

# Welcome!

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- We appreciate your patience as we learn how to conduct online meetings together.



# Oakland Plan

## STEERING COMMITTEE – MEETING 9

June 2020



# Today

Topic	Duration	Presenter
<b>Moment of Contemplation Centering on Equity and Sustainability</b>	5 min	Josiah Gilliam, Derek Dauphin
<b>Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engagement Site</li><li>• Meeting Agenda for July</li><li>• Meeting Times</li></ul>	10 min	Derek Dauphin
<b>Homework Report Out</b>	5 min	Sophie Robison
<b>Infrastructure Presentations and Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate Action Plan</li><li>• Trees</li><li>• Open Space</li><li>• Stormwater</li><li>• Energy</li></ul>	50 min	Sarah Yeager, Matt Erb, Kara Smith, Ben Grunauer, Megan Zeigler, All
<b>New Homework</b>	5 min	Derek Dauphin

# Engagement Site Update

- Staff are developing content now with the target for going live for early July. Will be active for one month.
- Will have main page where input activities will focus on establishing a collective vision for the future of Oakland.
- Action Teams will have their own subpages where content will be ordered by the topics in the Neighborhood Plan Guide. Engagement activities on these pages will focus on gathering input on goals.
- Special Steering Committee meeting work session will happen next week.

# Engagement Site Update

- Agenda for the engagement site work session: Overview of the site, engagement activities, discuss ways to connect people with the online engagement opportunities.
- Your role for the July engagement site: Share the site with those you represent (staff will provide social media and email content, physical media), create your own account, participate in the engagement activities and discussions.

# Meeting Agenda for July

- We'll review the input up to that point.
- Discuss experiences using the site, lessons learned.
- Prepare for the first Action Team meetings in August.

# Meeting Times Update

- Discussed the proposal to change the meeting time with the resident representatives.
- Due to COVID response operations within the neighborhoods, the 3 p.m. time that was most popular at our last meeting would also make it impossible for some resident representatives to attend.
- A few new options were identified and we would like to run through them using Zoom's polling function.

# Last Month's Homework

Question from Megan Zeigler (GBA): What is your favorite tree in Oakland that provides shade? This can be a street tree, a tree in a park, or in another space in Oakland.

- Trees outside **Carnegie Library** as a favorite spot to "sit on a picnic bench and do homework in the shade and... **hammock**".
- The trees along the west façade of the **Carnegie Museums**.
- In Schenley Park: a special tree across from **Phipps**, the mixed-oak grove on the SE side of **Flagstaff Hill** (love "how different they all are, and **how free they are to spread their canopies**"), the opposite side of Flagstaff near Frew Street (it's an "outlier" in that it's more than 50 years older than the others).
- The **weeping beech** next to the Spanish War Memorial near Anderson Park.
- Tree by Langley/bus stop: "I waited for the 58 there and **when there wasn't room on the bench, I'd stand under the tree to get a bit of protection from the elements.**"
- Trees covering the hill of the Oakcliffe area.

# Last Month's Homework

Question from Andrea Boykowycz (OPDC): Many parts of Oakland lack trees and shade. What place do you feel is most in need of a tree and the shade it would provide? This could be along a street, park, or other space in Oakland.

- Green space decreases on Forbes and Meyren down. If the sidewalk was expanded, trees or planters would encourage motorists to slow and improve pedestrian experience.
- **Schenley Plaza** needs more shade; **Atwood/Dawson** missing trees and green space.
- Trees along **Fifth & Forbes** (line the street, break up the spawl of grey concrete, filter the air), trees along all business corridors (go from "concrete jungle to a neighborhood street").
- The south side of **Forbes** sidewalk between **Bigelow** and **Schenley Drive Ext.**
- **Oakland Ave** from **Bates** to **Sennott** has wide sidewalks and deep setbacks, great opportunity for street trees. Another response also highlighted **Bates Street**.
- **Coltart** is very bright and hot in the summer but has less room: "generally would love to see trees encroach on on-street parking on pretty much every street in Oakland".
- From the **Boulevard** to **North O**: renter dense areas need not look like an uncomfortable temporary home, could emulate the look of rental home streets in Shadyside.

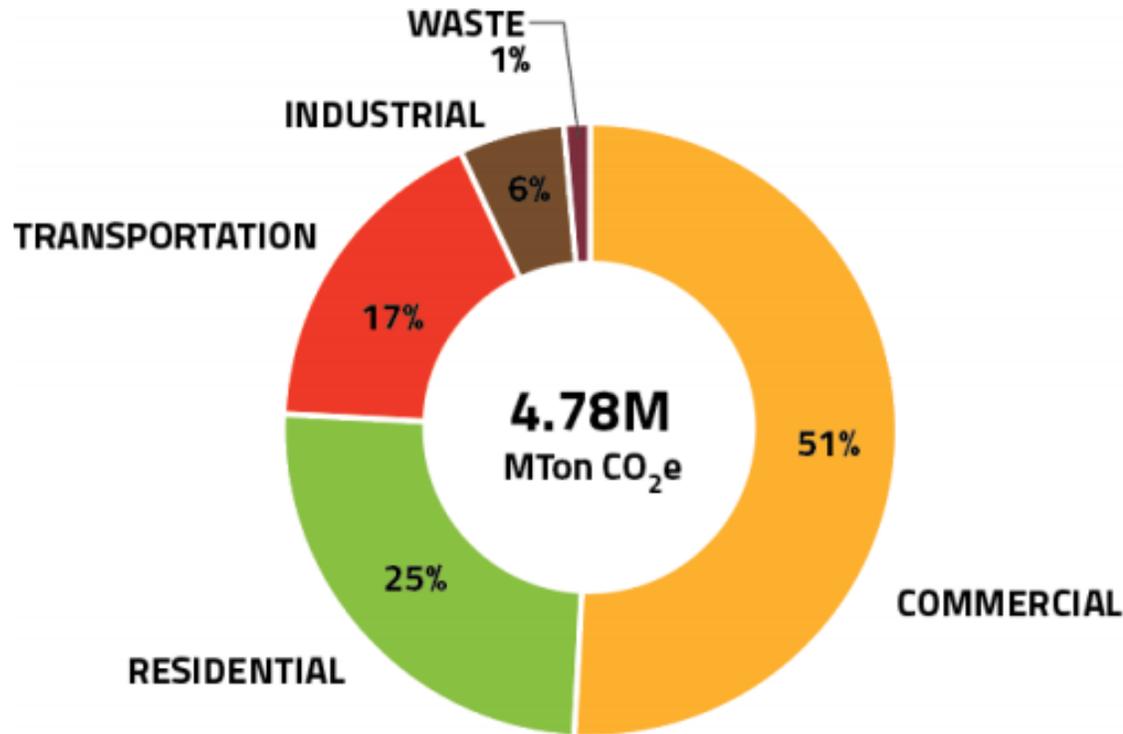


# Existing Conditions: Infrastructure

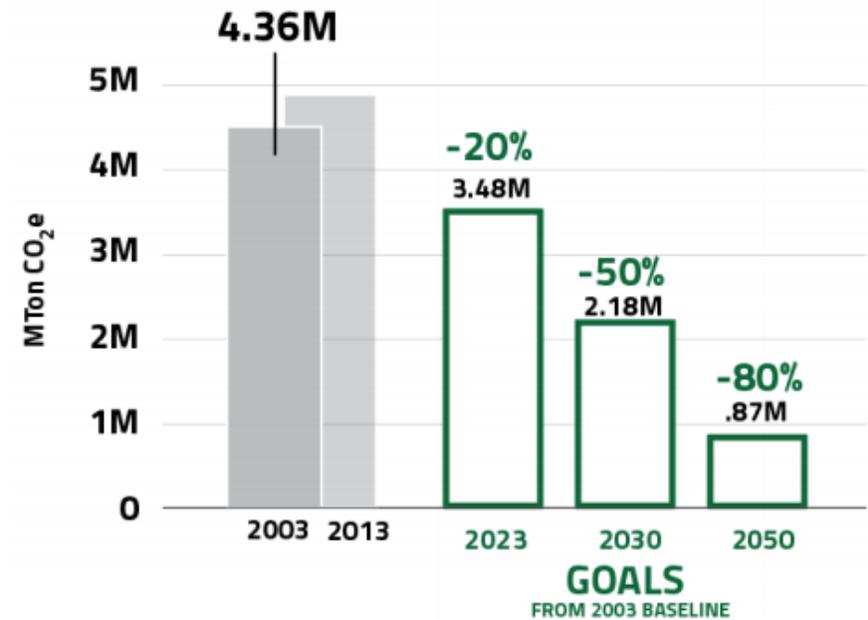


# Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan

# Pittsburgh Climate Goals



## TOTAL EMISSION REDUCTIONS:



**20% GHG Reduction by 2023**  
**50% GHG Reduction by 2030**  
**80% GHG Reduction by 2050**

# Pittsburgh Climate Goals

## 2030 GOALS:

### CITY OPERATIONS

**100%** renewable elect.

**100%** fossil fuel free fleet  
Divestment of City pensions

### CITY OF PITTSBURGH

**50%** energy & water use

**50%** transport emission  
Zero waste

## PITTSBURGH CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 3.0

Energy Generation and

Distribution

Buildings and End Use

Efficiency

Transportation and Land Use

Waste and Resource Recovery

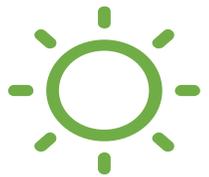
Food and Agriculture

Urban Ecosystems

# Pittsburgh Climate Goals

## Objective

**50%**  
by 2030



**100%**  
clean electricity

## Strategies



### LOWER ENERGY CONSUMPTION

by improving renewable financing options and energy efficiency codes



### REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION

by improving public transit and pedestrian conditions

## Goals

Implement and prioritize district energy systems

Electric vehicle charging in municipally owned parking lots

Community solar projects or other local renewable energy initiatives at scale

New financing programs for energy efficiency, renewables, and infrastructure

Benchmarking, audit, and retro-commissioning (RCx) policies for existing buildings

Incentives and demonstration projects for building decarbonization with a focus on City facilities

Electrify city fleets and buses

Improve access to charging infrastructure and encourage private EV ownership

Implement high priority segments in the walking and bicycling network



# Oakland's Tree Canopy Change 2010 to 2015

Matt Erb

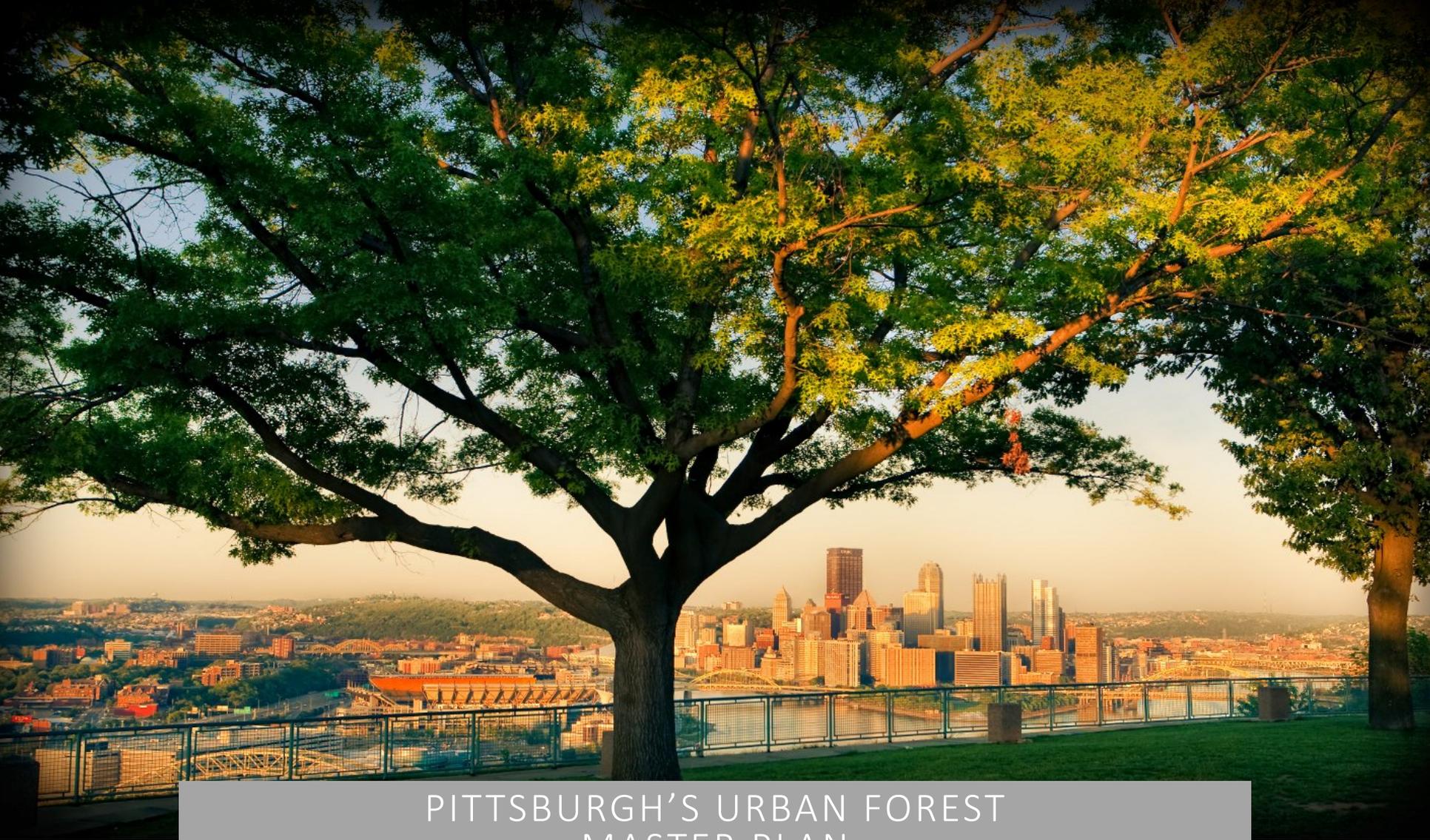




**TREE | PITTSBURGH**

Tree Pittsburgh's mission is to protect and restore the County's urban forest through community tree planting and care, education, and advocacy.

Founded in 2006 to assist in the implementation of the Street Tree Management Plan which showed \$8 million backlog of work.



