

# PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY FORESTRY

2024 CONFERENCE





# CommuniTree

## A Regional Urban Forestry Collaborative



PRESENTED BY:

## CommuniTree Northwest Indiana Partners

Representing a partnership working together to create a more diverse, equitable, and sustainable urban forest

# AGENDA

**CommuniTree  
development**

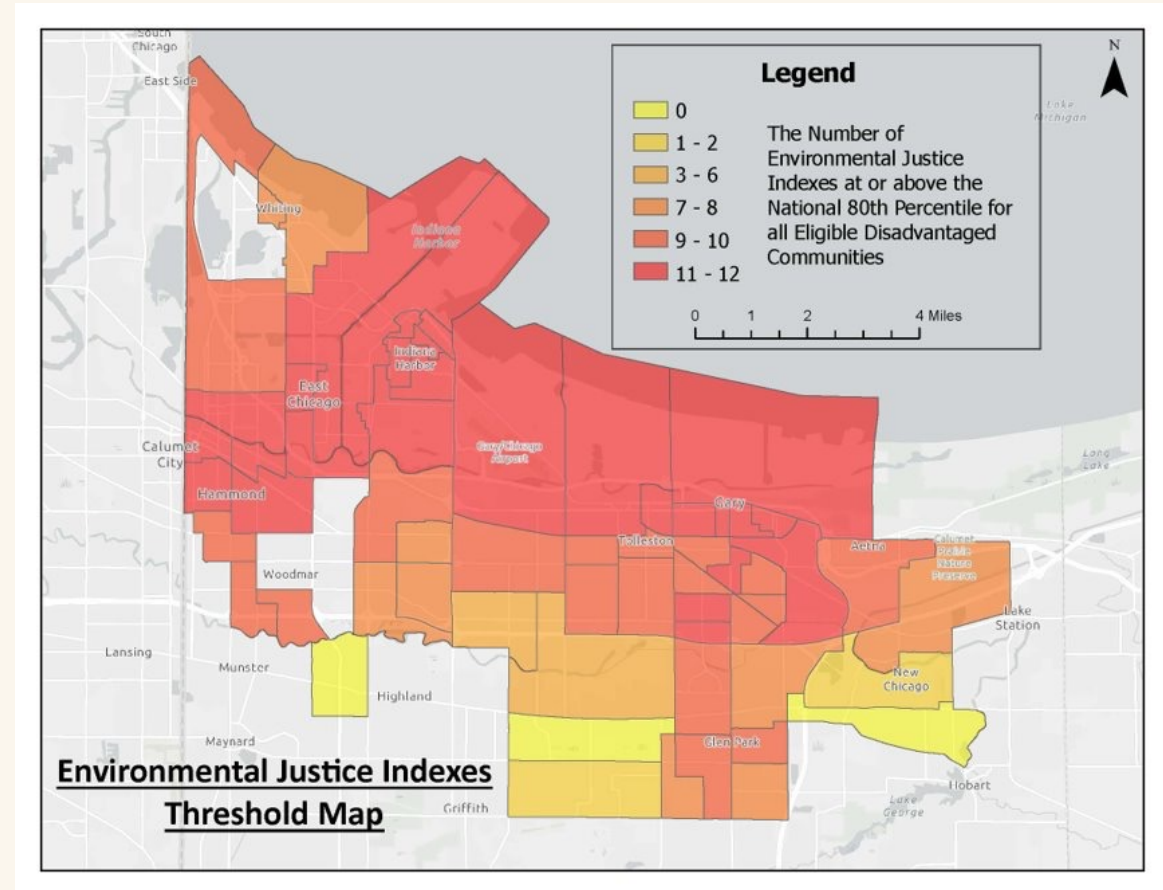
**Collective  
impact model**

**Planting &  
maintenance**

**Training &  
capacity building**

**Workforce  
development**

# Northwest Indiana









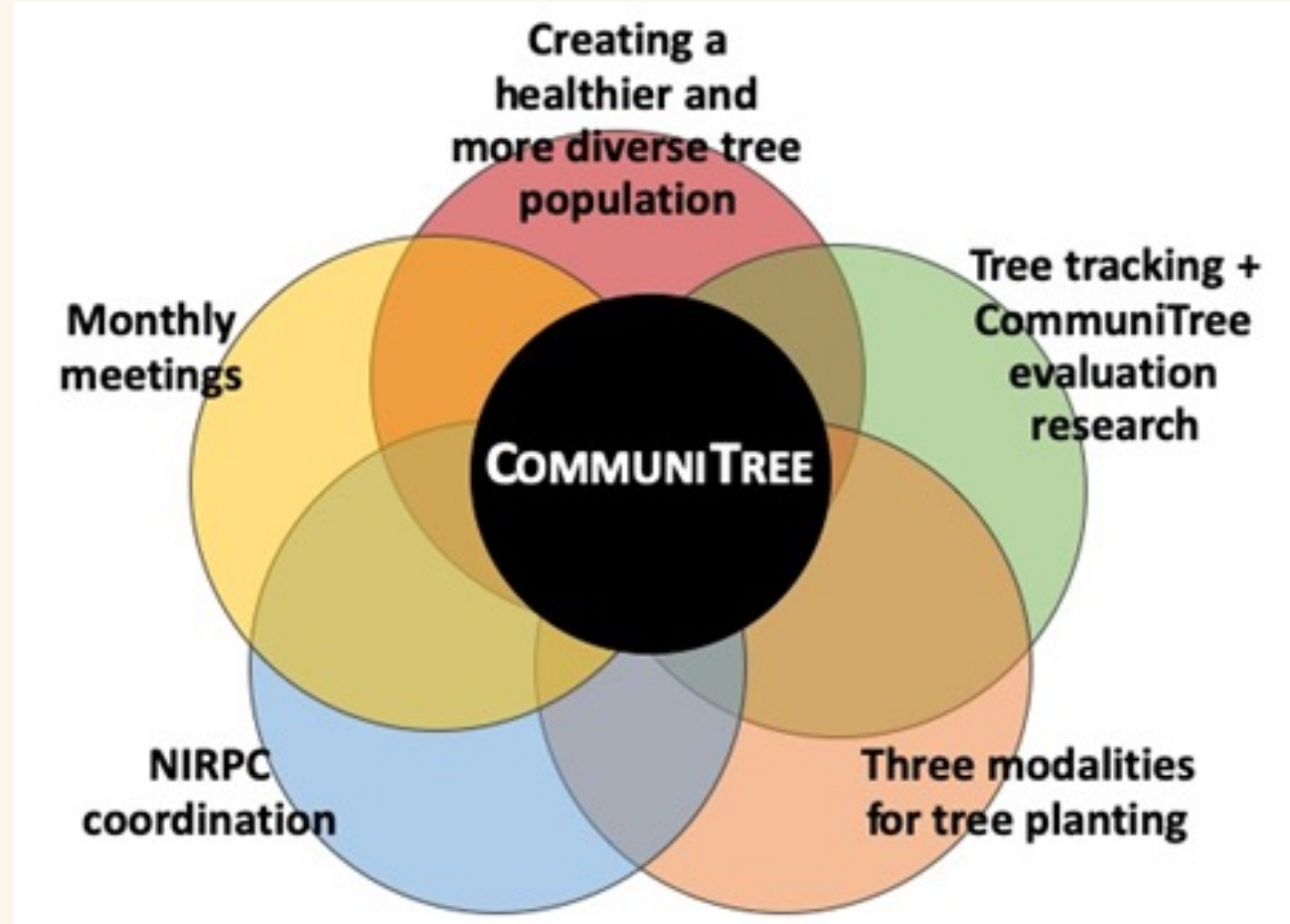
# What is CommuniTree?

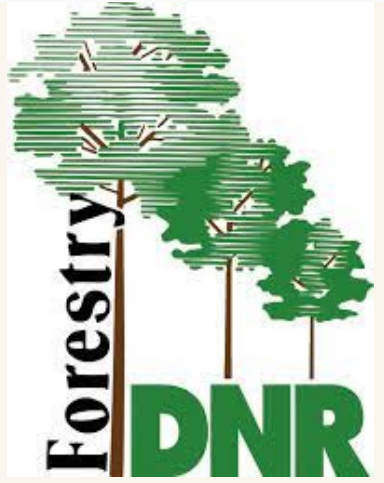


An alliance of businesses, not-for-profits, universities, government agencies, and volunteers working to create a more diverse, equitable, and sustainable urban forest across Northwest Indiana.



# COLLECTIVE IMPACT MODEL





Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture







SCA Tree Crews community planting and care with volunteers



NIRPC: "Pass through" to communities with training

# Four main planting & care modalities



Wildlife Habitat Council plantings with industrial partners  
Arbor Day Foundation



Delta Institute Tree Planting Consortium









## Capacity Building & Trainings

- Site visits, promoting best practices (inventories, ordinances, plans)
