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2024 CONFERENCE



Our Roots Chicago Growing Tree Equality Panel



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OUR ROOTS CHICAGO

Equitably Expanding Chicago's
Tree Canopy



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LET'S TALK ABOUT TREES!

Let's set the record straight on the rumors circulating about trees and talk about the facts!



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Now that you know the facts, find more information on how you can request a free parkway tree by visiting chicago.gov/OurRoots

I've Heard

Trees break and crack sidewalks and create plumbing issues

Let's Talk About It!

- Trees can lift concrete when planted too close to walkways. To avoid damage, plant trees at least 5 feet from sidewalks.
- Tree roots do not break underground pipes, but rather, broken drain pipes can attract tree roots seeking moisture.
- Did you know that tree roots only go down 2-3 feet?

Trees increase crime

- There are no scientific studies that prove that trees increase crime. Studies actually show that tree lined streets have lower crime rates.

Trees are high maintenance and costly to maintain

- Taking care of trees takes less time and money than taking care of grass because you don't need a lawnmower that requires maintenance, gas, oil, and/or electricity.
- The City will trim your parkway tree at no cost to you.
- Did you know you can rake leaves to the base of the tree in the fall and leave them there as mulch for the winter and spring months?

Planting more trees will disrupt our natural ecosystem

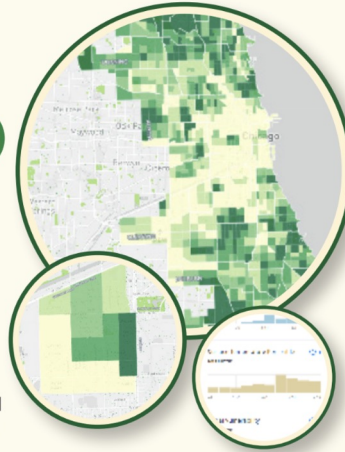
- Trees provide oxygen, improve air quality, help keep soil in place, and absorb water which prevents flooding.
- Trees also absorb carbon and attract a lot of wildlife such as birds that feed on insects like mosquitoes.

Trees are dangerous for homes. They can damage property

- Trees that are not properly maintained may have weaker limbs.
- Trees can protect your home from flooding.
- They can also lower your air conditioning costs by providing shade and lowering air temperature. Trees can block cold winds in the winter lowering your heating costs.

The City of Chicago presents OUR ROOTS CHICAGO

City data shows that our urban tree canopy is not equally distributed across Chicago. The City of Chicago is working to reverse this trend through Our Roots Chicago, a program with an historic commitment to greatly expand the City's tree planting operations by planting 75,000 trees over the next five years. This community-driven plan will prioritize the equitable planting of trees in historically marginalized and underserved neighborhoods. Trees provide numerous health benefits and can help our communities be more resilient to the impact of climate events and reduce greenhouse gasses, one of the leading causes of climate change.

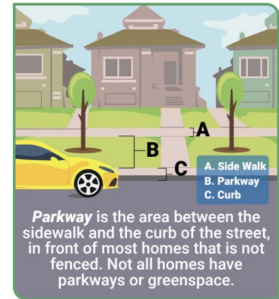


Join communities around the city and request a free parkway tree in front of your home. The process is easy as 1-2-Tree!

Step 1: Request a free parkway tree by either calling 3-1-1, downloading the CHI311 mobile app and search for "TREE", or visit the City website: www.311.chicago.gov/s/article/Tree-planting

Step 2: Once requested, DSS will assess whether a tree can be planted in your parkway. If eligible for a tree, DSS will leave a door hanger to confirm and notify that a new tree is on its way!

Step 3: A new tree is planted. Parkway trees are trimmed by request at no cost. To request a tree trim, call 3-1-1.



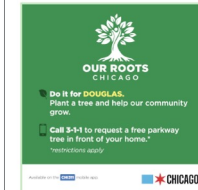
For more information on the benefits of trees or to learn more about the City of Chicago's tree planting strategy, visit chicago.gov/ourroots

scan the code!

Social Media

Click the links below to view the media at full size:

Do it for (your community)



"Do it for..." Social Media Community package (.zip)

It begins with one tree.