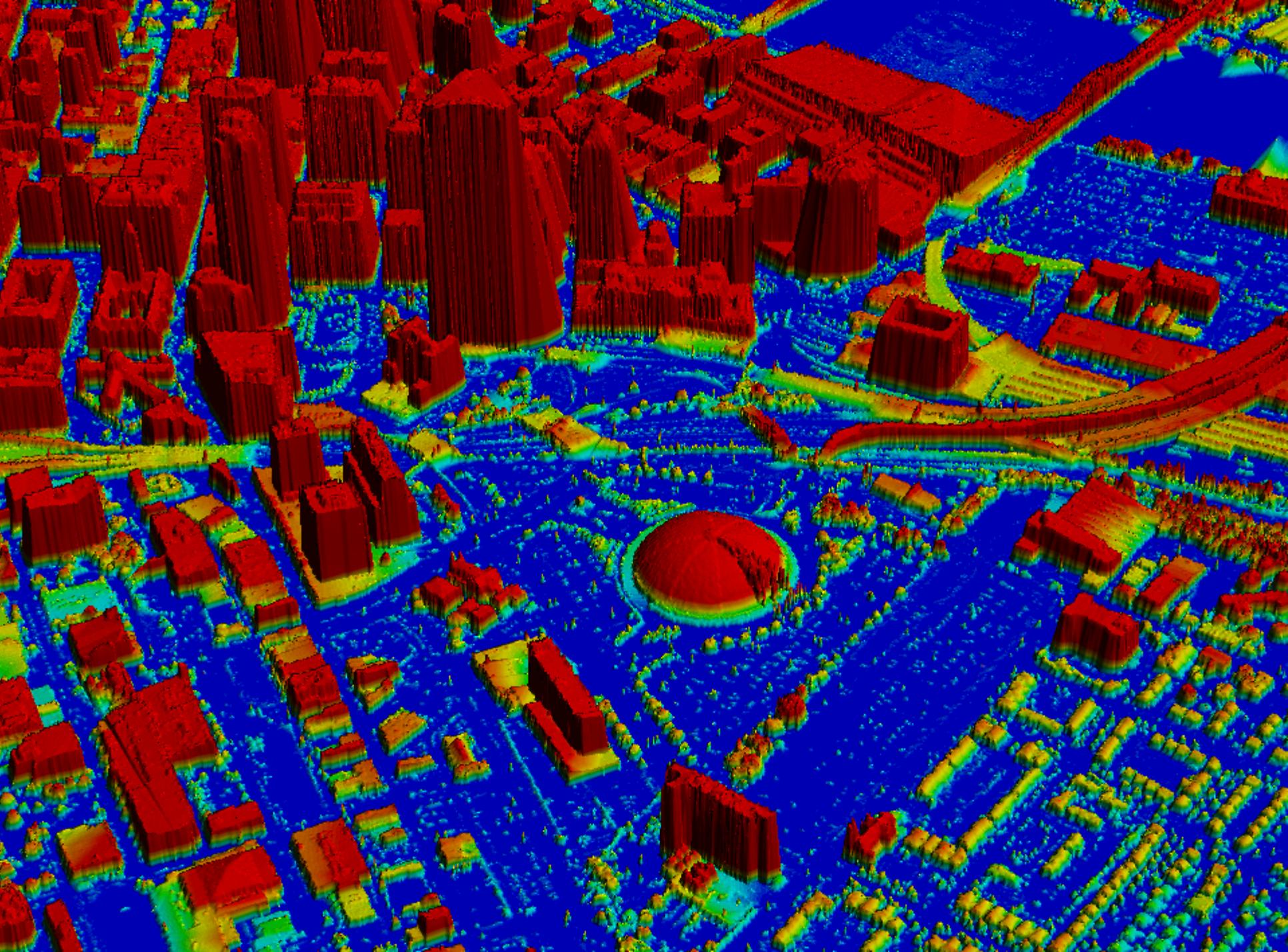
# PITTSBURGH'S URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN

A Road Map for the Effective Management of the Urban Forest

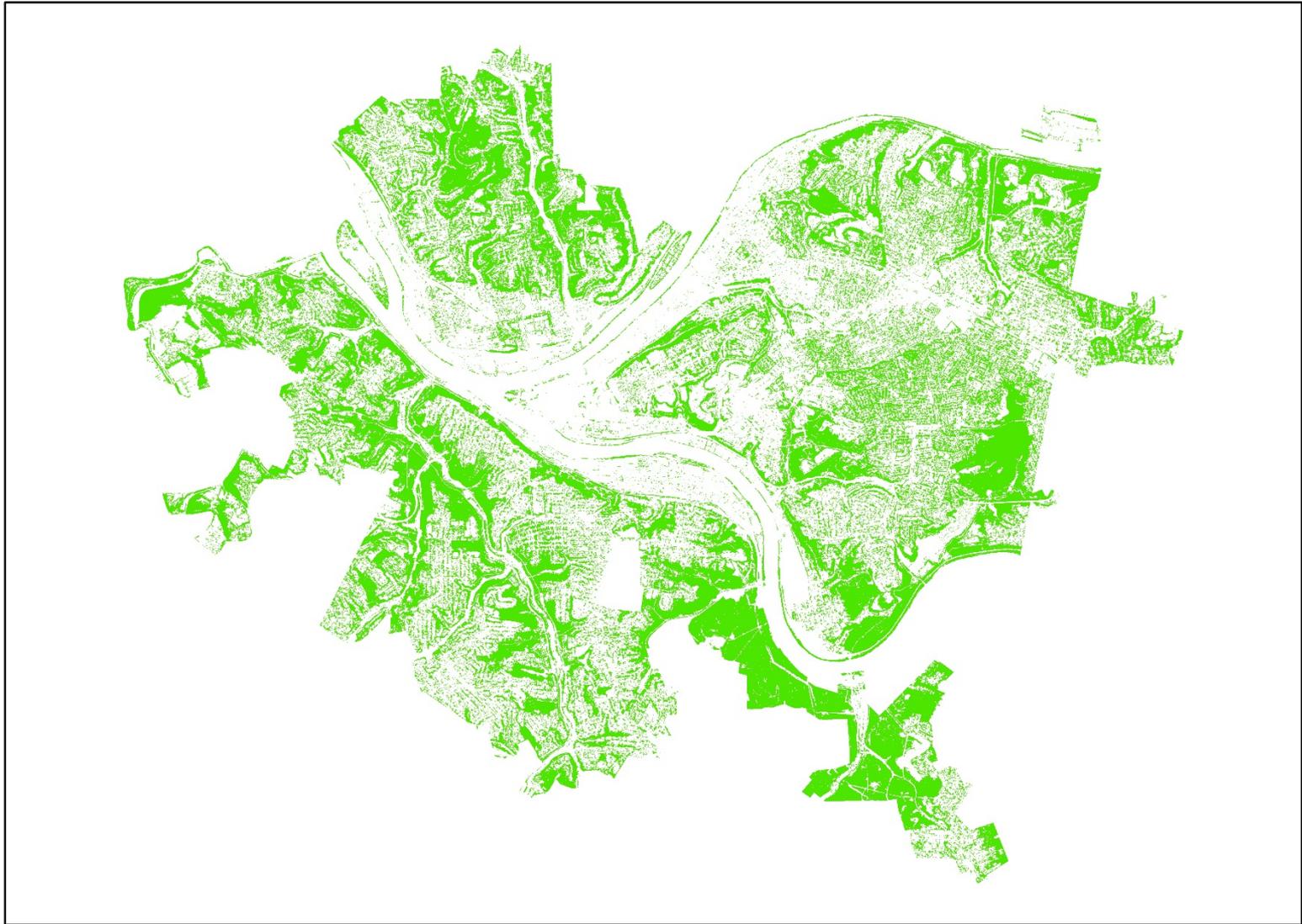
# Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) Assessment

- **Measures the area covered by tree canopy (leaves, branches, stems) of the ground when measured from above**
- **Can help decision makers effectively plan and manage urban forest goals**
- **Initial study done in 2010 showed Allegheny had 56% tree canopy**





# *Pittsburgh Urban Tree Canopy 2015*



# **CITY OF PITTSBURGH**

**2010 – 15,476 acres of tree canopy 44%**

**2015 – 14,515 acres of tree canopy 41%**

**6% loss of canopy in 5 years**

**Loss of 1,007 acres**

**-0.55 acres per day**

**Gain of 46**

**Net Loss of 961 acres**

**2.4 million trees = \$17,232,600 in annual benefits**

**Loss of over \$1 million in benefits annually**

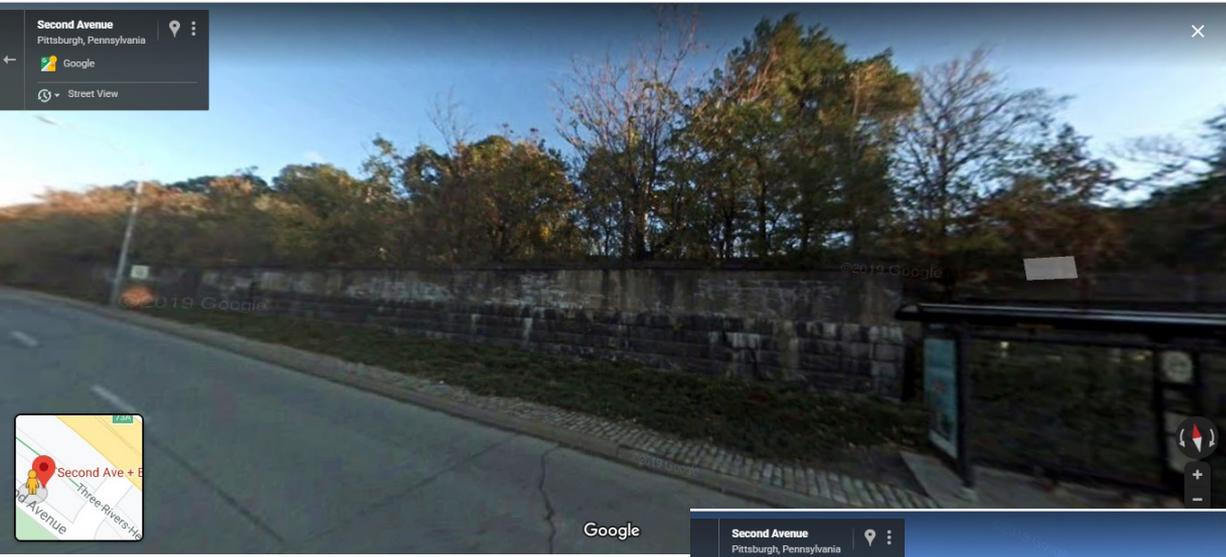
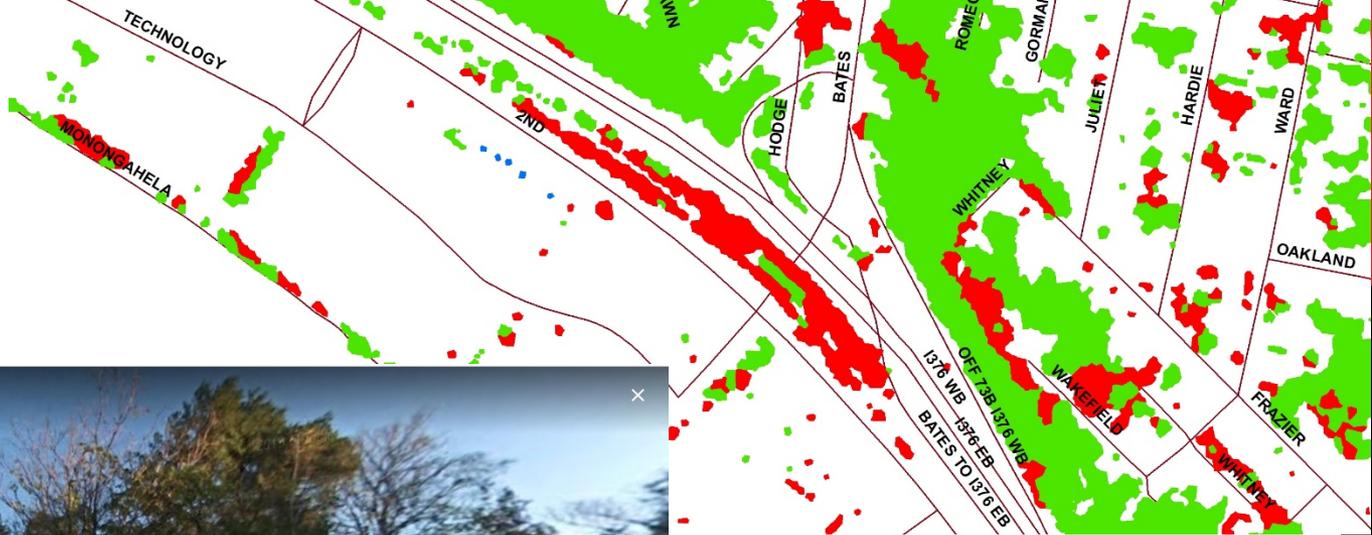
**2011 i-Tree ECO Pgh Average of 155 trees per acre**

**= loss of 156,085 trees lost over five years or the equivalent of 86 trees lost every day**

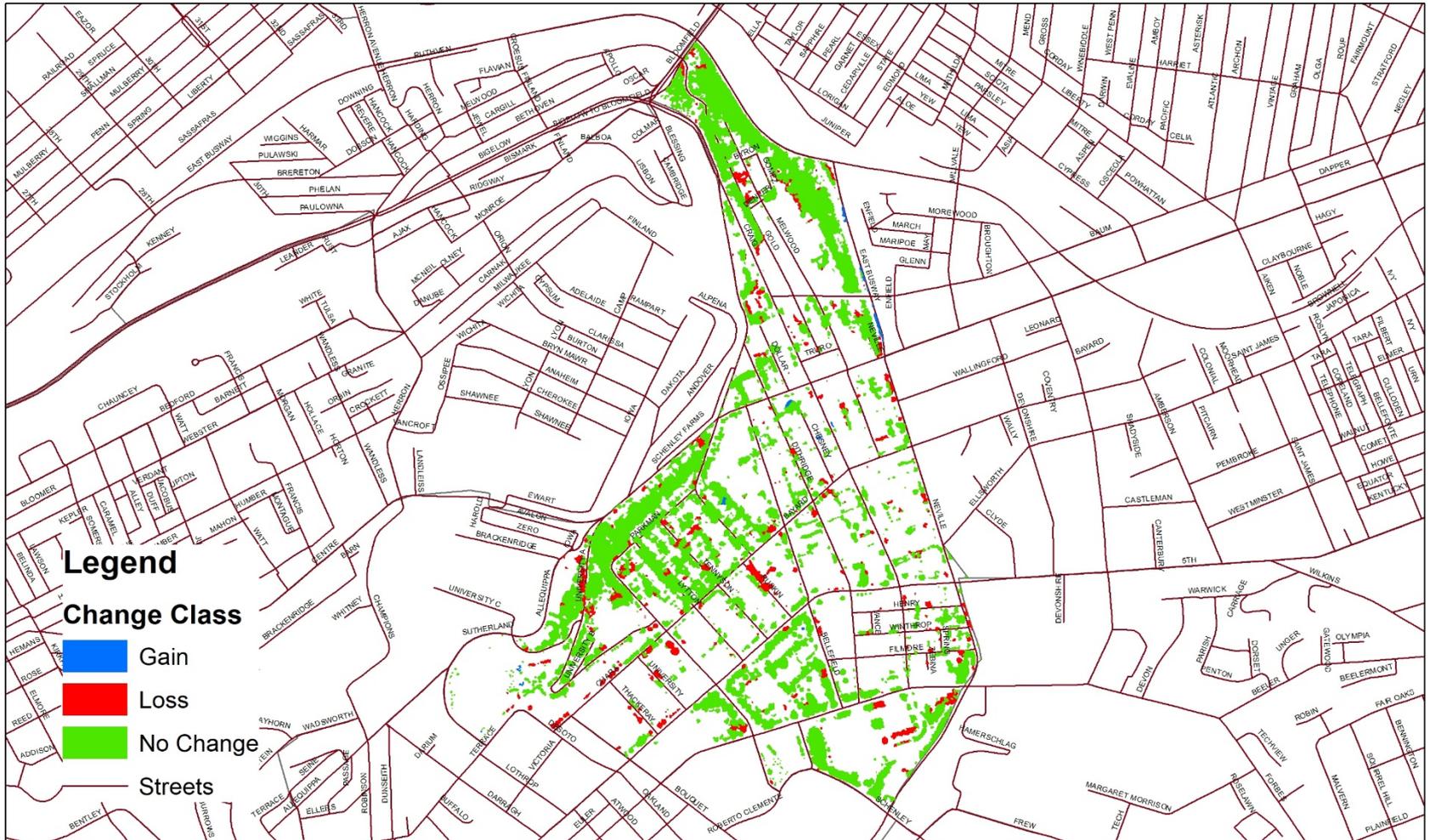
Neighborhood	No Change Acres	Gain Acres	Loss Acres	2010 Canopy Acres	2015 Canopy Acres	Canopy Change %	2010 Tree Canopy %	2015 Tree Canopy %
South Oakland	76.6	0.9	18.3	94.9	77.5	-18.4	25.9	21.1
North Oakland	76.7	0.5	9.2	86.0	77.2	-10.2	26.9	24.2
West Oakland	52.5	0.1	4.3	56.8	52.6	-7.4	37.5	34.7
Central Oakland	32.0	1.2	5.2	37.1	33.2	-10.5	20.7	18.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>237.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>274.8</b>	<b>240.5</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>

