



LA County and LA City UFMP Virtual Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Introduction

On January 18, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG, Inc. partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and had one community member in attendance.

Workshop

As the workshop started, community members were let into the Zoom room and given a brief orientation to the Zoom tools that would be used during the meeting. After a brief welcome from Esmeralda Garcia from MIG, Inc., she began with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of discussions related to six topics. Participants were able to raise their hand to speak or send their message over the Zoom chat. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the digital neighborhood workshop.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Increases walkability in neighborhoods and other spaces due to added cooling

Habitat for wildlife

- No participants discussed this benefit

Food/fruit

- Provides opportunities for fresh fruit that can be obtained locally and may also help to address food deserts (i.e., limited access to fresh fruits)
- Fruit trees could also address possible cost barriers for people who may be lower income and wouldn't otherwise be able to afford fresh fruits and healthy food

Clean air

- No participants discussed this benefit

Stormwater capture

- No participants discussed this benefit

Mental health

- No participants discussed this benefit

Physical health

- No participants discussed this benefit

Cultural significance/importance

- No participants discussed this benefit

Beauty/aesthetics

- No participants discussed this benefit

Sense of place

- No participants discussed this benefit

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Participants discussed the possible concerns for trees in their neighborhood, but also discussed how the benefits of having trees offsets the potential hazards in many cases.

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Participants noted how certain types of trees leave a sticky residue or sap on cars or sidewalks, but also noted how this wasn't a major concern or issue
- The benefits of trees outweighs any concerns related to mess

Maintenance (cost/need)

- No participants discussed this topic

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- There was somewhat of a concern for falling trees or limbs that could damage property or vehicles, but participants noted how proper maintenance could address these concerns
- Participants discussed concern with falling trees and limbs as an opportunity to educate the public about tree health and the signs to look for in hazardous trees
- The concern about hazards could be addressed by using proper soil and trees that can withstand weather and wind events

Power lines (obstructed)

- No participants discussed this topic

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- There was some concern that certain types of trees could lift sidewalks or driveway cutouts

Street lights (blocked)

- No participants discussed this topic

Pipes (broken)

- No participants discussed this topic

Fire risk

- No participants discussed this topic

Pests

- No participants discussed this topic

Water use

- No participants discussed this topic

Other safety concerns

- No participants discussed this topic

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Participants discussed the need to maintain and preserve mature trees and prevent property owners from taking out mature trees.

Front and backyards

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Preventing property owners from paving over tree curb cuts to preserve existing trees and spaces where trees can be planted
- Participants noted that property owners don't want to maintain their trees leading to lost opportunities and large blocks/areas without trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Preserving mature trees in parks to provide shade and other benefits

Specific locations mentioned include:

- South San Gabriel Valley

Other

- Participants discussed the opportunity to create an ordinance to preserve mature trees and protect them from being removed even on private property
- Requiring new development to mitigate tree removal and plant trees that are of a certain size and maturity if a tree must be removed during development

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Participants discussed the many opportunities where trees could be planted around atypical areas to provide shading and other benefits.

Front and backyards

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Many schools have paved asphalt in the play areas for kids so there is a great opportunity to plant more trees at schools and create more natural play spaces
- The County and Public Works could assist schools in planting more trees as there is usually a cost burden associated with planting trees that many schools can't bear

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Pedestrian areas that are frequently used should be prioritized when planting trees
- Planting trees creates a sense of place and improves the pedestrian experience

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Participants noted how there were many opportunities to plant more trees in parks across the County

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Planting trees and beautifying areas that aren't typically the "norm" for trees such as gas stations or industrial areas
- Prioritizing bus stops and other transit centers for new trees to provide shade and improve the experience for transit users
- Planting trees at rail stations and metro link stations since they usually lack shade
- County managed waterways and channels could be good opportunities to plant more trees since the water demand might not be as intensive as other places
- Creating space to plant more native trees
- Changing development codes and laws to mandate planting trees and increasing tree coverage

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Rio Hondo Channel
- South side of the Rio Hondo near Whittier Narrows

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Plant trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Plant trees
 - Participants discussed their participation in Tree People planting events

