to remove or prune an at risk tree? Proper management can get expensive. Perhaps assistance or info could help.
8/29/2018	Tree Challenges	Tree Maintenance	Maintenance to prevent diseases from killing trees (e.g. Dutch Elm Disease years ago)
9/6/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk Damage	Tree/root damage to sidewalk from trees planted next to curb should not be total burden to pay by home owner
9/6/2018	Tree Challenges	Other comments/poster design	Too many words to read
9/12/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk damage	The southside has alot of damaged sidewalks
9/12/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk damage	Make sidewalks go around trees
9/12/2018	Tree Challenges	Tree litter	Attract bugs
9/12/2018	Tree Challenges	Tree litter	Acorns are awful in lawns hurts to walk barefoot
9/12/2018	Tree Challenges	Tree Maintenance	Neighbors who don't maintain trees
9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk damage	Brick sidewalks ?(Optional)
9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Sidewalk damage	Make streets inaccessible for walkers wheelchairs and strollers
9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Tree Maintenance	Manage grates around trees
9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Clogged Pipes	Problem tree roots and back ups / solution have a plumber clean out roots at least once a year
9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Clogged Pipes	No back ups !?

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9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Comments	How can you not want a tree
9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Comments	What about invasives?
9/17/2018	Tree Challenges	Comments	Tree education
9/29/2018	Tree Challenges	Comments	#1 Challege we dont have enough trees especially ones providing street and side walk canopy .
10/2/2018		Comments	Grow apples in the trees

How Should the City Go About Repairing Sidewalks?
"Other" Responses

A flexible funding program that may prioritize things like frequency of sidewalk use.
A really fair way of doing this is implementing a program where single family home owners pay a set rate, and the rates for multi family dwellings are somewhat higher, commercial spaces and large apartment houses too. Based on the size of the lot/street frontage and the number of people using the space, set annual fees could be collected to pay into the sidewalk network. A resident doesn't have to maintain the asphalt roadway that's directly in front of their house, why should they have to pay to maintain a section of concrete pedestrian path? should they be able to
Add sidewalk fee to all property owners (sidewalk or not) - all use them
All property owners pay a fee and the city maintains sidewalks.
All property owners with or without sidewalks should pay an annual fee
All sidewalks should be on public property and maintained by the city. Cost should be covered by all the city.
An arborist and/or engineer should review on request to ensure the tree does not need to be replaced. 4,000
Annual fee to all homeowners- sidewalk or not- to maintain public good
any tree on city property that causes damage should be managed by the city. Repairs caused by trees on private attached note
B, but based on the assessed value of the property. Some poorer sections of the city can't afford extra fees.
Be like Binghamton and replace the sidewalks. We certainly pay enough in property taxes
city
City pay for sidewalk repairs and maintenance
City pay.
City pays in full with easements.
City pays.
City should be financially responsible for their own sidewalks
City should be responsible for repair.
City should be responsible for sidewalks.
City should be responsible for sidewalks.
City should cover the costs related to the trees in the 'inferno strip' which is city property.
City should maintain sidewalks
City should manage cost of sidewalk maintenance the same way it is done for roadways - both are public
city should pay
city should pay 75%
City should pay all of it.
City should pay for sidewalk repairs
City should pay for sidewalks
City should pay for sidewalks with root issues .
City should pay for sidewalks.
City should pay for this repair
City should pay if it is a public tree
City should pay or reduce costs to fix
City should pay to repair
Combo of annual fee and city paying for a portion.
Cost should be based on assessed value so we don't increase poverty and those with less losing their home.
Find another solution- is there something else, something more flexible, we can make sidewalks from? Or, can we
First off make sure the homeowner understands that if they do place a tree by the curbline that the sewer and
For new sidewalks, increase the leeway zone from the street to allow for more growth for trees. Sidewalk
General Tax Fund not proportional to frontage. Corner lot owners don't use more than others.
General tax revenue should be used for the city to maintain the sidewalk. Sidewalks are in the public right of way and everyone benefits from them. An annual fee based on the size of existing sidewalk means that people who
Have the owner make the repair but have zero percent interest
Homeowner Responsibility - Tax Credit or Re-Tax Reimbursement
I am a property owner. I do not have sidewalks. I think all property owners should pay an additional tax to maintain
I don't know why someone planted a tree where repairs to sewer lines and sidewalks would be needed. I don't feel I
I like B or C but have a concern about the cost - would the repair contract be put to bid?
I like having control of who my contractors are - so i can get the best repair at the best cost. Make it easier for
I paid for my sidewalks
I think the city should be responsible for maintaing sidewalks with tax dollars.