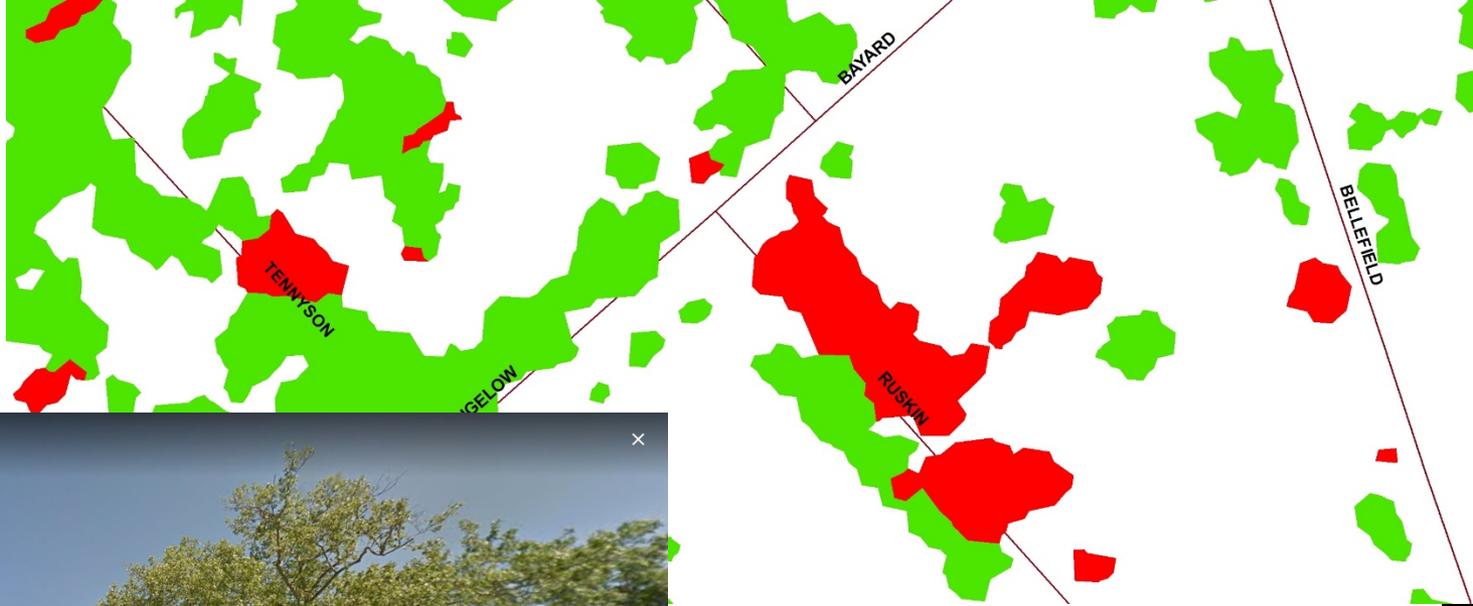
# South Oakland Tree Canopy Change 2010-2015



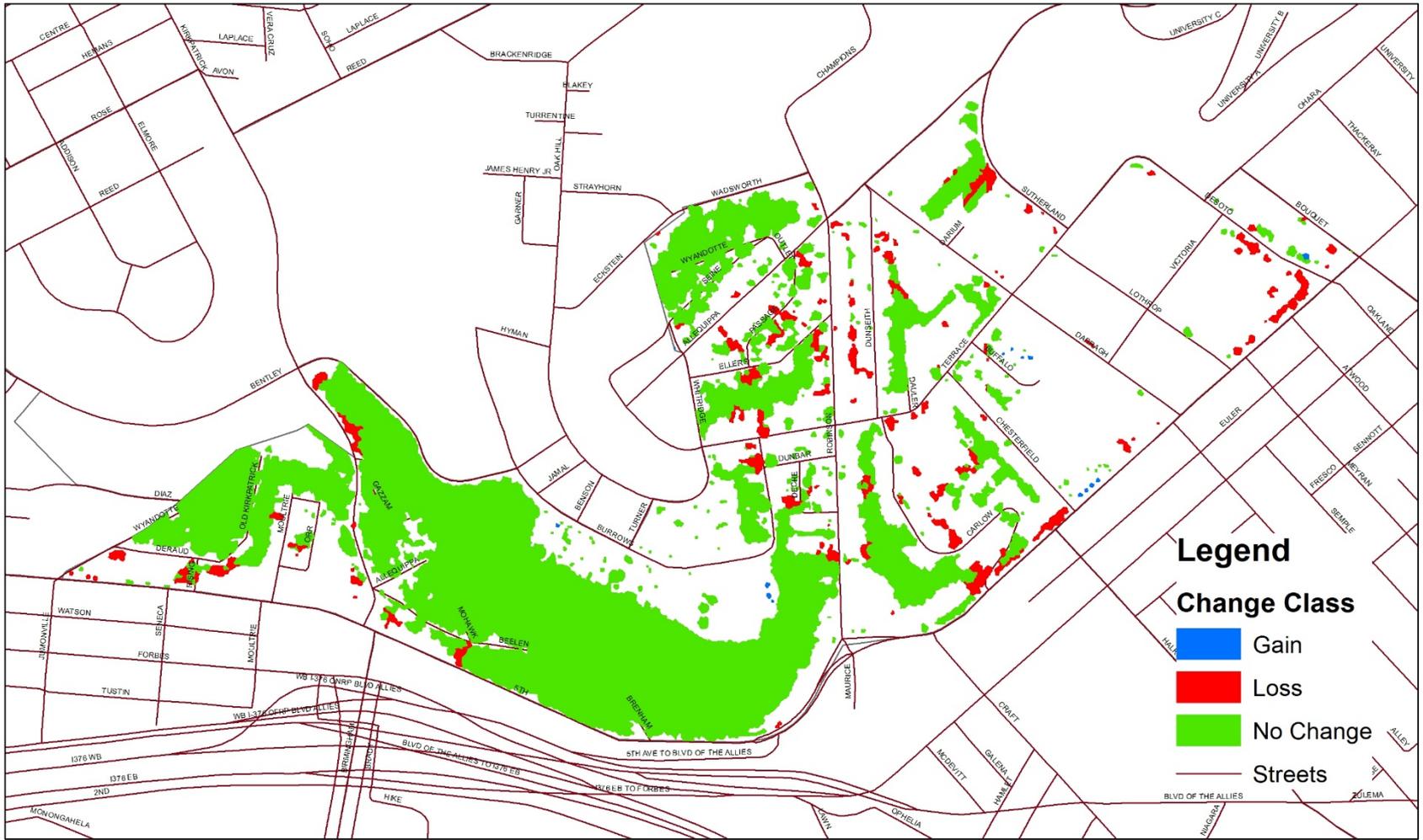


# North Oakland Tree Canopy Change 2010-2015

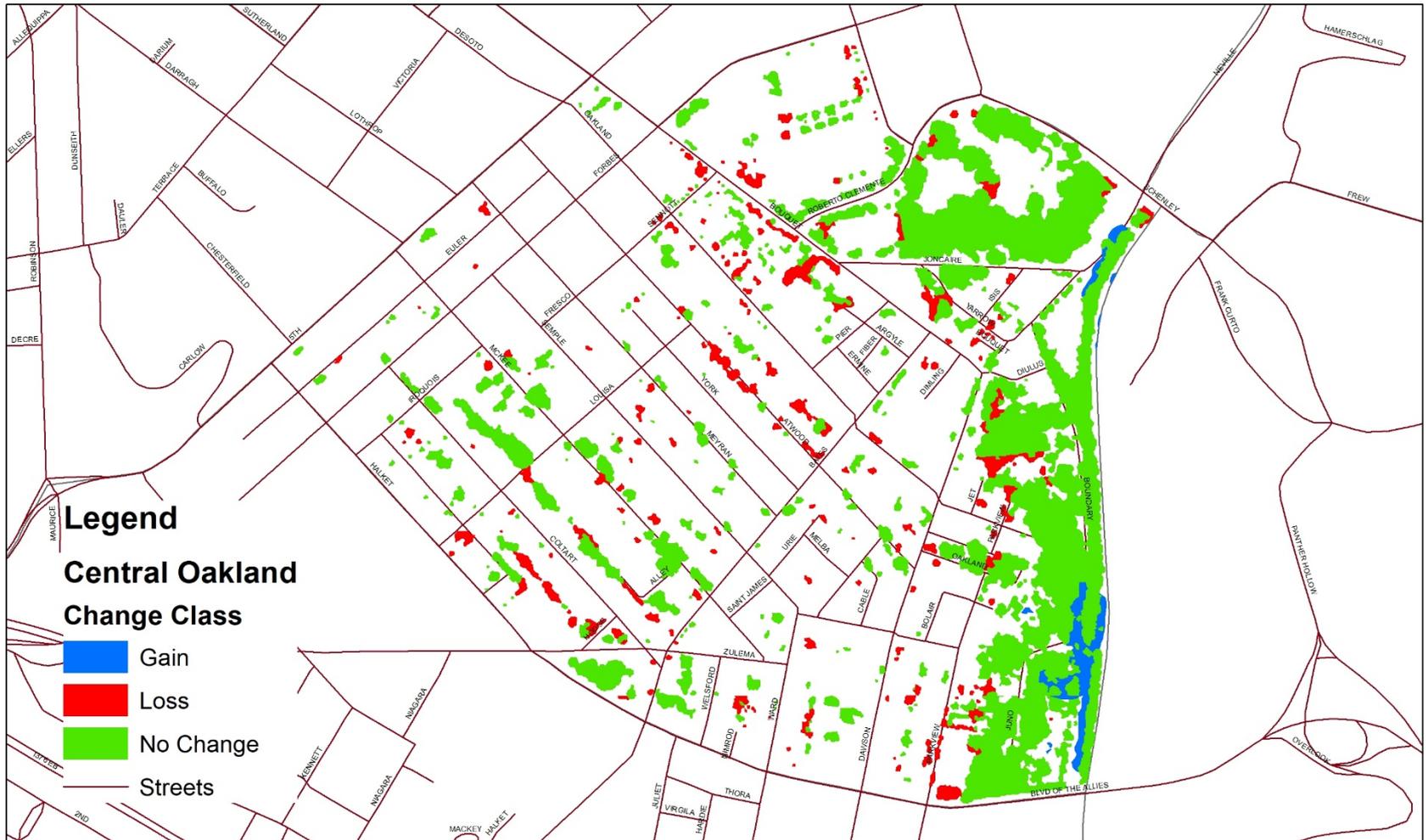




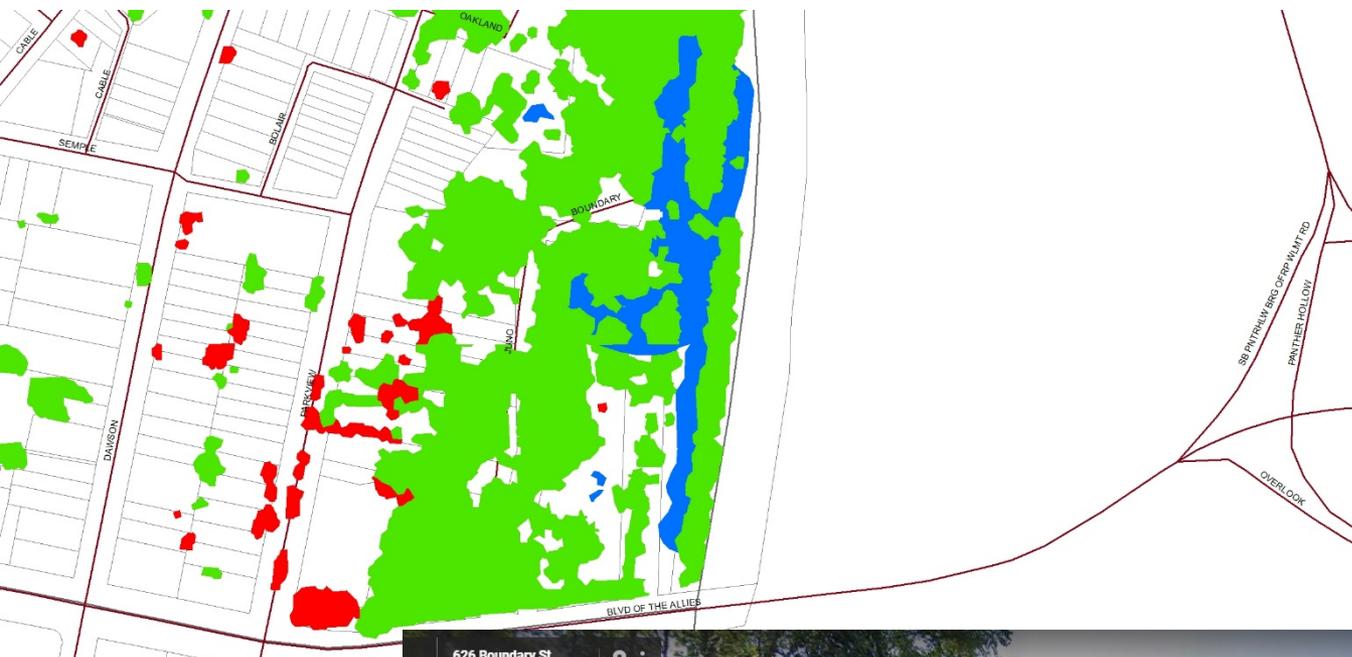
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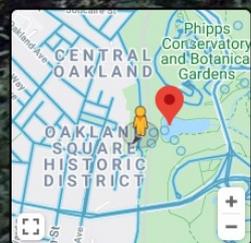
# Central Oakland Tree Canopy Change 2010-2015



# 1 ACRE REGENERATION AND 1/2 ACRE LOSS



626 Boundary St  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Google  
Street View



# HOW DOES THIS IMPACT US?

Trees ARE infrastructure!!!