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Learn about trees

- The need for more education about the best types of trees for different areas
- Knowing about the right type of tree to plant to avoid concerns such as tree roots lifting sidewalks and what it would take to prevent/mitigate this

Care for trees

- Participants expressed interest in caring for trees that are both newly planted and for existing trees

Plant trees

- Community organizers are needed to facilitate planting events
- There was a need to address community hesitancy to plant trees
- Creating more interest among the community in planting more trees in parkways

Other roles & what you would need

- Participants discussed the need for a Countywide ordinance to prevent property owners from removing and damaging existing trees

Reflections

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- Participants wanted to know if there was a tree inventory of existing conditions and if that would be incorporated into the final Plan
- Are there any policies you are looking into to maintain the tree canopy and provide the County with the ability to plant more trees in parkways?
- Participants asked if parkways were considered County/public property

Benefits of Trees

Benefits of Trees

Shade/ cooling

Increases
walkability

Food/ fruit

Opportunities
for fresh fruit
locally

Addresses
possible
cost
barriers

Concerns

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

Some trees
leave sticky
residue - not
a major issue



Having trees
outweighs
the mess
concern

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

Certain
types of
trees can lift
sidewalks

Driveway
cutouts
being lifted

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

Falling tree
concern

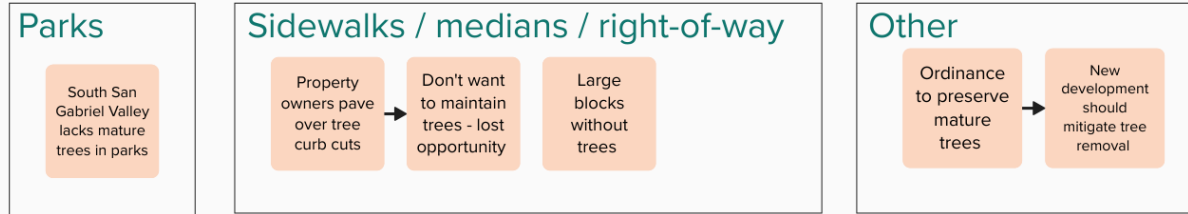


Ensure
trees are
maintained

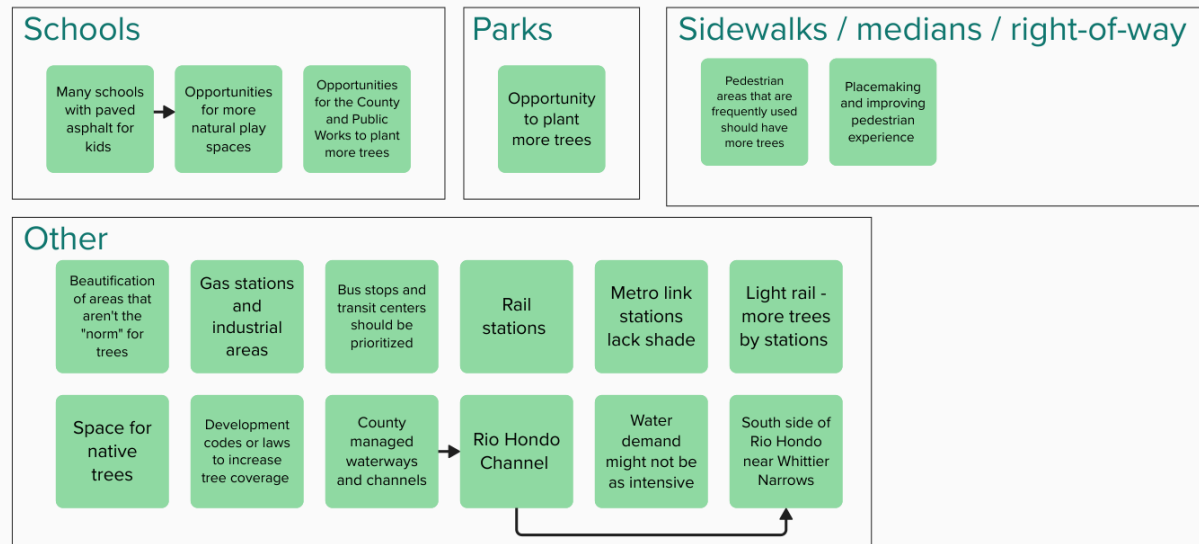
Education on
tree health
and signs to
look for