Social Media - It begins with one tree.

Plant a tree.



Social Media - Plant a tree.

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Social Media - Planting trees help our community grow.

Our Roots Chicago



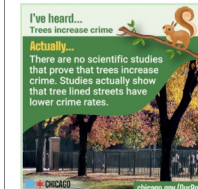
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Free Parkway Tree!

[Click this link to have the City plant a tree for you!](#)

Friends for a Natural South Chicago is working with Our Roots Chicago to bring free street trees to the southeast side. Renters & homeowners can receive a tree.

The trees will be professionally planted by the City this Spring or Fall 2023.



- Trees**
- Improve air quality
 - Lower asthma rates
 - Reduce property values
 - Lower energy costs
 - Save money on air conditioning
 - Improve health and well-being



The Greater Chatham Initiative, and the Morton Arboretum presents
 On Saturday, July 27, 2024
 10am-11:30 am
 Brown Memorial Park,
 634 E 86th Street, Chicago, IL 60619
*Rain alternative event place is Seaway Self-Help Credit,
 639 E 87th Street, Chicago, IL, 60619.*

Plant a Tree & Improve Our Future

Learn how you or the City of Chicago can plant trees
 Tree care, benefits, and myths
 Chatham resident, Dr. Doug Williams, landscape architect and tree specialist will speak and demonstrate tree planting.

Register at Eventbrite,
 Watch out for tree ambassadors coming to your street.
 They will connect with you, evaluate your land, and order a tree.

- Did you know that trees:
- Reduce flooding
 - Improve air quality
 - Reduce the heat island effect
 - Save money on air conditioning
 - Increase property values
 - Improve health and well-being



Want to stay involved?
interchathaminitiative.org or call 773.644.1451.

VECINOS DE LA VILLITA ESTA PRIMAVERA !Te invitamos a plantar arboles! !AYUDALOS!



Reduce la obesidad y enfermedades cardiacas

Limpian el aire de contaminantes

Reduce posibles inundaciones

Ahorra dinero en calefaccion y refrigeracion



En Chicago el alcantarillado, tuberías de agua y gas son profundas. No se preocupe, las raíces de los arboles NO rompen las líneas de alcantarillado de su casa

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<https://www.instagram.com/mivillitamicomunidad/> (312) 772-5284

FREE ENTRY

LOS YOUTH CENTER PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT & TREE WORKSHOP

TUESDAY JULY 30, 2024 10:30AM - 12:30AM WEST LAWN LIBRARY 4020 W 63rd St Chicago, IL 60629

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY OUR ROOTS CHICAGO CHI | CDPH LATINO ORGANIZATION SOUTHWEST



Our tree ambassadors have added 65 TREES to the SW side canopy!



You are invited!

Friday, May 5, 2023 4 - 6 PM

Tree Ambassador Training

Location: **Masjid Al Farooq**
 8950 S Stony Island Ave, Chicago, IL. 60617

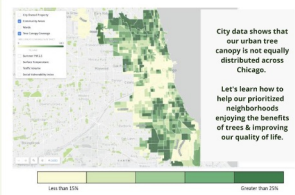
Do you know of a parkway (between sidewalk and curb) that could use a tree? Let us know!
bit.ly/epcgreerequest



For more info & to register, visit:

bit.ly/cmgt-tap

or scan here:



The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "There is none amongst the Muslims who plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird or a person or an animal eats from it, but is regarded as a charitable gift for him." (BUKHARI)



IMANI VILLAGE

IMANI GREEN HEALTH ADVOCATES PRESENT

Plant a Tree and Hope for the Future

A chance for you to learn about how trees benefit homeowners and to sign up for a free tree.
 From 2-4pm on October 5 at Avalon Branch Library
 8148 S Stony Island Ave

Register at Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/72416060285?aff=oddtcreator>



IT BEGINS WITH ONE TREE

NEED ONE OR TWO IN YOUR PARKWAY?

Galewood Neighbors is one of many neighborhood organizations working with the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (www.chicagorti.org), The Morton Arboretum, Chicago's Department of Public Health, and Department of Forestry to restore our tree canopy.

Watch for our volunteer tree ambassadors coming to your street. They'll connect with you, evaluate your parkway and get that tree ordered.