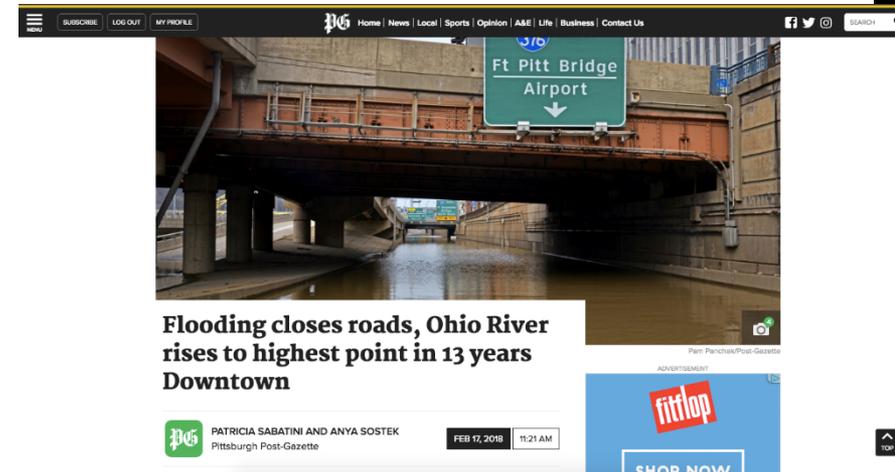
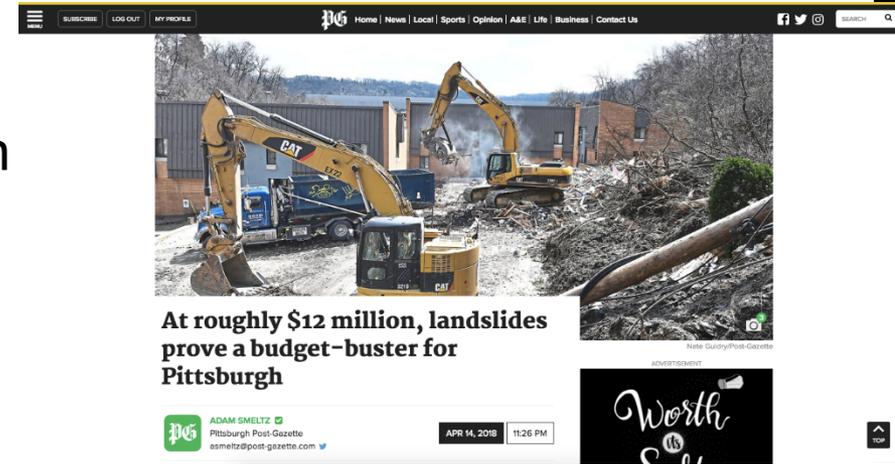
Loss of tree benefits (\$\$\$\$)

- Increase surface temperatures
- Increase stormwater runoff & erosion
- Increase in air pollution
- Loss of climate moderating forests
- Loss of human health benefits (increase mortality)
- Increase in urban noise

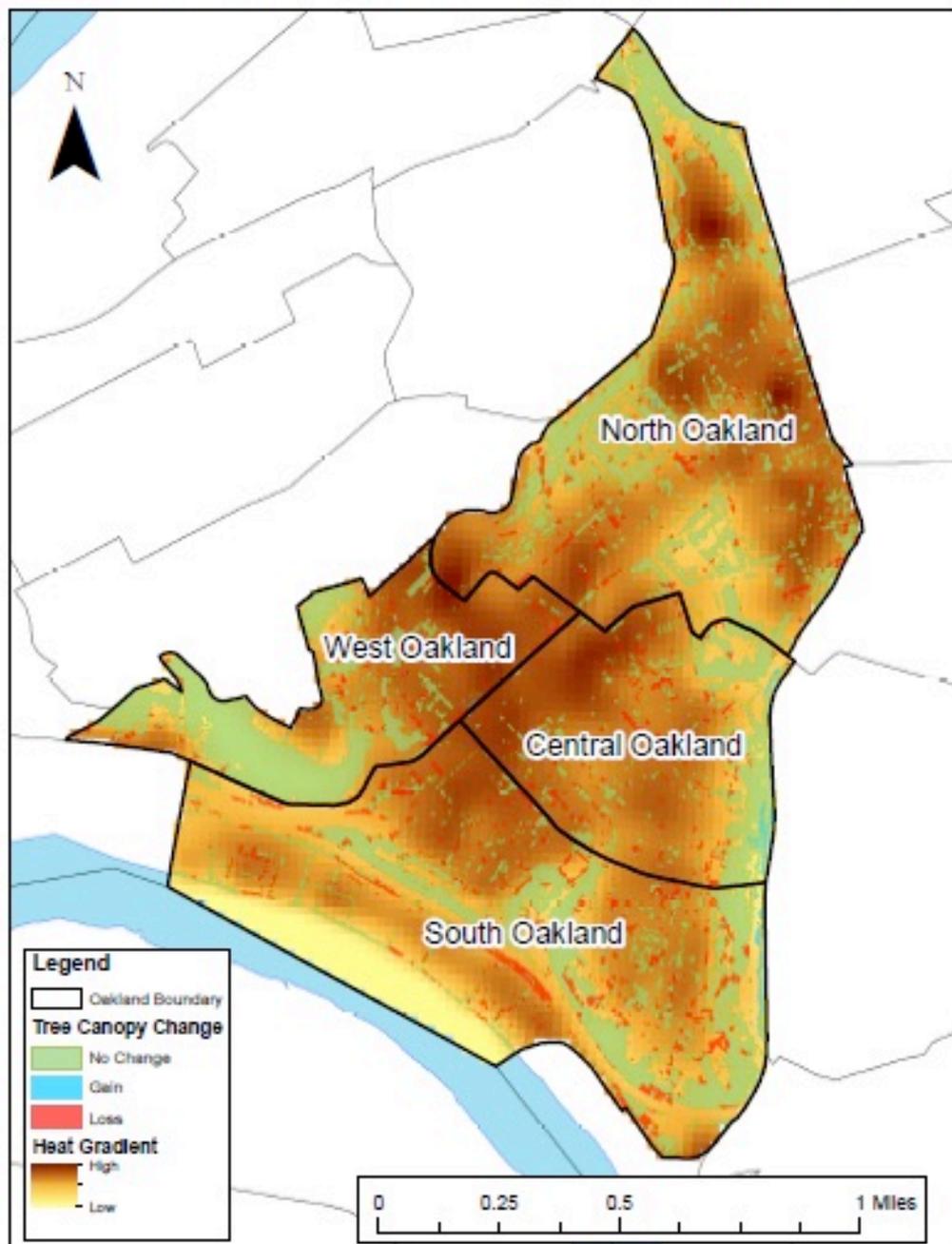
Increase in pervious surfaces

Decrease in biodiversity

Increased cost of management



# Oakland Temperature and Canopy Map



## WETTEST YEARS

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<b>1</b>	2018	<b>57.83"</b>
<b>2</b>	2004	<b>57.41"</b>
<b>3</b>	2019	<b>52.46"</b>
<b>4</b>	1890	<b>50.61"</b>
<b>5</b>	1865	<b>50.50"</b>
<b>6</b>	1950	<b>48.38"</b>



Eco Benefit	Value (\$) 2015	2015 Value per TC Acre	Quantity of Material Removed
Air Quality			Pounds
CO	\$143,293	\$0.55	359,160
NO2	\$290,503	\$1.12	1,896,000
O3	\$12,125,405	\$46.57	10,200,180
SO2	\$81,018	\$0.31	1,584,940
PM10	\$5,746,084	\$22.07	3,899,120
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$18,386,303</b>	<b>\$70.62</b>	<b>17,919,400</b>
Carbon			Tons
Storage	\$1,504,897,512	\$5,780.30	32,470,043
Sequestration	\$59,923,244	\$230.16	1,292,919
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,564,820,756</b>	<b>\$6,010.46</b>	<b>33,762,929</b>
Stormwater*			Gallons
Avoided Runoff	\$184,889,419	\$710.16	4,622,235,481
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,768,096,478</b>	<b>\$6,791.24</b>	

# **LOOKING FORWARD**

- **Preservation of existing canopy is key to maintaining ecological services**
- **Quantity of trees planted each year needs to increase**
- **All trees contribute to the environmental, social, economic and human health benefits**
- **New analysis of 2020 canopy data to be released in 2021**

# Oakland Neighborhood Plan OPEN SPACE OVERVIEW

Steering Committee Meeting #9

Infrastructure Action Team Overview

6.24.2020

Parks and Greenways  
PGH Online Interactive  
Environmental Map



<https://gis.pittsburghpa.gov/pghenvironmental/>

# OpenSpacePGH: Recommendations for Parks in Oakland



## Sector 14 - Oakland

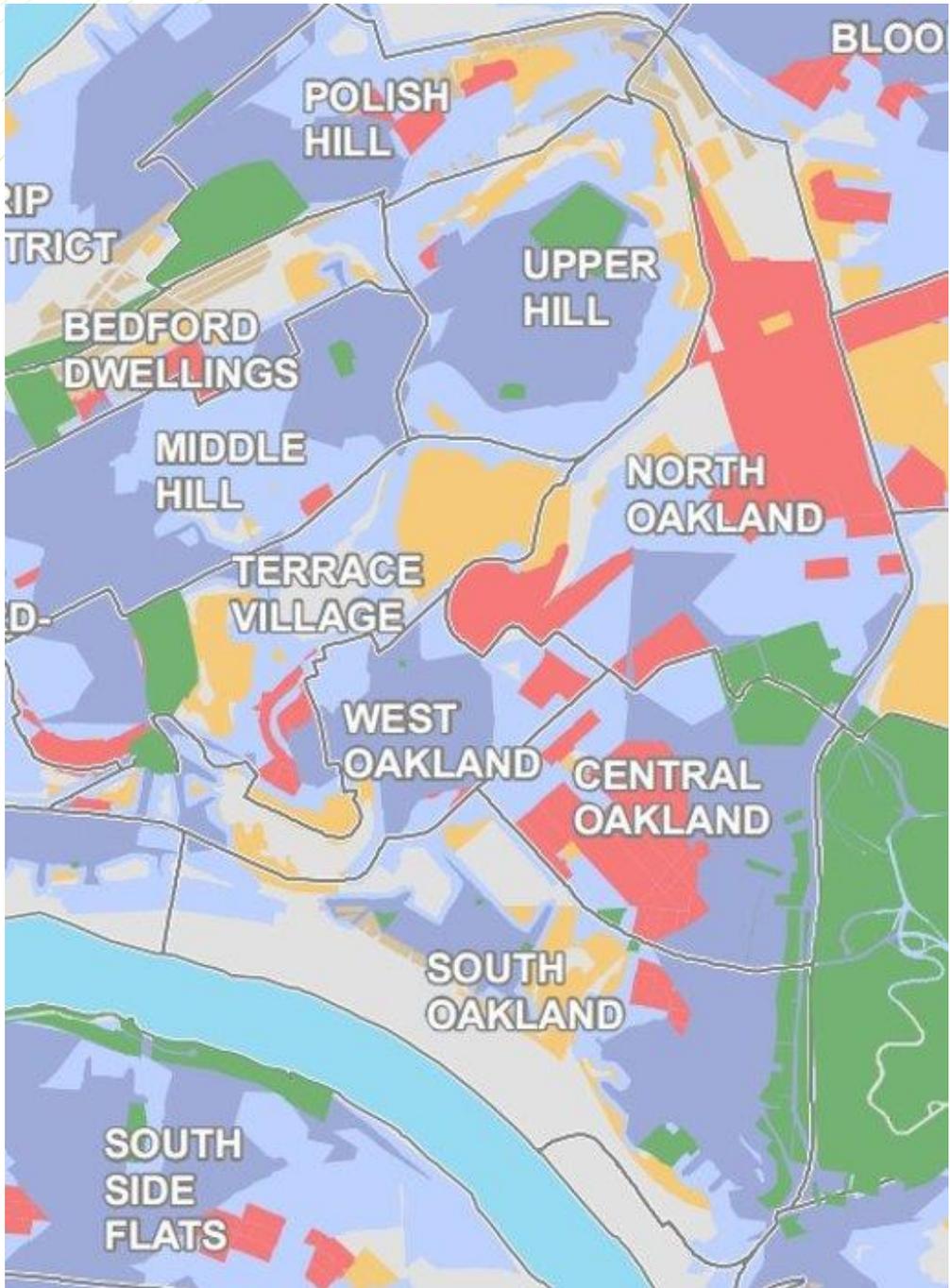
Oakland is home to five neighborhood parks (4.6 ac.). Schenley Park forms the east boundary of the sector, and the University of Pittsburgh is located within this area. Oakland is a high density area with very little available land, though parks are needed.

Table G16: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 14- Oakland

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
<b>Central Oakland Neighborhood</b>							
Boundary St. Park	0.5	•			•		•
<b>South Oakland Neighborhood</b>							
Frazier Park	3.4			•			
Lawn and Ophelia Park	0.4	•					•
Niagara Park	0.2		•				
<b>West Oakland Neighborhood</b>							
Dunseith Park (Shalane's Play Yard)	0.1		•				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.6</b>						

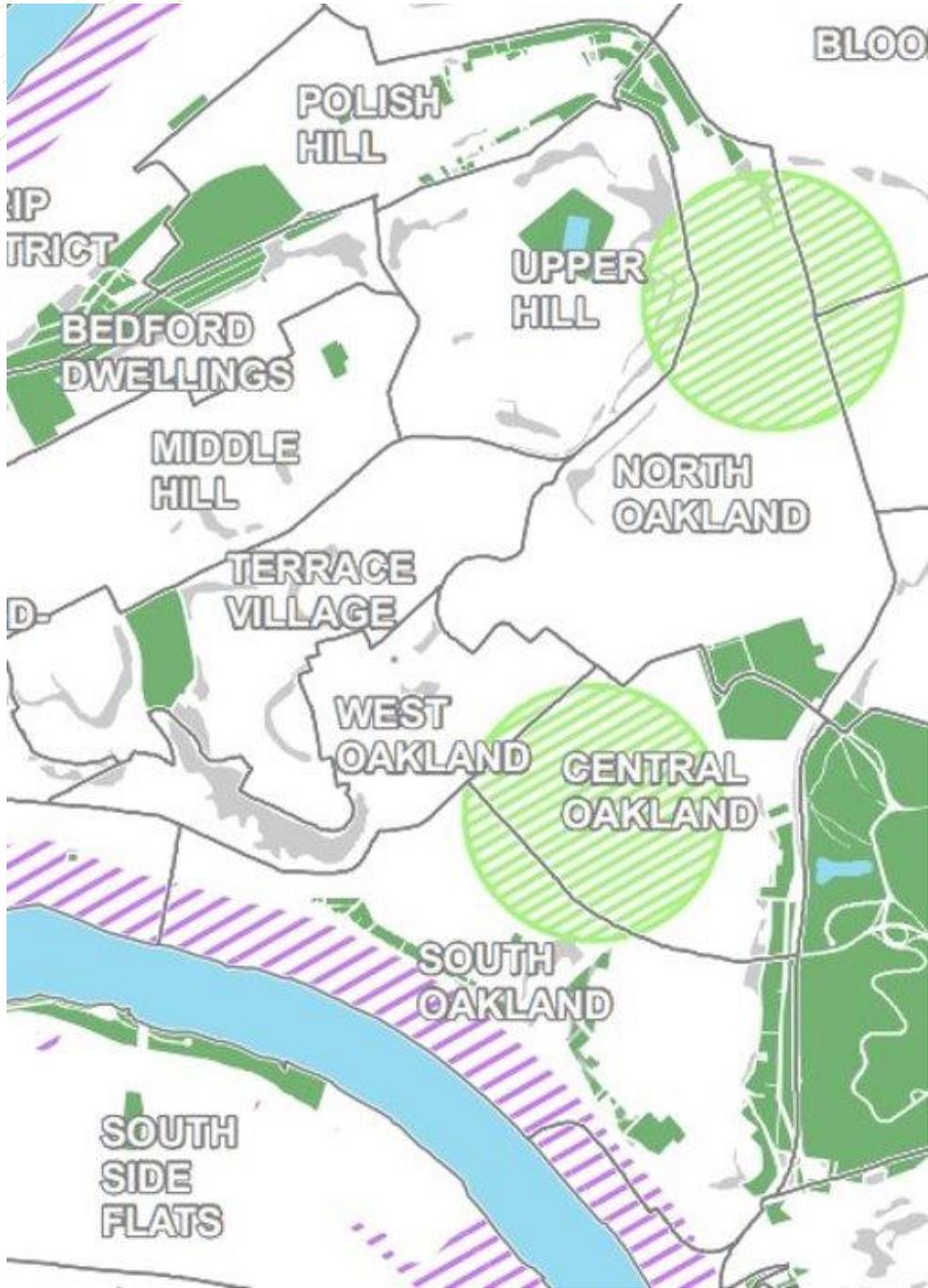


# OpenSpacePGH: Underserved Areas in Oakland



- 1/4 Mile Walk Area
- 1/2 Mile Walk Area
- Underserved High Density
- Underserved Moderate Density
- Low Density to No Population
- Park
- Greenway
- Other Municipality
- Neighborhood
- Water

# OpenSpacePGH: Underserved Areas in Oakland



-  Future Open Space System
-  Areas for Park Additions
-  Areas for Riverfront Addition
-  Non-Public Open Space
-  Neighborhood
-  Other Municipality
-  Water

# Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy's Equitable Investment Strategy