Proper soil
and trees that
can withstand
wind events

Maintain / Preserve Existing Trees



Plant New Trees



Your Current Role in the Urban Forest

Plant trees

Tree
People
planting
event

Your Future Role in the Urban Forest

Learn about trees

Education -
best trees
for different
areas

Planting
the right
trees

Some tree
roots are
lifting
sidewalks

Care for trees

Caring for
trees that are
planted and
for existing
trees

Plant trees

Community
organizer
to plant
more trees

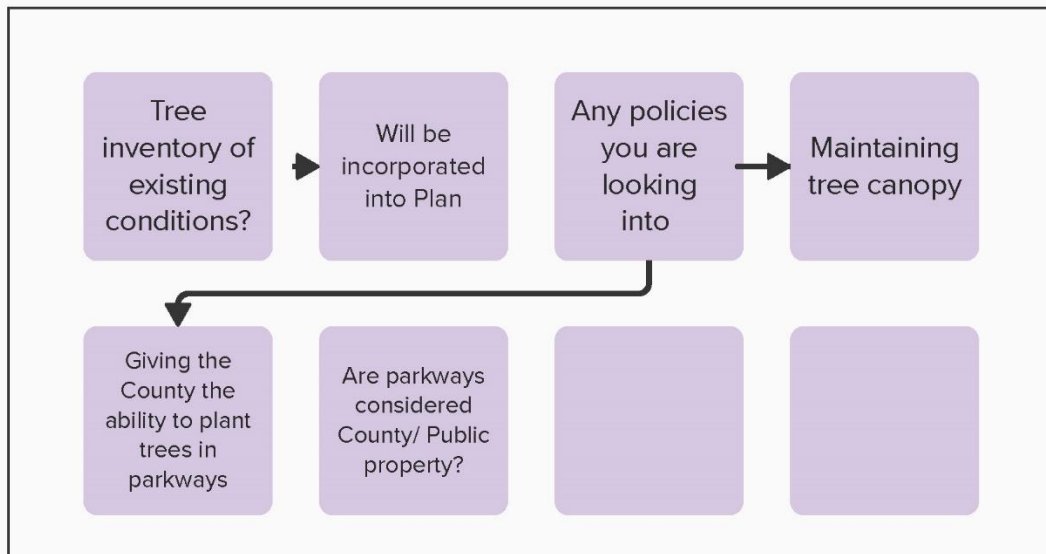
Addressing
hesitancy to
plant trees
among
community

Increasing
interest to
plant trees
in parkways

Other & What you need

Ordinance to
prevent property
owners from
removing/
damaging trees

Additional Questions



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Virtual Neighborhood Workshop Summary

22, January, 2024

6:00-7:30pm

Introduction

On January 22, 2024, the LA County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG, Inc. partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and had five community members in attendance.

Workshop

As the workshop started, community members were let into the Zoom room and given a brief orientation to the Zoom tools that would be used during the meeting. After a welcome from <enter name> from <organization>, <facilitator name> started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of discussions related to six topics. Participants were able to raise their hand to speak or send their message over the Zoom chat. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the digital neighborhood workshop.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- No participants chose this benefit

Food/ Fruit

- Fruit trees alleviate burdens in food deserts

Clean air

- No participants chose this benefit

Stormwater capture

- No participants chose this benefit

Mental health

- No participants chose this benefit

Physical health

- No participants chose this benefit

Cultural significance/importance

- Preserving Trees (i.e palm trees along Miramonte Blvd.)