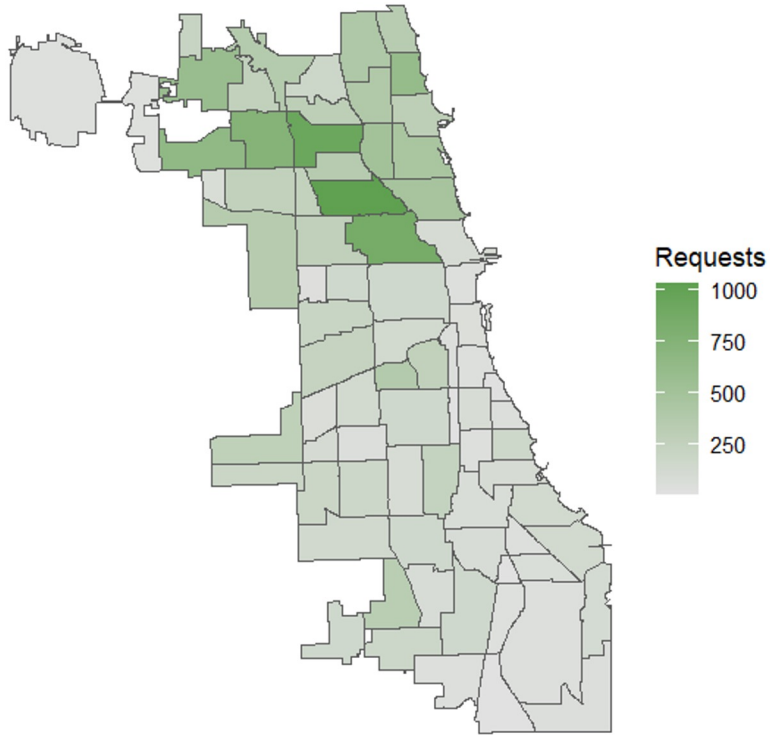
Planting trees helps communities grow

- Improves air quality
- Increase property value
- Save money on air conditioning
- Reduce flooding
- Improve health and wellbeing

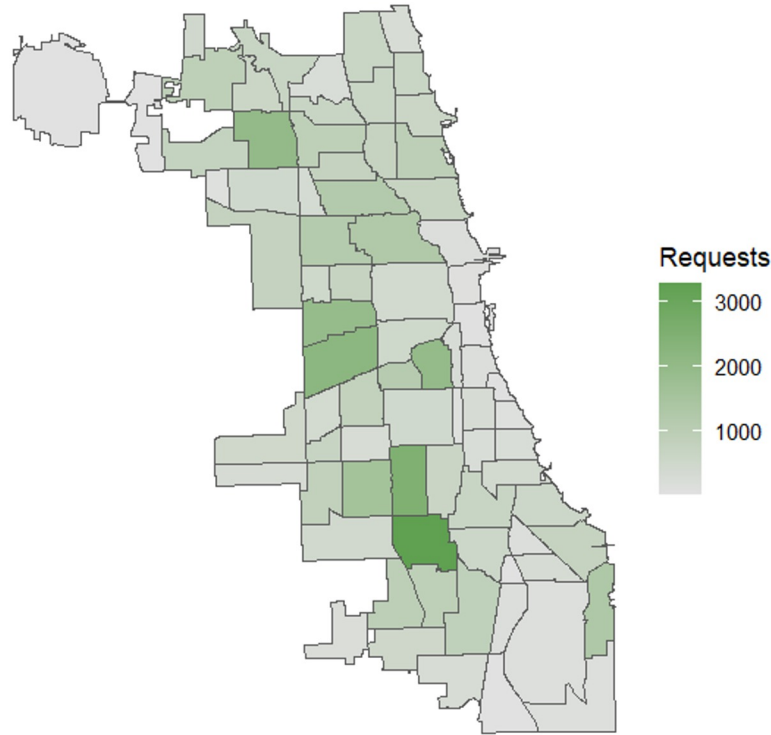
Ready for a tree? Email us!
 Beth - beth@galewoodneighbors.org or Tom - chilstedt@sbcglobal.net