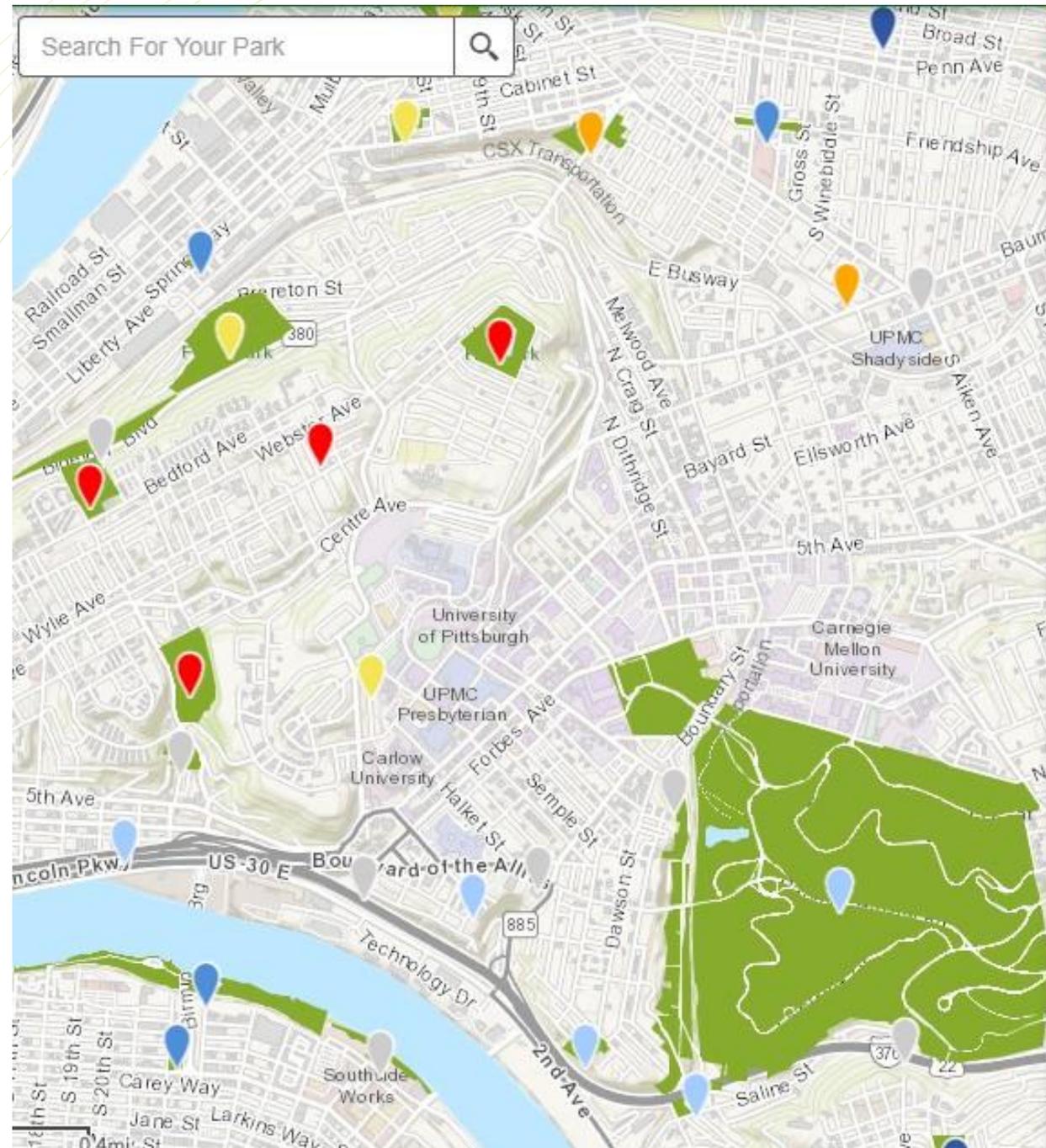


## Capital Project Investment Priority Rankings

*Sites are ranked according to their Community Need Score and Site Need Score, and they will be funded for capital investment in rank order \**

- Niagara Park: 79/165
- Schenley Park: 94/165
- Frazier Park: 96/165

\* A rank of 0 indicates that this site is not included in Capital Project rankings; however, these sites will still receive Rehabilitation funds.



### The Data Behind the Rankings

- Youth
- People of Color
- Seniors
- Poverty
- Anxiety
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Depression
- Asthma
- Black Carbon
- Violent Crime
- Vacancy
- Tree Canopy
- Water Management Priority Areas

# Oakland Open Space Inventory (for this plan)

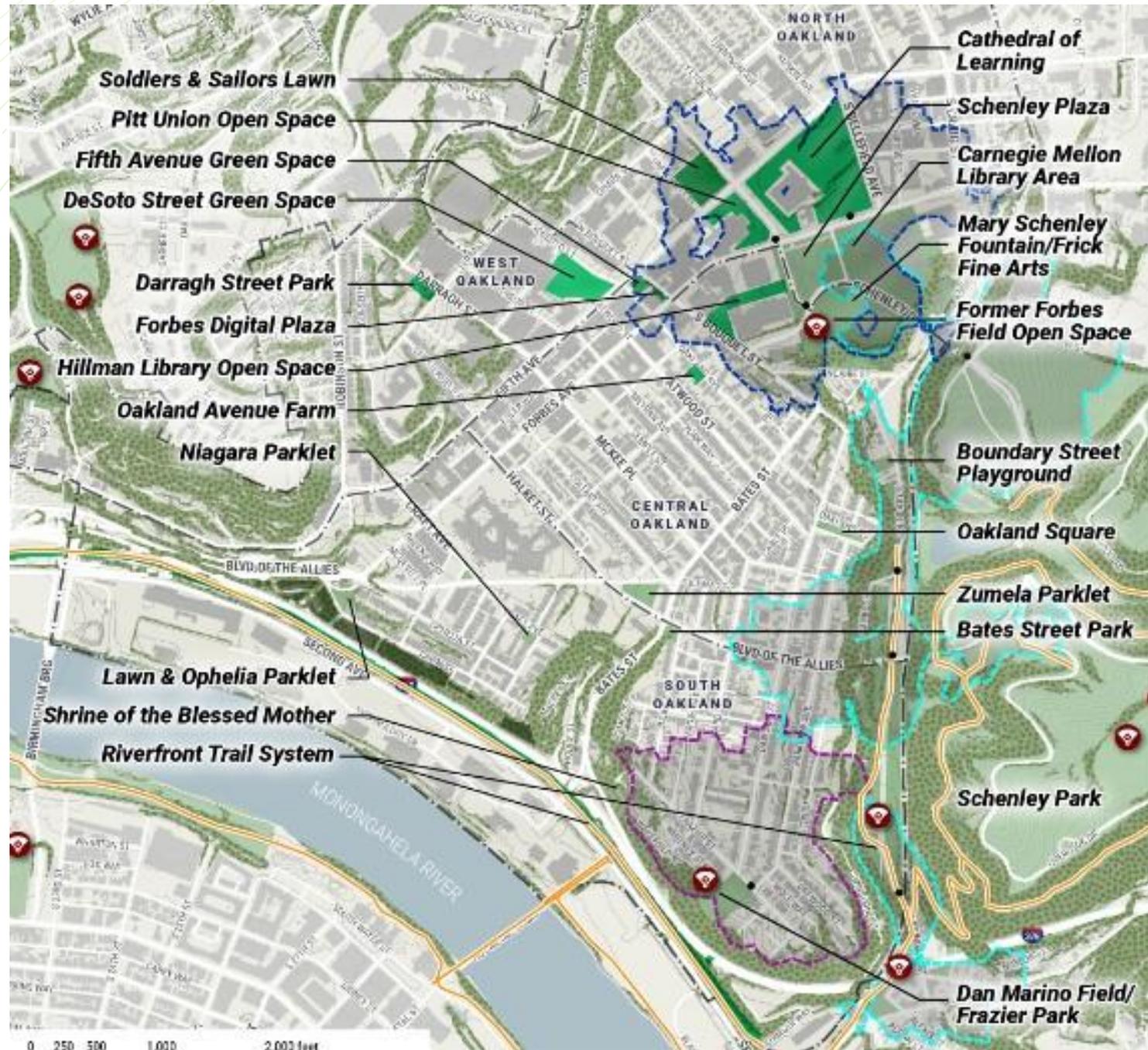


## Parks and Open Space

- Steep Slopes (25%+)
- Parks
- Greenways (Preserved Steep Slopes)
- Public Spaces
- Athletic Fields
- Ballfields
- Trails

### 1/4-MILE WALKING DISTANCE

- Park Access Points
- Frazier Playground
- Schenley Park
- Schenley Plaza



# Types of Open Space

Who can access the space? Who owns, maintains, and operates it?



## Public Open Space

- Schenley Park
- Frazier Park
- Oakland Square

## Privately-Owned Public Space

- Desoto Street green space (UPMC)
- Forbes Digital Plaza (UPitt / OBID)
- Cathedral of Learning area (UPitt)

## Private Open Space

- Residential yards
- Institutional open space with limited public access

How "natural" is the space?



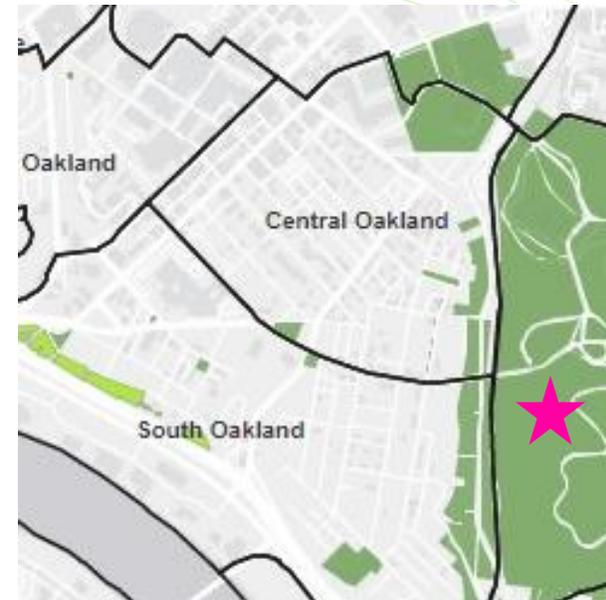
Permeable (rain can soak in)  
Native / naturalized vegetation

Impervious (rain runs off)  
Less vegetation, more paving

Who feels welcome and what is the space for?

Different user groups, races, ages, genders, classes, types of events and uses, animals & plants, seasons & conditions

# Schenley Park



# North-Central Oakland (N of Forbes)

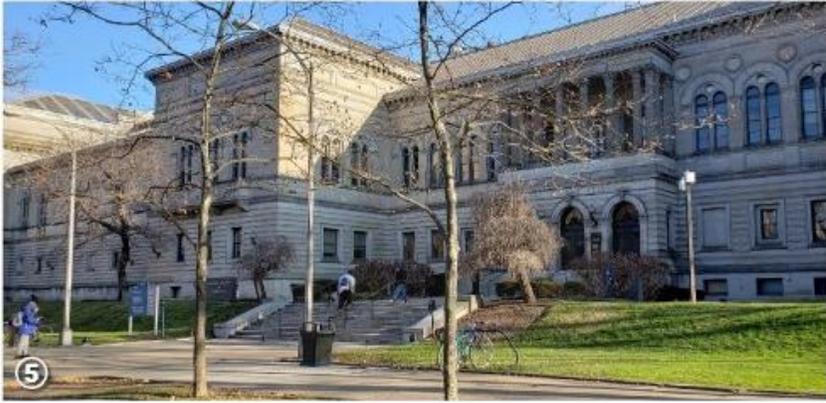


Cathedral of Learning

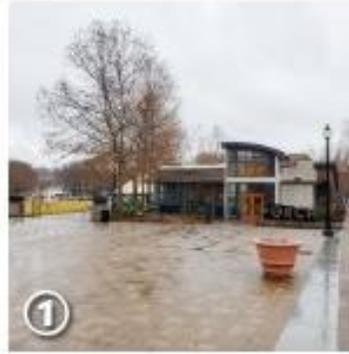
Pitt Union

Soldiers & Sailors

# North-Central Oakland (South of Forbes)



Carnegie Library



Schenley Plaza



Mary Schenley Fountain / Frick Fine Arts



Maseroski / Former Forbes Field

# North-Central / West Oakland



Fifth Ave Green Space



DeSoto St Green Space



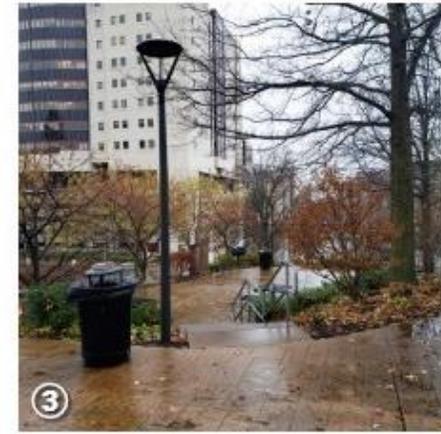
Forbes Digital Plaza



Hillman Library



Dunseith Park /  
Shalane's Play Yard



Darragh St Park



Oakland Ave Farm



# Central Oakland



Boundary St Playground



Bates Street Park



Oakland Square

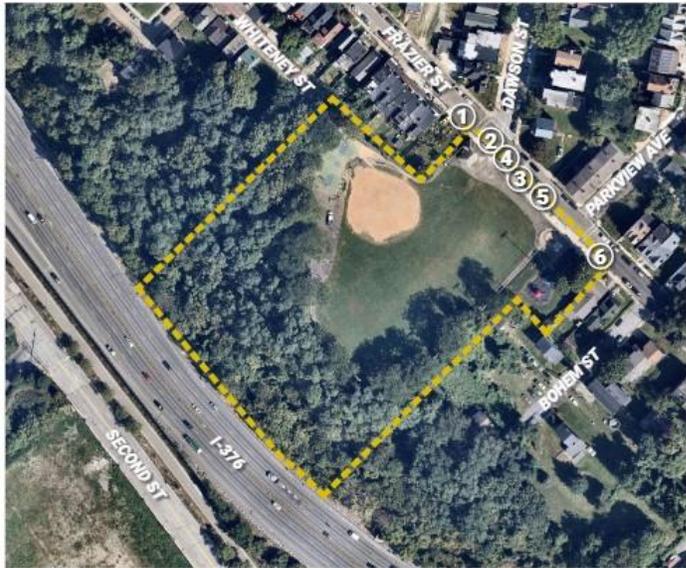


Zulema Park

# South Oakland



Lawn & Ophelia



Niagara Park



Shrine of the Blessed Mother



Frazier Park / Dan Marino Field

Not pictured but still important: Riverfront Trail System, Oakcliffe Greenway, Bigelow Greenway (N Oakland), other wooded slopes



Thank you!

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**Infrastructure Action Team**  
**Stormwater Overview**  
Department of City Planning  
Oakland Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee

June 24, 2020 – Ben Grunauer

At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Pittsburgh embarked on its biggest infrastructure improvement campaign, building sewers, water lines, roads, and power lines that created the city we know today.