Beauty/aesthetics

- No participants chose this benefit

Sense of place

- No participants chose this benefit

Other

- Native Trees are important

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

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- No participants chose this benefit

Maintenance (cost/need)

- No participants chose this benefit

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- No participants chose this benefit

Power lines (obstructed)

- No participants chose this benefit

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Lack of maintenance has impacted sidewalks

Streetlights (blocked)

- Lack of maintenance blocks streetlights

Pipes (broken)

- No participants chose this benefit

Fire risk

- No participants chose this benefit

Pests

- No participants chose this benefit

Water use

- No participants chose this benefit

Other safety concerns

- No participants chose this benefit

Other

- Non-native trees planted without research and they can be invasive and non-sustainable species
- Tree-trimming is done during nesting time, which affects habitats
- Non-native species are also not supportive of wildlife

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Best to provide education and outreach to owners
- Private property is difficult to manage

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Schools

- Challenging in this location due to low funding and staffing

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Participants voted in the Mentimeter poll that trees in this location need the most maintenance and preservation
- Trees take up a lot of space in this location

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Parks

- Proper training and education of staff needed

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Other

- Public property is easier for City/ County to manage
- There are a lot of renters in the City and County, so they have no jurisdiction over property

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- No participants chose this benefit

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Schools

- No participants chose this benefit

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Participants voted in the Mentimeter poll sidewalks/medians/right-of-way need the most trees.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Parks

- No participants chose this benefit

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None.

Other

- Restoration sites have potential
- There needs to be research into Native Trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Large properties where businesses have parking lots or open spaces
- Community gardens for edibles/ foods

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Care for trees
- Plant trees
- Enjoy trees

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

- Care for trees
 - Educating people who care for trees and maintain them
- Other
 - Educating public on value of native trees

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Learning about the UFMP
- Many of the topics addressed could find a solution with more education for municipalities and leaders. Better resources and increased funding would be helpful.
- Great to see the county is making an effort to bring awareness to the population regarding the value of trees. On the other hand, the county's priority is developing open space with housing.
- How we are able to extend our knowledge of native trees.

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- Are community workshops a good way to extend knowledge on native trees?
- How will the plan be implemented?
- How will the county educate communities about what plans are in place so that all stakeholders voices can be heard?
- Question about funding to save open space filled with trees and grass from development.

Appendix of Workshop Materials (see below for full view of MURAL boards)

Benefits of Trees

Benefits of Trees

Food/ fruit

Fruit trees
alleviate
burdens in
food deserts

Other

Native
trees are
important

Cultural significance/ importance

Preserving
certain trees (i.e.
palm trees
along
Miramonte blvd)

Concerns and Priorities

Concerns

Other

species on
county's list of
trees to plant
in parkways

Non-natives
planted
without
research.

Invasive
and non
sustainable
species

Tree
trimming
done during
nesting time

Non-native
species are
not as
supportive to
wildlife

Neighborhood Needs

Maintain / Preserve Existing Trees

Front and backyards

Private property is difficult

Why is yards an option when it's hard to manage?

Best to provide education and outreach to owners

Schools

Challenging with low funding and staffing

Parks

Proper training and education of staff

Sidewalks / medians / right-of-way

Make up a lot of space

Other

Public property is easier for City/County to manage

Lots of renters in County and City

Plant New Trees

Other

Large properties where businesses have parking lots or open spaces

Restoration sites have potential

Research into native trees

Community gardens for edible/foods

Your Future Role in the Urban Forest

Care for trees

Educating
those who
care and
maintain for
trees

Other

Educating
public on
value of
native trees

Reflections

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

How to extend our knowledge of native trees..via community workshops?

learning about the UFMP

Many of the topics addressed could find a solution with more education for municipalities and leaders. Better resources and increased funding would be helpful. encouraged leaders make pledges/commit

I am happy to see that the county is making an effort to bring awareness to the population regarding the value of trees. On the other hand, the county's priority is developing open space with housing,



DESCRIBE BRIEFLY

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

implementation of the plan?

County PR that educates communities about what plans are in place so that all stakeholders voices can be heard.

Funding to save open space filled with trees and grass from development.