- Delta Institute Tree Planting Consortium
  - BMP Toolkit
  - Inventory and planning
- Trainings
  - Basic Tree Planting/Maintenance
  - Young and Mature Tree Pruning
  - Ordinances
  - Inventory
  - Indiana Tree Steward









# Workforce Development

- Leadership & Professional Development Trainings
- Specialized Skills Trainings
- Exposure to Green Careers
- Local Recruitment Strategy
- Plant & Maintain Trees
- Community Engagement Events





# Arborist Apprenticeship

- Lunched in 2024
- Funded by IN DNR IRA
- Facilitated by IN Arborist Association
- Apprentices paired with Certified Arborist employers









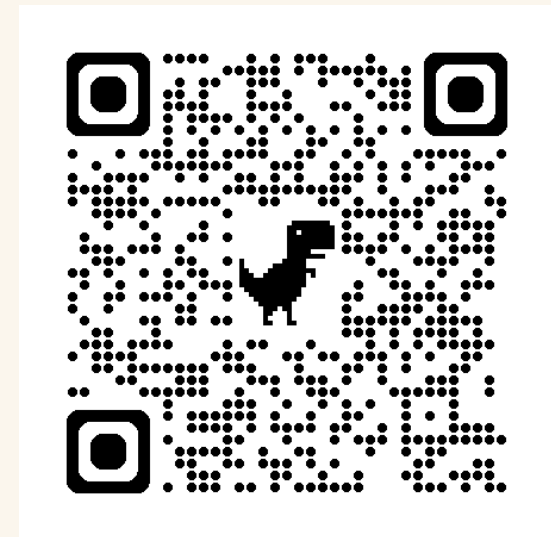




# Planting Success:

90% of sampled trees alive at inventory

Mortality status		N	%
"Alive/ Survived"	<i>Alive</i>	2652	90.36%
	<i>Resprouted, with central leader</i>	30	1.02%
	<i>Resprouted, no central leader</i>	70	2.39%
"Dead/ Not survived"	<i>Removed</i>	66	2.25%
	<i>Standing dead</i>	83	2.83%
	<i>Stump</i>	28	0.95%
	<i>Unknown</i>	6	0.20%
Total		2935	100.00%





# Accomplishments since 2016

>11,000  
trees

Planted and maintained

- Engaged >3,000 volunteers
- Trained >40 youth in urban forestry
- Partnered with >40 communities
- Held 22 trainings on forestry topics



# Question about CommuniTree?



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