

# PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY FORESTRY

## 2024 CONFERENCE



# Treesilience Shows Its Resilience!



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# AGENDA

**Treesilience:** Past & Present

**Case Study:** Chicago

**Case Study:** St. Louis



# WHAT IS TREESILIENCE?

01

PLANNING, SITE  
PREPARATION,  
TREE SELECTION

02

INSTALLATION +  
3-YEAR  
ESTABLISHMENT

03

LONG-TERM  
MAINTENANCE,  
MONITORING,  
REMOVAL  
AND REUSE

*removing barriers to healthy canopy*





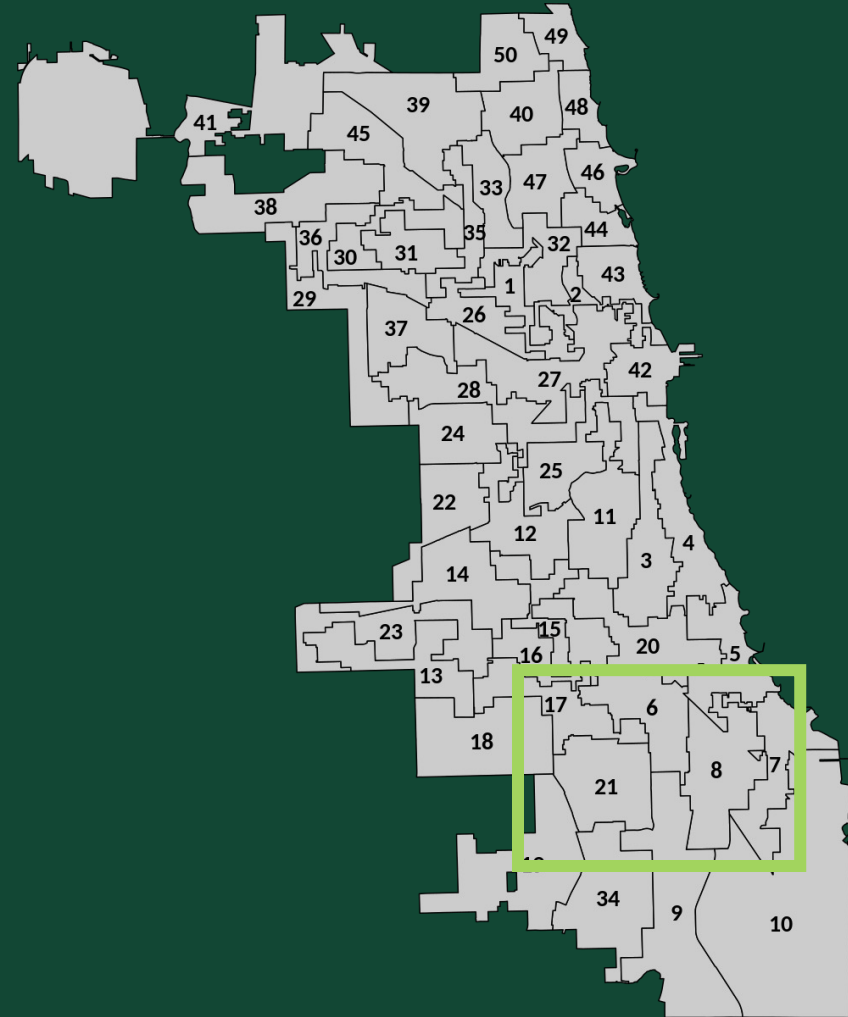
Case Study : CHICAGO

# Imani Village: Imani Green Health Advocates

- Career Development
- Community Engagement
- Overall Impact

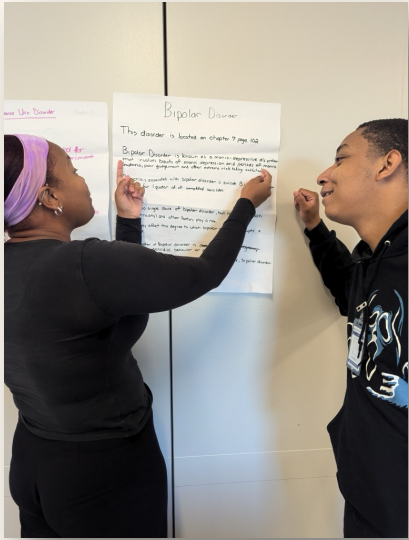


# The South Side



- Predominantly elderly demographic
- Low or fixed income
- 90-98% African American/Black





**"Career development is the journey of aligning your passions with opportunities that create purpose and fulfillment."**

-Jalynn Webb





“The root word in community is unity and unity is the key to growth.”