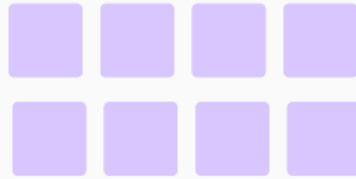


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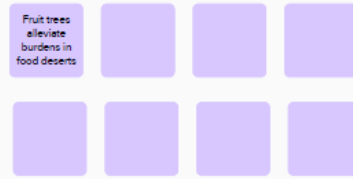
Shade/ cooling



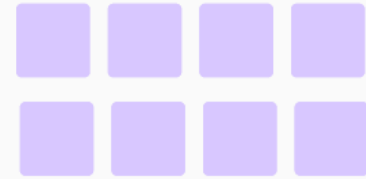
Habitat for wildlife



Food/ fruit



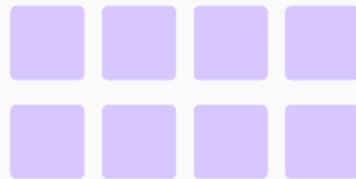
Clean air



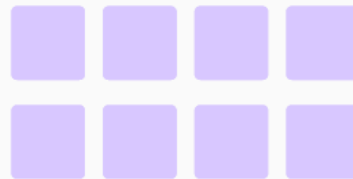
Stormwater capture



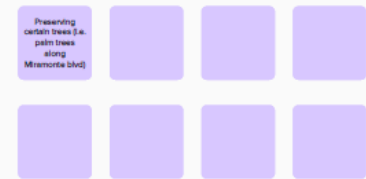
Mental health



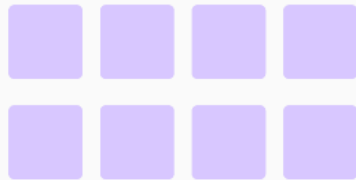
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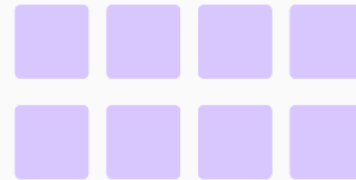
Cultural significance/ importance



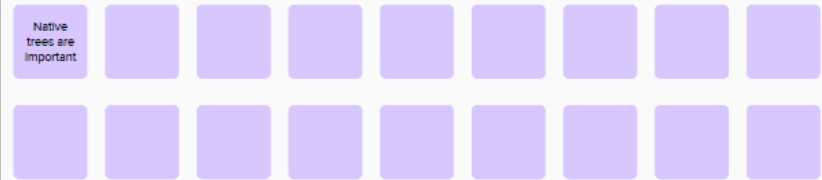
Beauty/ aesthetics



Sense of place



Other



Concerns

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) 	Maintenance (cost/need) 	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) 	Power lines (obstructed)
Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Lack of maintenance has impacted sidewalks	Street lights (blocked) Lack of maintenance blocks street lights	Pipes (broken) 	Fire risk
Pests 	Water use 	Other safety concerns 	Other Non-natives planted without research. Invasive and non-sustainable species Tree trimming done during nesting time Non-native species are not as supportive to wildlife Species on property that are close to power lines

Maintain / Preserve Existing Trees

Front and backyards

Private property is difficult

Why is yards an option when it's hard to manage?