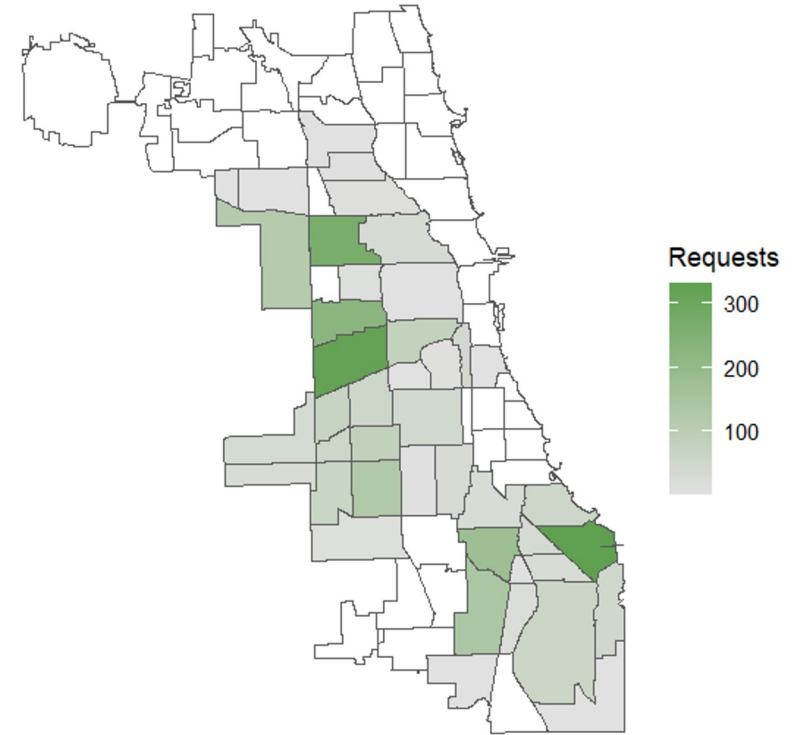
311 Requests Before 2022



311 Requests from 2022 to 2024



Tree Ambassador Requests













ReCovered: Chicago's Urban Tree Canopy

A City and Nature in Harmony

Think back on the last time you encountered a tree. What did you think about?

Trees improve our quality of life. They clean our water, reduce temperatures, improve air quality and support habitat. Trees save energy, absorb carbon, increase economic value, and improve well-being.

In 2020, Chicago was home to 4,000,000 trees—a decline from the 2010 Chicago Region Tree Census. Today, about 16% of the city is covered by trees or shrubs—less than in other large cities such as New York (22%) and Los Angeles (21%).

Imagine a future with tree equity, where all residents have access to the health and wellness benefits trees provide. Many organizations and agencies in Chicago are working towards this tree-friendly future. Look for the QR codes in this exhibit on both floors to dig deeper, and learn how you can get involved.

