# WE HAVE A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROBLEM

- Poor water quality in rivers
  - CSOs/SSOs (See next slides)
  - Illicit discharges – sewage in storm sewers
- Surface flooding
- Basement sewage flooding
- Sewers that are 80 – 100+ years old
  - Aging stormwater infrastructure was built for a different time, less population, and communities that had more green space and less pavement
- Averages 38 inches of rain a year
  - Rainfall no longer falls evenly across the year
  - More severe storms dump more rain quicker



# COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM

Dry Weather

Residential Wastewater

Business Wastewater

Wastewater Treatment Facility

Roof & Area Drains

Street Storm Drains

Roof & Area Drains

Facility

Sewer

Sewer

Treated Water

Combined Sewer

Public Waterway

Combined Sanitary Waste and Storm Water

Weir Wall Overflow Structure

Combined Sewer Outfall

Flow to Wastewater Treatment Facility



B

A



# COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM

Wet Weather

Residential Wastewater

Business Wastewater

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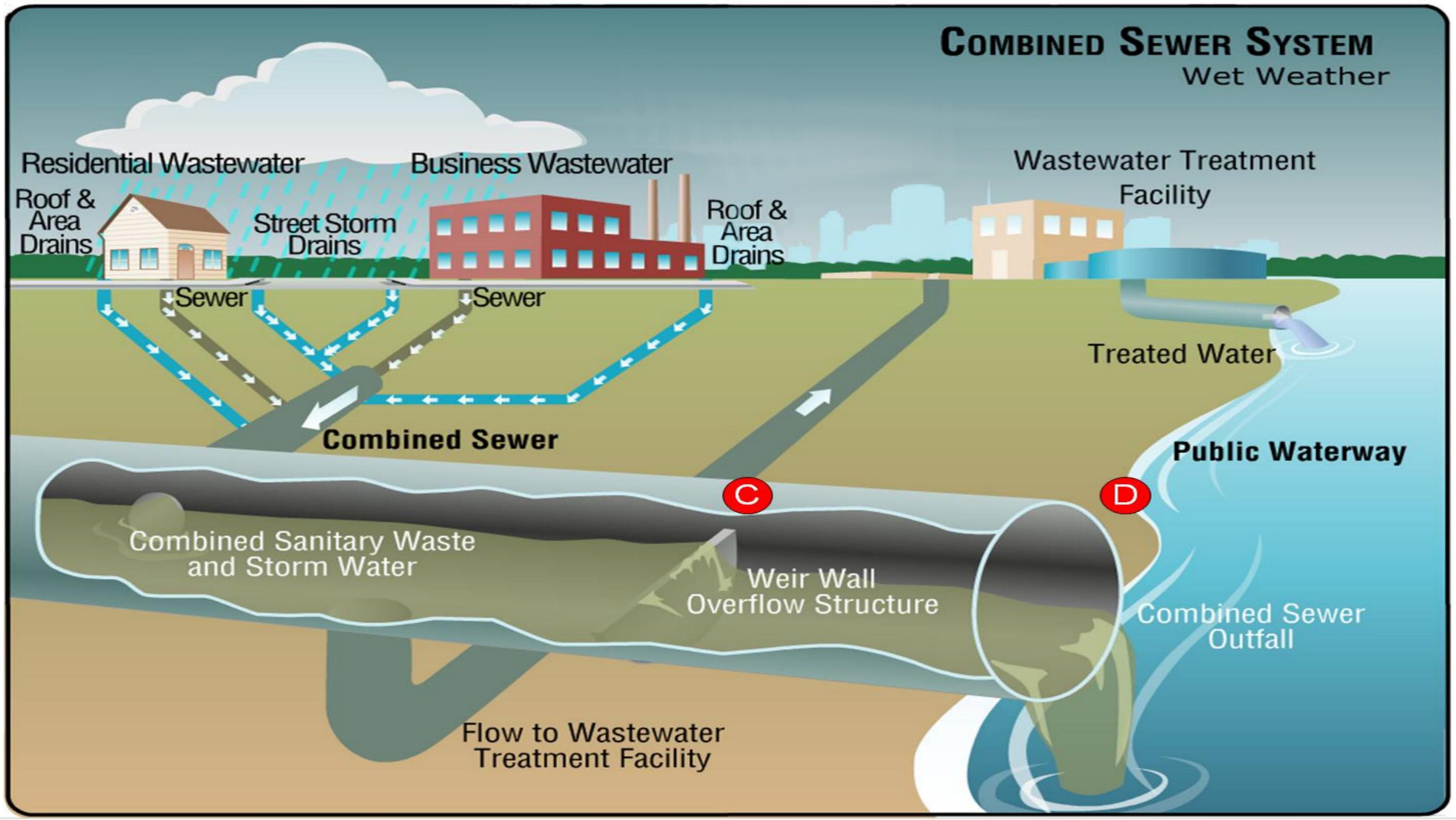
Public Waterway

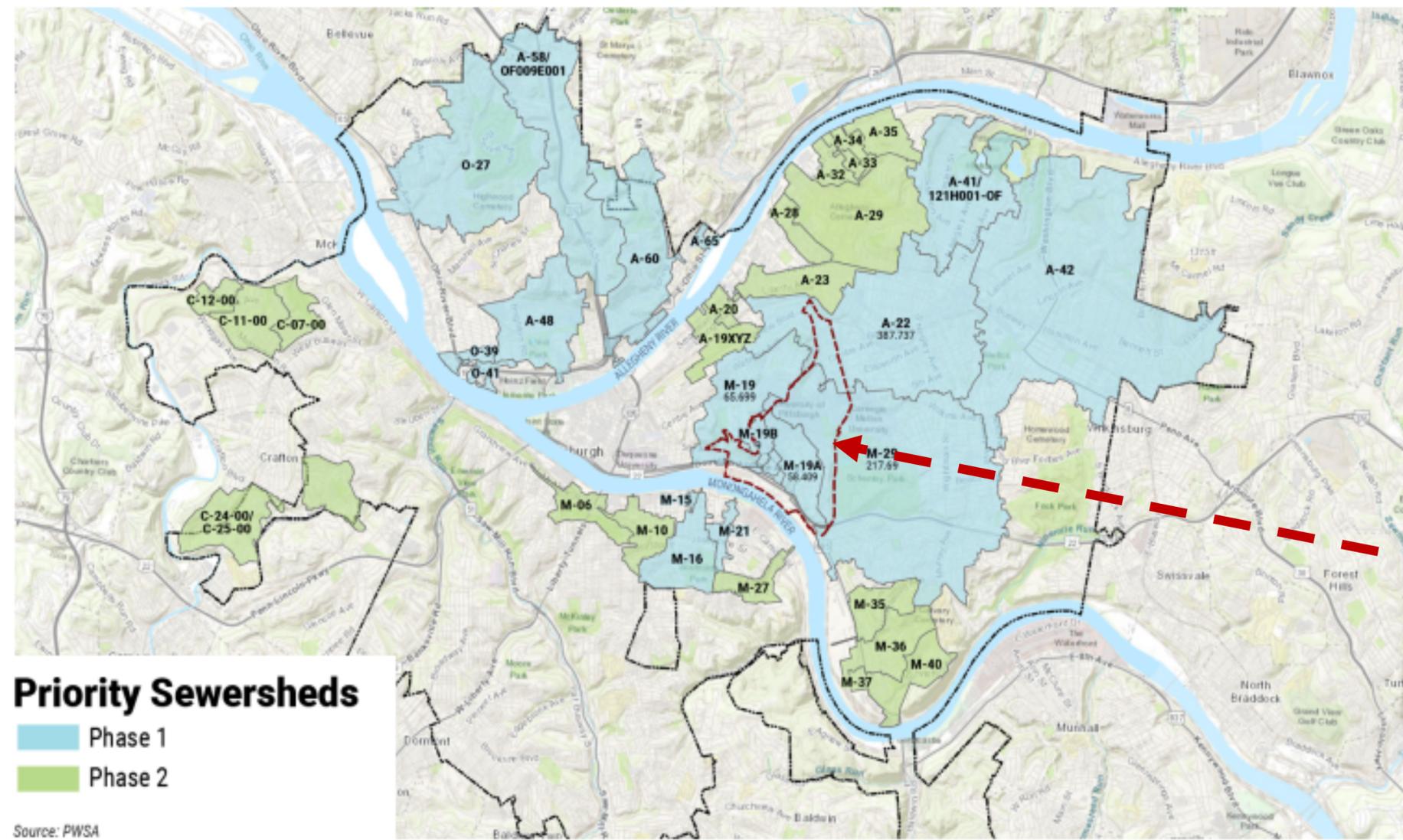
Combined Sanitary Waste and Storm Water

Weir Wall Overflow Structure

Combined Sewer Outfall

Flow to Wastewater Treatment Facility





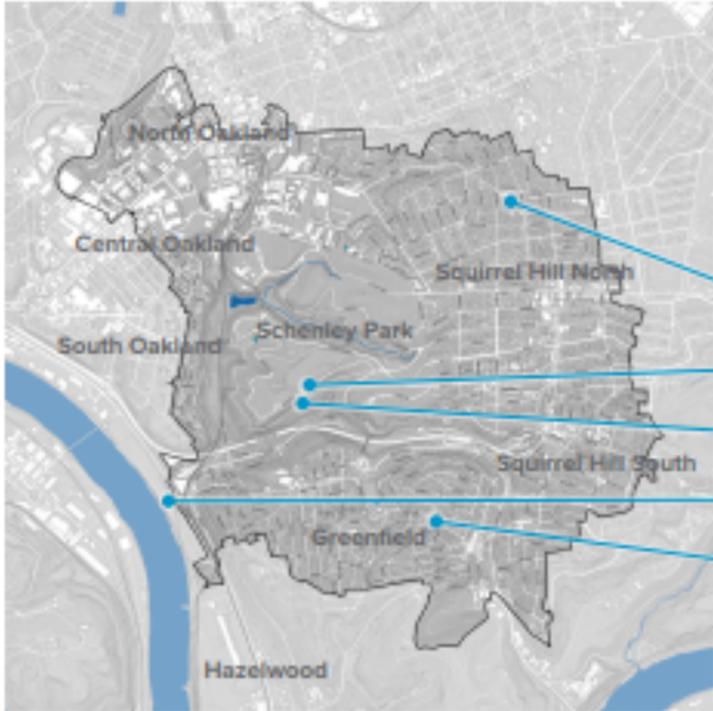
M-19A: 143 impervious acres  
 M-19B: 32 impervious acres  
 M-29: 362 impervious acres  
 A-22: 898 impervious acres

**3.42 Billion Gallons of Wet Weather Flow**

# GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE



# CURRENT AND FUTURE OAKLAND: STORMWATER



**Projects are *planned and in motion* throughout the Four Mile Run watershed (a.k.a. M-29 sewershed):**

- Wightman Park stormwater detention [Under Construction]
- Overlook Drive Retention Swale [Under Construction]
- Bridle Trail Retention Swale [Under Construction]
- M-29 Outfall Pipe Rehabilitation [Construction Q1-2020]
- Small Sewers Rehabilitation [Engineering 2020]

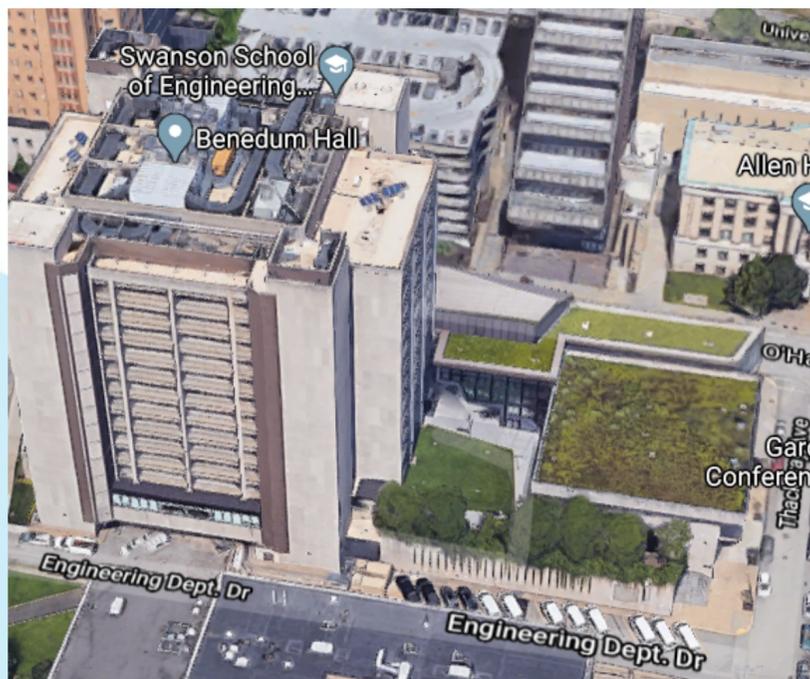


## Design Overview

- Panther Hollow Lake
- Piped Stormwater Connection under RR
- Junction Hollow Stream
- Early Action Projects [Under Construction]
- Piped Stormwater Connection to the River
- Saline Street and Naylor Run Stormwater Improvements



# Stormwater Requirements for Private Development



## How can a resident help?

- Keep drains, gutters, and downspouts clean and free of debris.
- Don't litter. Dispose of trash properly.
- Don't hand wash your car. Bring it to a carwash.
- Properly dispose of pet waste.
- Use fertilizer sparingly.
- Stop oil leaks immediately.
- Install a rain barrel.
- Install a rain garden.
- Consider using permeable pavers.
- Plant trees.
- Become informed of local ordinances and regulations.

By code, new development is required to retain as much stormwater on site and release it to the sewer system at the same rate or less as the site did before redevelopment. The city code is going through major updates right now.

Examples include but are not limited to underground detention tanks, increased green space, green roofs, pollution filters, and large rain gardens.

# SHARED STORMWATER RESPONSIBILITIES

*We are all in this together. There are civic and private responsibilities for managing stormwater. Collectively we can create flood prepared communities that are safer, healthier places to live.*





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Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact:

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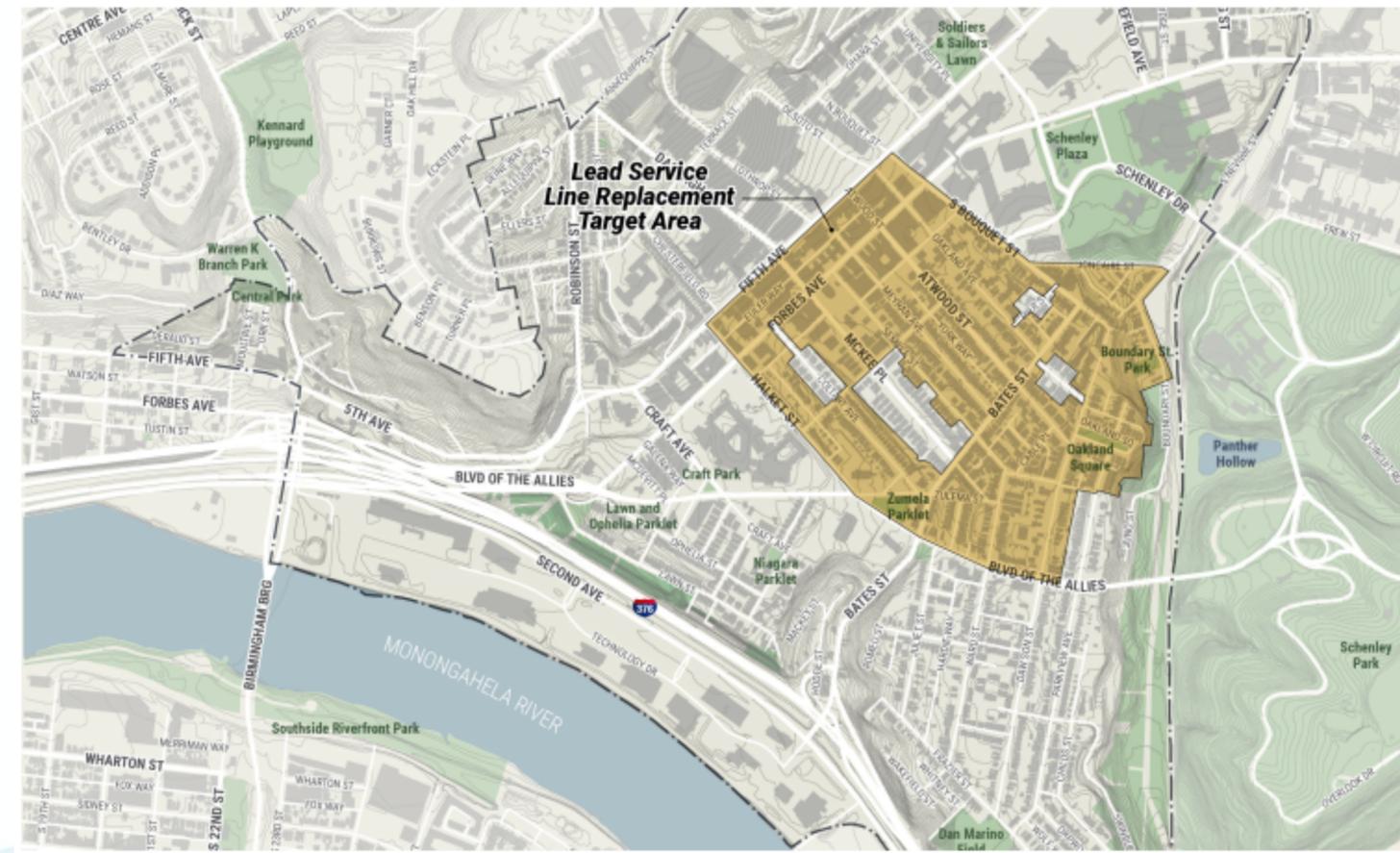
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# Oakland Steering Committee Energy