Best to provide education and outreach to owners

Schools

Challenging with low funding and staffing

Parks

Proper training and education of staff

Sidewalks / medians / right-of-way

Make up a lot of space

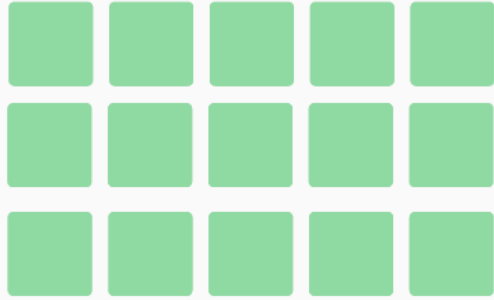
Other

Public property is easier for City/County to manage

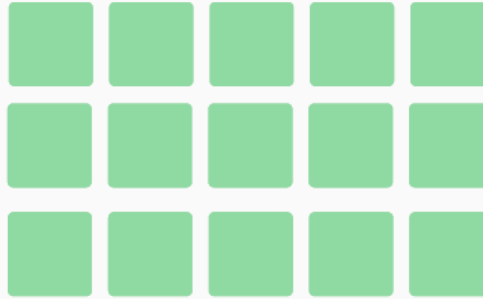
Lots of renters in County and City

Plant New Trees

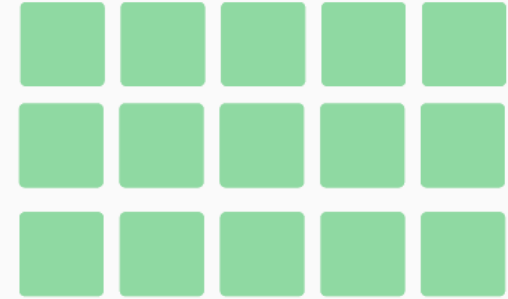
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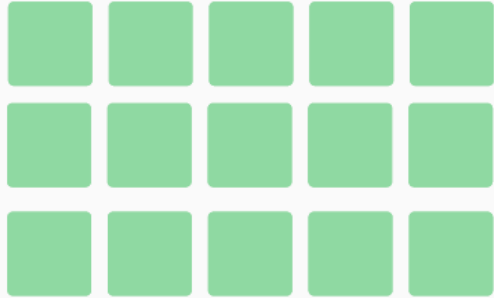
Schools



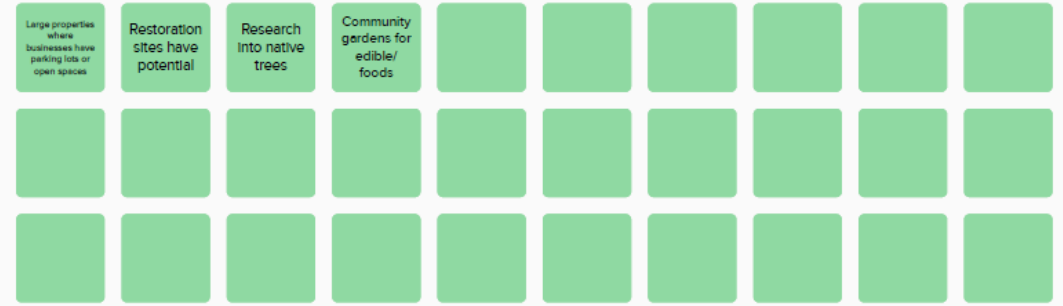
Parks



Sidewalks / medians / right-of-way



Other



Your Future Role in the Urban Forest

Enjoy trees

Learn about trees

Care for trees

Educating those who care and maintain for trees			

Speak for trees

Plant trees

Work with trees

Other

Educating public on value of native trees							

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LA County and LA City UFMP Virtual Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
2:00 – 3:30 pm

Introduction

On January 23, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG, Inc. partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and had three community members in attendance.

Workshop

As the workshop started, community members were let into the Zoom room and given a brief orientation to the Zoom tools that would be used during the meeting. After a brief welcome from Esmeralda Garcia from MIG, Inc., she began with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of discussions related to six topics. Participants were able to raise their hand to speak or send their message over the Zoom chat. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the digital neighborhood workshop.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Shading is a top concern for those living in the high desert and shade trees provide essential cooling for the hotter months

Habitat for wildlife

- The high desert has a significant amount of displaced wildlife and trees provide a safe place for those animals

Food/fruit

- No participants discussed this benefit

Clean air

- No participants discussed this benefit

Stormwater capture

- No participants discussed this benefit

Mental health

- No participants discussed this benefit

Physical health

- No participants discussed this benefit

Cultural significance/importance

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Beauty/aesthetics

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Fire risk

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Pests

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Water use

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Other safety concerns

- No participants discussed this topic

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Trees provide safety for students giving them shade and cooling during hot days
- Important for children's mental health

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Trees provide an opportunity for all to have a comfortable place to go and experience nature and get out of the sun
- Parks are a comforting and communal place so trees should be maintained

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

<Insert the main ideas that summarize what people said about the places where **planting trees was important** in the bullet points below. The first bullet includes an example. One bullet point is shown for each topic, but you may include more.>