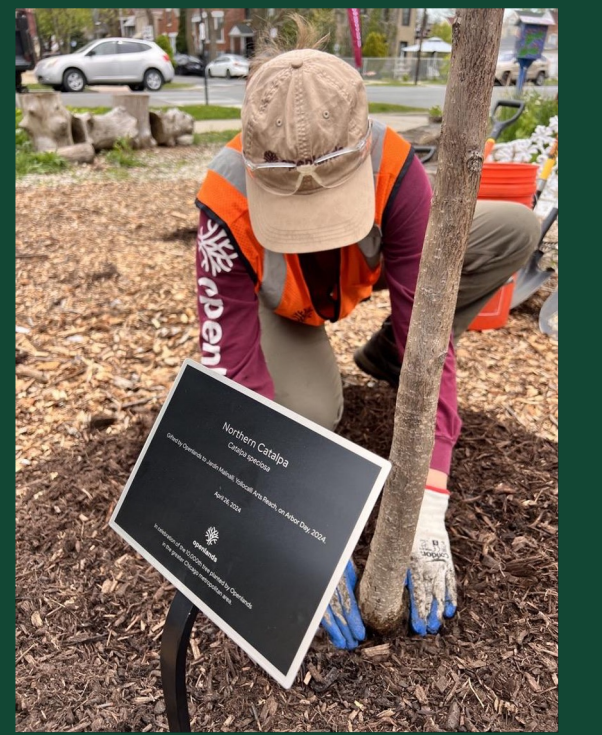








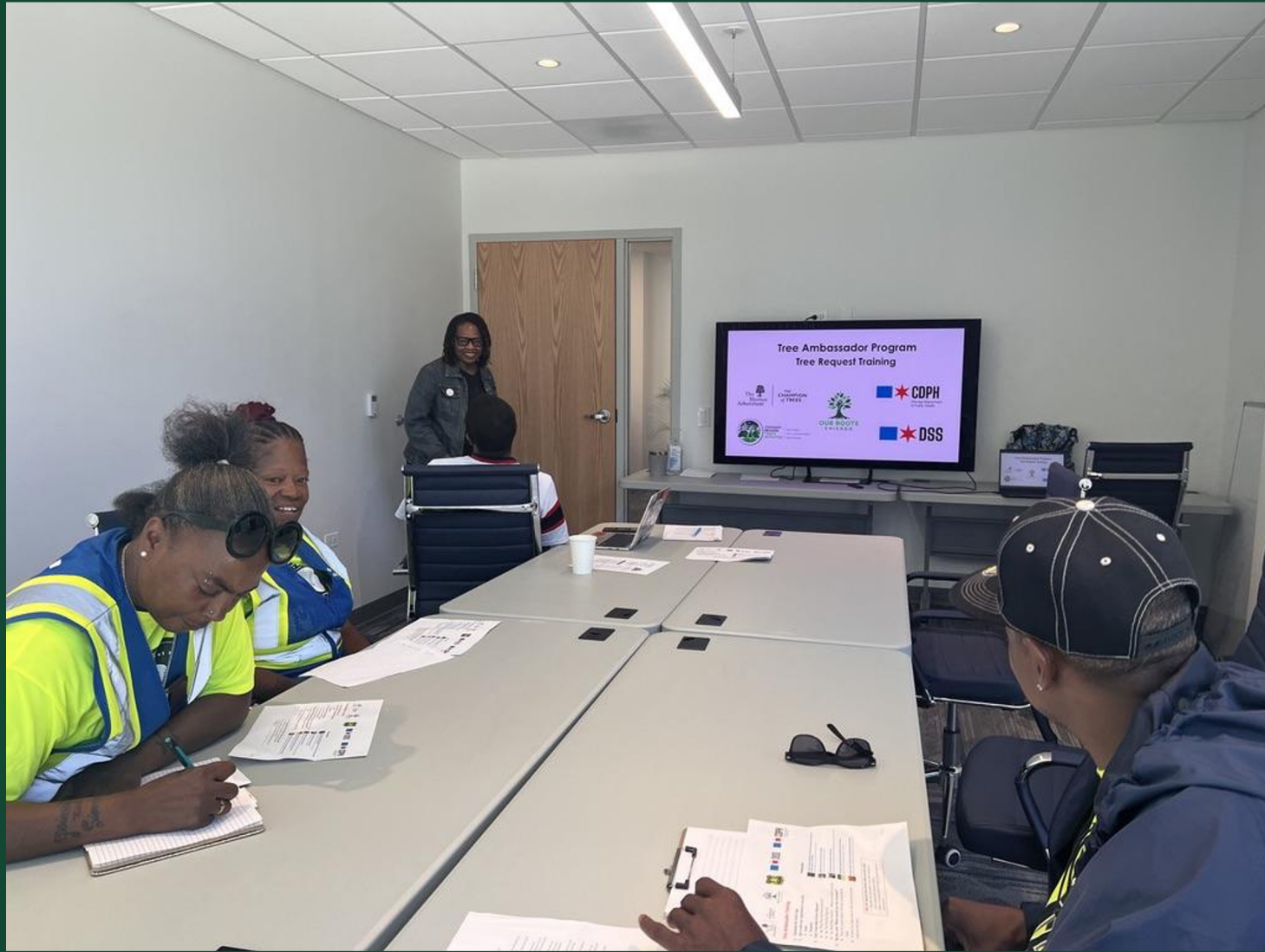




























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Thank you.