-Erin Saunders



# OVERALL IMPACT



**Data Driven  
Insights**



**Tree Health  
Education**



**Working  
Professionals**

“Many youth were a part of helping with the planting of the trees, so we are already fostering a certain type of consciousness in terms of our relationship... in nature.”

- Pearl Ramsey,  
Joy's Come Unity Garden





Case Study : ST. LOUIS

# Forest ReLeaf of Missouri



- Impact to date
- Program components
- Restorative justice
- Key metric of success

# St. Louis Treesilience Impact To Date

The 2-year pilot program in St. Louis yielded these amazing results! Will you join us moving forward?

507

Trees Planted

56

Homeowners  
Helped

15

Trees Pruned

41

Trees Removed on  
Private Property

157

Public Ash Trees  
Removed

# PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Immediate Impact

**Tree  
Removal**

**Tree  
Replacement**

Long-term Meaningful Change

**Stewardship  
& Education**

**Restorative  
Justice**



# Go Deeper

Cognitive,  
emotive &  
somatic  
approach

Relationships  
between  
community &  
organizations

Needs of the  
community

Resolve  
conflict

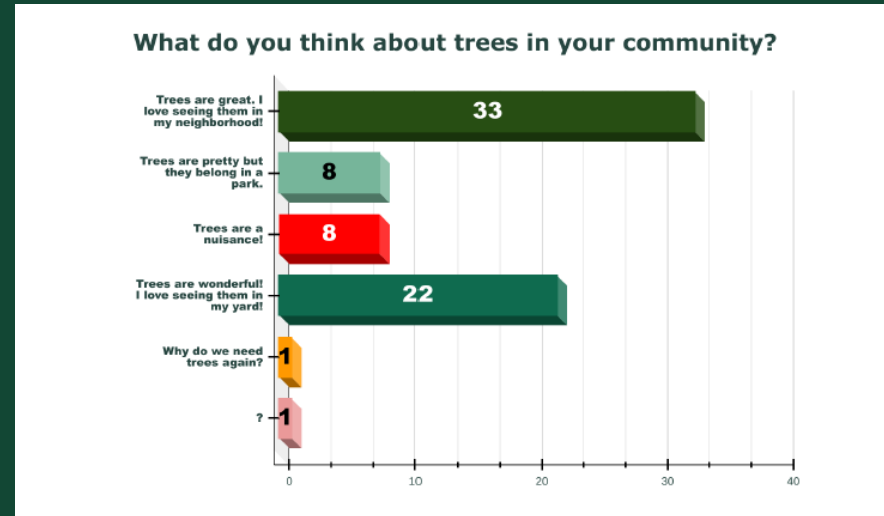
Tree and  
ancestral  
trauma

Restore positive  
relationships  
with trees





# A Key Metric of Success



#  
of Tree Advocates



MEET  
DIONNE



Short leaf pine – Fall 2022



Short leaf pine – Fall 2024



# Treesilience National Impact

Treesilience launched in Chicago in 2020

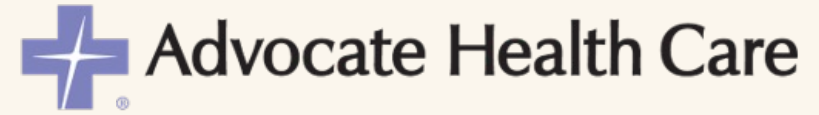
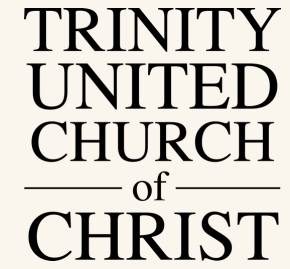
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## Current Cities:

- Tacoma, WA
- Portland, OR
- Denver, CO
- Kansas City, MO
- St. Louis, MO
- Chicago, IL
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Orlando, FL



# Partners







# Thank you.

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