Front and backyards

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Planting trees at schools is critical for children's mental health
- There haven't been new trees planted at many schools in 15 years
- Schools need new trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Trees are needed to provide shelter for those walking and could also encourage more people to walk instead of drive if there is shade

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Learn about trees

- Need more education about trees and the appropriate types of trees for different climates/locations

Care for trees

- Workshops to understand the needs of trees and how to care for them
- Planting and caring for trees are connected

Plant trees

- Need to establish and grow trees that are planted and not just plant as many trees as one could
- Many trees are planted and then not properly cared for

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Benefits of Trees

Benefits of Trees

Shade/ cooling

Top concern
for those
living in the
high desert



Habitat for wildlife

High
desert has
displaced
wildlife



Trees provide
safe place for
displaced
wildlife

Maintain / Preserve Existing Trees

Schools

Ensures
student
safety

Mental
health

Parks

Opportunity
for all to have
a comforting
place

Comforting
&
Communal
place

Plant New Trees

Sidewalks / medians / right-of-way

Provide
shelter for
people who
walk

Encourage
more
people to
walk

Schools

Essential
for
children's
health

There hasn't
been many
new trees
planted in 15
years

Needs
preservation
and new
trees

Your Future Role in the Urban Forest

Plant trees

Establishing and growing trees instead of just "planting"



Many trees are planted and not properly cared for

Learn about trees

More education

Care for trees

Educational workshops to understand needs

Glad to see both planting and caring is included

LA County and LA City UFMP Virtual Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
10AM to 11:30AM

Introduction

On January 24, 2024 the LA County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. The County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and had five community members in attendance.

Participants were concerned about the lack of public education on tree maintenance and importance of biodiversity. They suggested having incentives to attract more people to urban forestry work and believe that private property can be an obstacle. Many of the participants would like to be involved more and believed that more outreach attempts are necessary to make a difference.

Workshop

As the workshop started, community members were let into the Zoom room and given a brief orientation to the Zoom tools that would be used during the meeting. Kate Welty from MIG welcomed the group and started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

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Shade/cooling

- Aware of protections trees provide which are good alternatives to AC, which is better for the environment

Habitat for wildlife

- Native trees support insects/ local critters

Food/fruit

- No participants chose this benefit

Clean air

- Carbon sequestration

Stormwater capture

- No participants chose this benefit

Mental health

- No participants chose this benefit

Physical health

- No participants chose this benefit

Cultural significance/importance

- No participants chose this benefit

Beauty/aesthetics

- No participants chose this benefit

Sense of place

- No participants chose this benefit

Other

- Trees provide safety, like creating a buffer between public spaces and the street

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- No participants mentioned this concern

Maintenance (cost/need)

- More regular consistent maintenance could provide more buy in for trees
- Also reduces hazards and large cuts

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- No participants mentioned this concern

Power lines (obstructed)

- No participants mentioned this concern

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Prefer not to deal with lifted sidewalks

Streetlights (blocked)

- No participants mentioned this concern

Pipes (broken)

- No participants mentioned this concern

Fire risk

- No participants mentioned this concern

Pests

- Limited biodiversity which should be based on geographic areas
- Need to address lack of biodiversity and educate on importance

Water use

- No participants mentioned this concern

Other safety concerns

- No participants mentioned this concern

Other

- There is a lack of diverse opinions and participation in process
- More community education is needed
- Need to utilize neighborhood councils (esp. if they are representative of community)

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Create incentives for new developments that don't prioritize trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- They create a better environment for kids at school

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- They provide shade for those using public transit

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- No participants chose this benefit

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Easiest way to provide relief from heat
- Maintenance decision-making is up to different people

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Hancock park HOA – plants trees and does not maintain them
- Trees need to be allocated properly
- Hire people who can care for trees properly
- Provide education to those providing tree maintenance

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Encourage informed planting
- Simplify process to get utility/ infrastructure schematics
- Dig alert/ 811 service ends at public right of way
- Emphasize incorporating native trees
- Suggest utilities companies to create a list of recommended tree species to plant
- Visibility between trees is safety