June 24, 2020



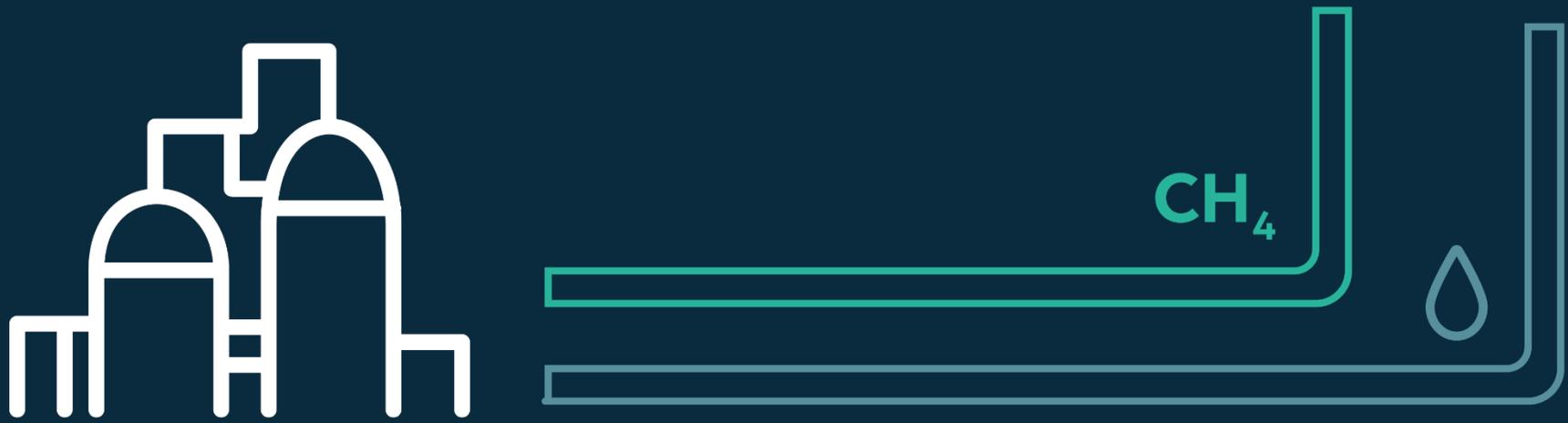
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**Every building and every  
community is sustainable  
so every person can thrive**

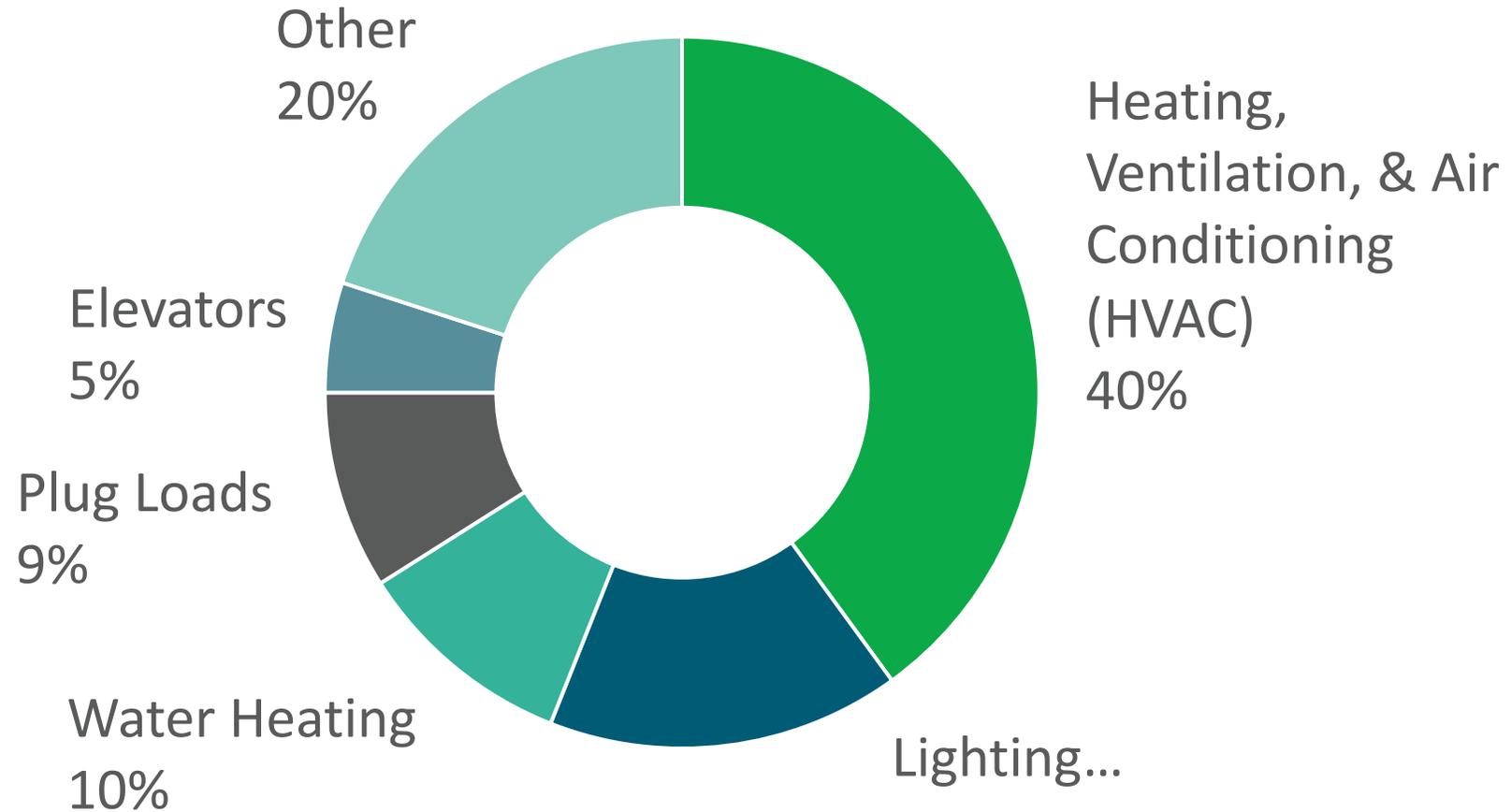


Electricity use reductions in a building  
save

**3 times**

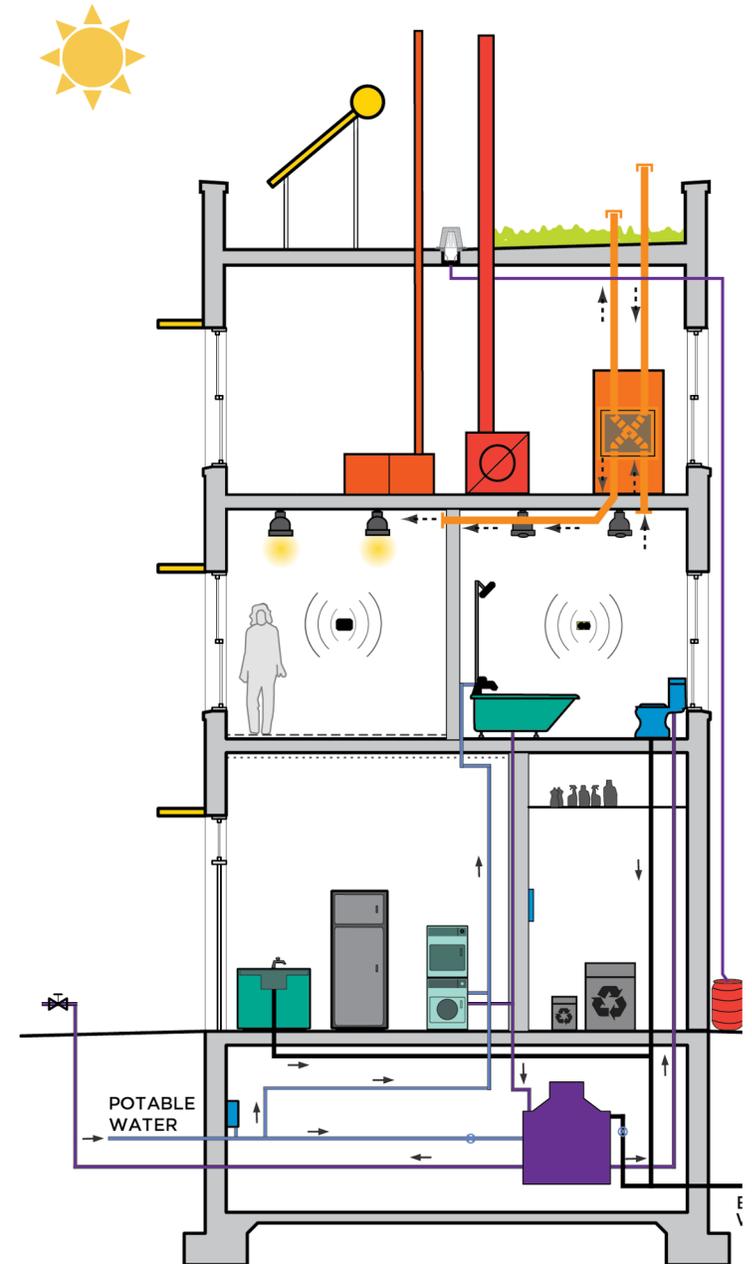
that amount at the power generation plant  
due to thermal and transmission losses

# Average Building Energy Breakdown



# Whole Building Approach

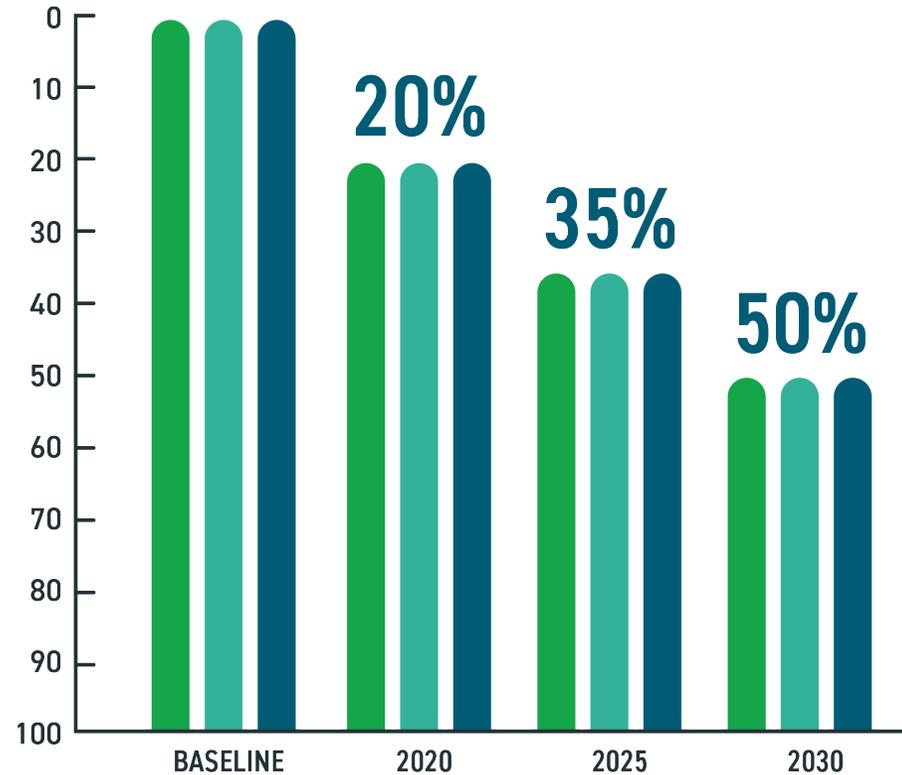
All systems must work together in sync – lighting, HVAC, plumbing, and building envelope



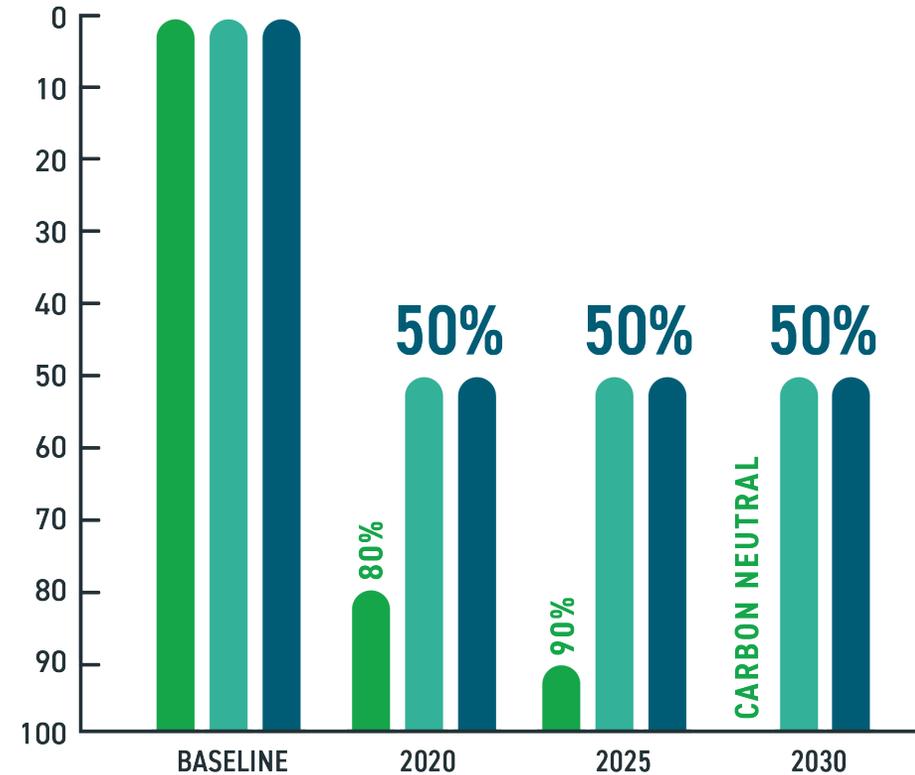


# The 2030 Challenge

## EXISTING BUILDINGS



## NEW BUILDINGS & RENOVATIONS



# 2030 District Network

## ● ESTABLISHED DISTRICTS

Albuquerque, Ann Arbor, Austin, Burlington, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Ithaca, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland (ME), San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Stamford, Toronto, and Tuscon