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I think the city should pay the entire cost to fix the sidewalks their trees' roots uplift.
If a tree disrupts a sidewalk, the city should repair it.
if from trees from city right of way, city pays.
If I didn't plant it or get a choice, I shouldn't pay. I've already paid to get roots out of my sewer and now will have to
If its a city tree the city should pay
If it's a city tree, the city should fix the sidewalks
If roots are from a city-owned tree, the city should pay.
if the city "owns" the tree causing damage, they should be responsible for the repair - this should give them more incentive to manage the trees in a more appropriate way. It i snot the fault of the property owner that a tree that
If the city planted the tree, the city should be responsible for the repair
If the city plants a tree that damages a sidewalk they should bear the full cost of repairs since land owners can't
If the city plants a tree that later tears up the sidewalk the city should be 100% responsible
If the city wants sidewalks they should maintain them.
If the tree was planted by the City the city should fix the issue. If planted by homeowner, homeowner should fix it
I'm not sure what the answer is, but keeping sidewalks both cleared & maintained can be financially difficult for
IT is city property, city should pay for it
It should be the City's responsibility.
Make the repair more affordable.
Maybe the city and property owner split the repair 30-owner 70-city
My city taxes should pay 100% of repairs.
n/a
Not sure - Is there a creative alternative path to these options? Are sidewalks build of cement the most cost-
Offer incentives to keep sidewalks repaired
offer owner choice of getting help from city for a reduced price or fixing it on their own.
Our landlord already had to pay for the sidewalk repair
Owner pays
Owners should not be responsible for sidewalk repair that is caused by city planted trees.
Pay for city sidewalks by the city - quit giving business investors tax exempt property taxes and the city would have
Perhaps create an expandable type of sidewalk as the current material does not allow for growth.
Perhaps stop having the street cleaner who drives too fast and doesnt effectively clean the streets be eliminated
Plant appropriate trees for minimum root damage
Plant trees and build sidewalks in a way that niether will be damaged by the other.
Property iwners should pay a Resonable fee and the city shoukd take over responsibility for sidewalks
Property owners pay city taxes. Sidewalk repair cost should be covered by current (not increased) property tax
Provide owner a choice of participating in subsidized city repair or handling it themselves
Raise more money to split labor cost of repairing.
Repair orders should not be complaint-driven, need an appeal process when ordered to make repairs.
Should provide background info with this question. I'm told trees were requested by owner.
Sidewalk belongs to the city they should pay for repairs
Sidewalk maintenances fees based on assessment, not footage
Sidewalk tax! The city should be maintaining sidewalks and homeowners can get a small tax taken out to help
Sidewalks are a public good, and should be paid for by the city since they reepresent a public right of way, for the
Sidewalks should be maintained by the city. Property owners should not be held responsible for repairs due to tree
Sidewalks should be repaired instead of replaced like in Vancouver, BC, or Land O' Lakes, FL.
Sidewalks should be the responsibility of the city, not homeowners. Businesses should split the cost.
Some incentive for keeping it maintained
Tax dollars paid to the city/county should make the city repson
Taxes should cover sidewalk maintenance and repairs
the city made a poor choice, and planted a totally unsuitable species, given the space provided...affected sidewalk,
The city planted it they should fix the side walk and what ever else damage the tree does
The city removed all the trees on our street. I replaced the sidewalk because the tree roots had lifted it. The city
The city should be responsible for sidewalk maintenance
The city should be responsible.
The city should have to pay for the repair of the cracked sidewalks
The city should implement a progressive tax to where people who don't have the money to pay for tree repair aren't