## ○ EMERGING DISTRICTS

Erie and New York City



# PITTSBURGH 2030 DISTRICT

556 BUILDINGS  
COMMITTED

86.3M SQUARE FEET  
COMMITTED



- COMMITTED
- COMMITTED UNBUILT
- NOT YET COMMITTED

# What is Energy Use Intensity?



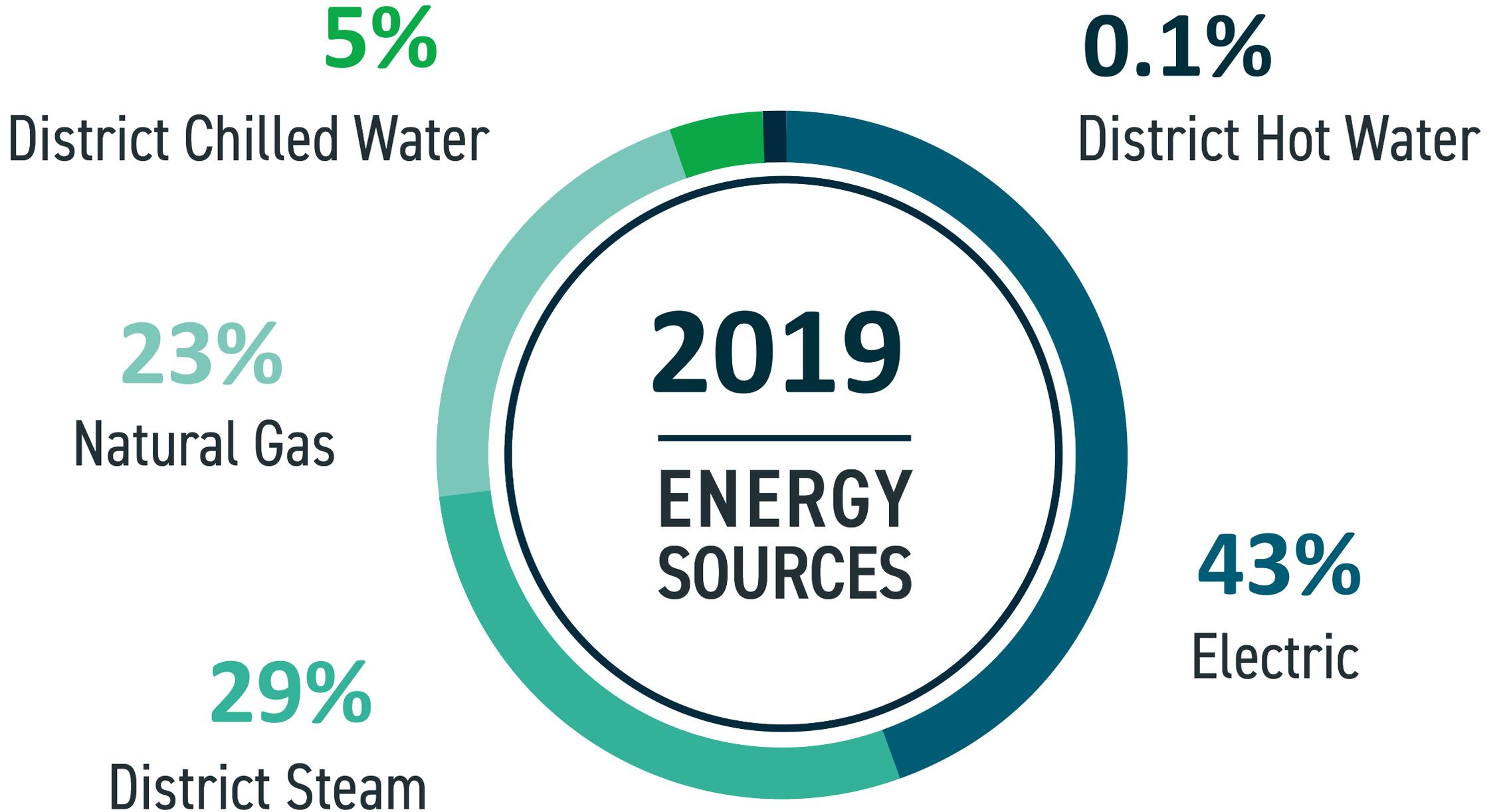
TOTAL ANNUAL ENERGY USE (kBtu)

BUILDING AREA SQUARE FEET

= EUI

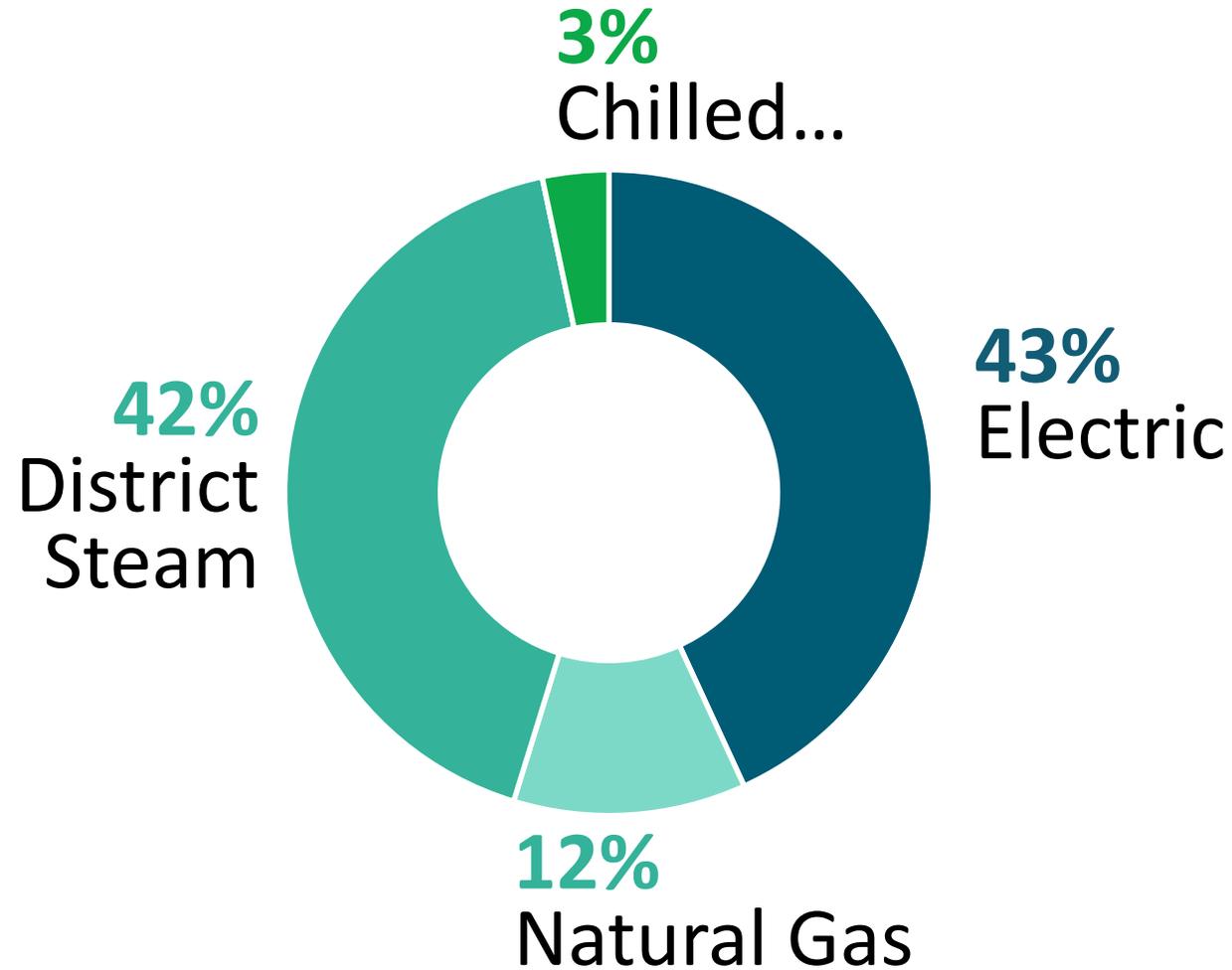
kBtu / sqft PER YEAR

The diagram illustrates the calculation of Energy Use Intensity (EUI). It features a lightbulb icon on the left, representing energy use. The text 'TOTAL ANNUAL ENERGY USE (kBtu)' is positioned above the lightbulb. To the right of the lightbulb is a large division symbol (÷). Further right is a grid of 12 squares, arranged in three rows and four columns. The top row has one green square followed by three white squares. The middle row has two green squares followed by two white squares. The bottom row has three green squares followed by one white square. To the right of the grid is an equals sign (=), followed by the large text 'EUI'. Below 'EUI' is the text 'kBtu / sqft PER YEAR'.



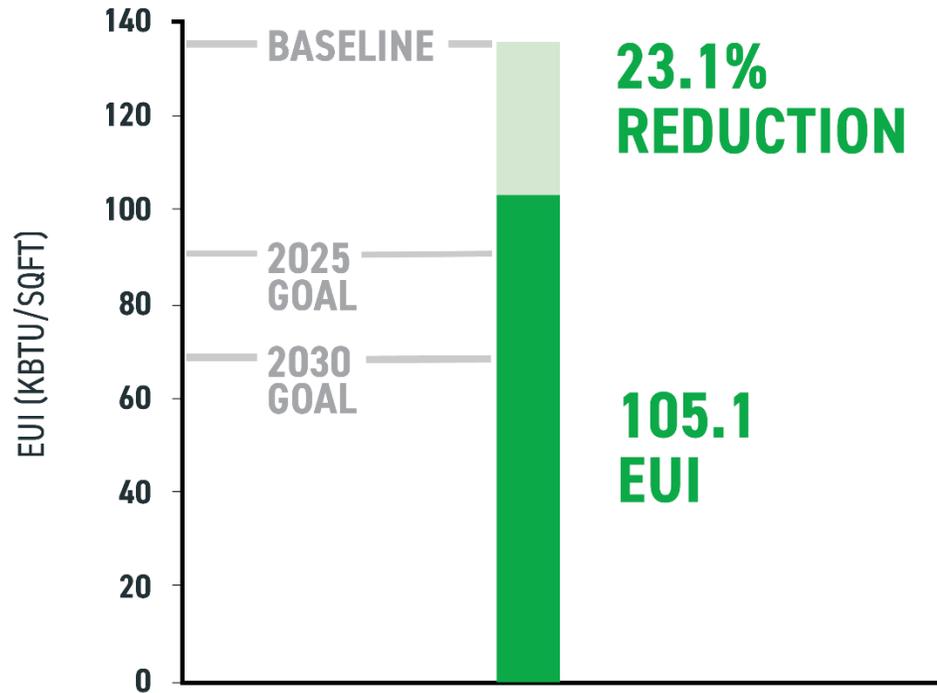
# 2018 Energy Sources

Oakland

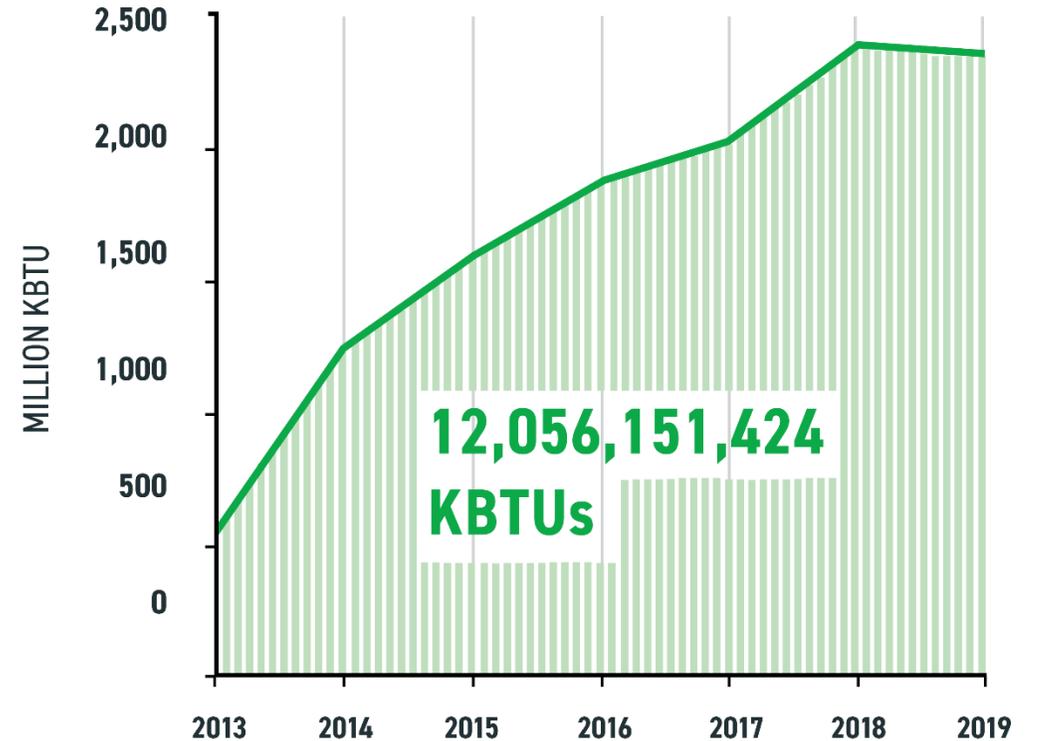


# ENERGY

## 2019 ENERGY PERFORMANCE

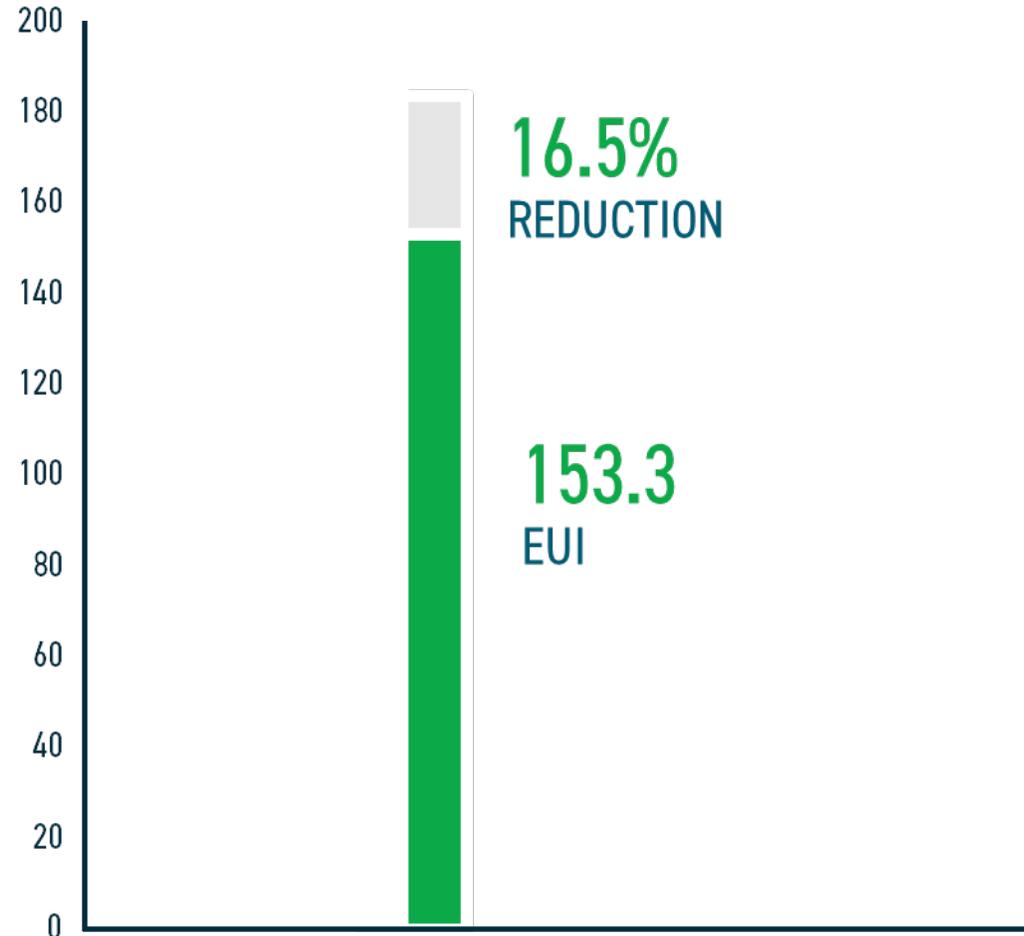


## TOTAL ENERGY USE AVOIDED



# 2018 Energy Reduction

Oakland





154.5 MILLIONS  
SAVED BY  
PITTSBURGH  
2030 DISTRICT

1,488,345

METRIC TONS OF  
CO2 AVOIDED

The background features abstract white line art on a green background. The lines form various shapes, including triangles, circles, and irregular polygons, some of which overlap or intersect. The overall style is modern and minimalist.

# Oakland Energy Master Plan

Collaboration of Oakland Institutions to develop a cohesive energy plan to develop cleaner energy systems while reducing energy usage.

Timeline: 2020-2022 Plan creation  
2022-2050 Implementation

The background is a solid teal color. On the left side, there are two sets of abstract white line art. The top set consists of several overlapping, rounded shapes that form a complex, somewhat triangular pattern. The bottom set is similar, with rounded shapes and lines that create a sense of depth and movement. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

# Thank You!

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