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The city should maintain public areas, which includes sidewalks, with taxpayer revenue. This should include
The city should maintain sidewalks.
The city should make repairs
The city should pay
The city should pay for all repairs due to normal use and root-caused damage as it is part of their infrastructure.
The City should pay for repairs due to improper tree placement and lack of tree management
The city should pay for repairs due to improper tree replacement and lack of tree management.
The city should pay for repairs since trees are too
The City should pay for repairs. Property owners have no say in what trees were planted iadjacent to their home
The City should pay for the entire cost with tax dollars we have many sidewalk that are in need major repair.
The city should pay to maintain their sidewalks.
The City should pay!
The city should pay.
The city should repAir he sidewalks free of charge
The city should replace street trees prone to disrupting sidewalks with better tree choices (let's get rid of those
The city/town should pay if tree was planted by city/town.
The property owner should not be responsible for damage to sidewalks or sewer pipes from trees planted by the
The shared cost should be determined based on financial need.
The sidewalks are city property. Should be repaired by the city.
The sidewalks should be the city's responsibly
There should be some kind of shared responsibility. Not sure the two suggestions listed are the best answer.
there should be standards for acceptable sidewalks, so a city sponsored program that residents pay into....not
Thirty-four years ago, we paid the City \$10,000, including interest, to install 240 linear feet of new sidewalk. We live on a corner. Each sidewalk square is in perfect condition to this day. Adjacent to the sidewalks in about 1982, the city planted inappropriate trees (Lindens) which develop shallow and above-ground roots and have heaved our sidewalk squares. We did not ask to have these four inappropriate trees planted in the area between the sidewalk
Too expensive for most city residence.
tough question. ability to enforce a standard equal for all residents
Trees on other side of sidewalks near the road are owned by the city but the home owners have to maintain them,
Want more trees, expect roots. The city can foot the bill if the property owners volunteered to plant near the road or we paid for a new sidewalk in 2003, tree roots dasmaged the middle portion, i want no more trees out in front of my

UFMP Meetings with Refugee Groups

Part of the UFMP public engagement process involved reaching out to Syracuse's refugee community, located primarily on the Northside. The refugee community constitutes a substantial part of Syracuse's population, but due to a language barrier and transportation limitations, they are often unheard and under-represented in public opinion. In order to connect with refugees OEC partnered with three community groups (Interfaith Works, Syracuse RISE, and Northside Learning Center) that offer services and assistance to refugees. A series of smaller public opinion meetings were held, and by hosting in locations where the community groups meet and using interpreters,

UFMP Northside Meeting 1

The first meeting was held at the Interfaith Works office. The participants had a good understanding of the benefits of trees and appreciated having trees present in the community. Many expressed interest in seeing more trees planted around the city, but with consideration for preventing storm damage. There was some tension at the end of the meeting because many older participants were interested in conservation jobs with OEC for which they are not eligible.

Date: 7/31/2018

Location: Interfaith Works

Attendance:12

Countries represented: Congolese, Rwandan, Ugandan

Benefits Mentioned:

Oxygen

Shade

Winds are more destructive without trees

Trees bring the rain

Leaves make soil fertile

Building materials

Food

Concerns Mentioned:

Home damage from fallen trees

Additional Comments:

Many were interested in work opportunities for older people for planting or maintaining trees

UFMP Northside Meeting 2

The second refugee meeting was held on at the RISE farm in Kirkville, NY. As the crew arrived, the RISE team was preparing for a day of work in the many gardens operated at the site. The meeting participants immediately impressed the OEC crew with a technical understanding of the issues being discussed, like storm water mitigation, air quality, and plant sciences. There was a strong interest in trees which produced usable fruits or herbs, and many had a background in forage and natural medicine. The desire for concentrated forested spaces to forest bathe was a topic unique to this meeting.

Date: 8/15/2018

Location: RISE Farm, Kirkville

Attendance: 14

Countries represented: Nepalese, Bhutanese

Benefits Mentioned:

Food/fruits

Oxygen

Timber, furniture

Medicine

Homes for animals

Forest bathing

Concerns Mentioned:

Property damage from trees/storms

Not enough fresh air in cities

Additional Comments:

The group showed enthusiasm and understanding for the issues discussed

UFMP Northside Meeting 3

This was the largest of the three meetings held, and had the most discussion and required the presenting crewmembers to facilitate a discussion via translators. This was successful and resulted in a valuable experience for the OEC crew. The benefits and challenges discussed during this meeting aligned with what were heard at other meetings, and a common desire for work opportunities beautifying the neighborhoods was heard as well. This group, however, expressed enthusiasm in participating in volunteer tree planting/care events or workshops. This meeting also had a substantial youth population, with many participants still in school.

Date: 8/23/2018

Location: Northside Learning Center

Attendance:28

Countries represented: Congolese (6), Nepalese (3), Burmese (1), Kenyan (12), Thai (1), Vietnamese (1)

Benefits Mentioned:

Shade

Food

Building materials

Changing leaf colors

Better air

Wildlife habitat

Concerns Mentioned:

Trees need to be safe distances from buildings

City trees need improvement

Need more trees

Space around trees needs maintenance

Additional Comments:

Strong interest in work opportunities to work for all ages and willingness to volunteer for neighborhood and block cleanups.