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Exposure to greenery and process/ maintenance – reimagine communities; creates opportunity for education
- Creative incentives for school to plant trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Contribute to safety
- Protects from Heat-illness
- Create accommodation for large trees without having to remove them
- Tree issues are related to street design

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- No participants chose this benefit

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Prioritize suggestions in low-income neighborhoods where efforts may not experience much pushback
- Pick areas where tree planting projects can be successful

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Lancaster planted trees along main street

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - Need to have more people involved
 - Need to do more outreach

- Speak for trees
 - Difficult to speak for trees when don't know who's responsible
- Other
 - Have commercial businesses buy in - provide incentives
 - Encourage places with lots of trees to think their decisions through
 - People don't know something is an issue until made aware
 - Outreach to Chamber of commerce

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Speak for trees

- More outreach is needed
- More education about tree maintenance is needed

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Need more participation, outreach and education
- Incentives for people are needed

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- Who to work with to make this situation better? What can I join or do?
- How are you disaggregating professional opinions from laypeople's opinions for all these workshops?

Benefits of Trees

Shade/ cooling

Aware of
protections
trees
provide

Provides
alternative to
AC that is
better for
environment

Habitat for wildlife

Native trees
support
Insects/local
critters

→
Needed to
support life

Clean air

Carbon
sequestration

Other

Trees
provide
safety

→
Trees create a
buffer
between
public spaces
and the street

Many of
these
benefits build
off each other

Maintain / Preserve Existing Trees

Front and backyards

Newer
developments
do not prioritize
trees, create
incentives!

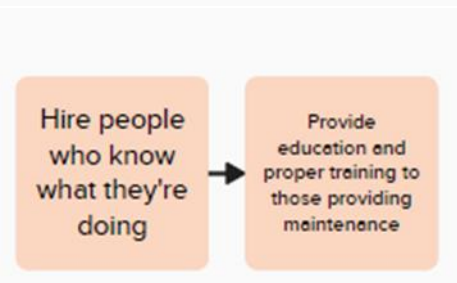
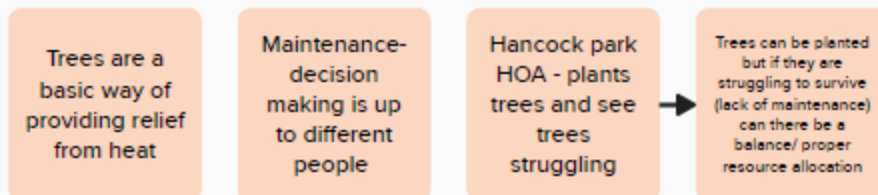
Schools

Create better
environments
for kids at
school

Sidewalks / medians / right-of-way

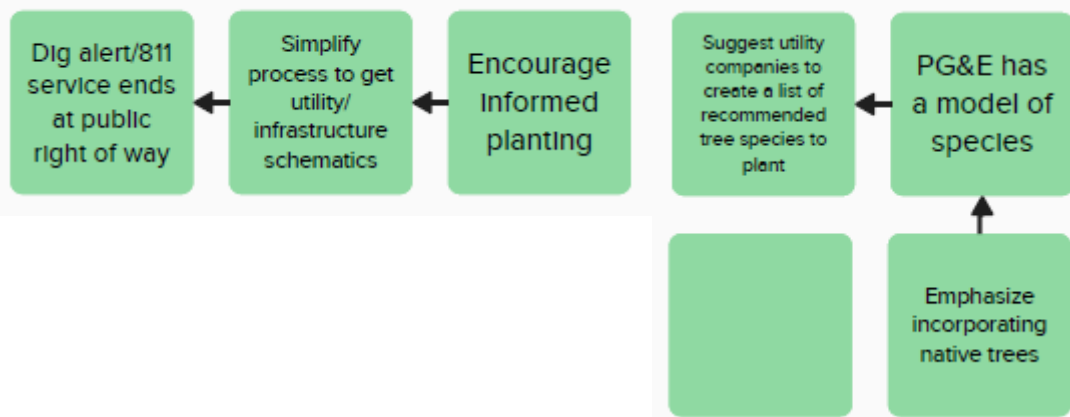
Provide
shade for
those using
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Other

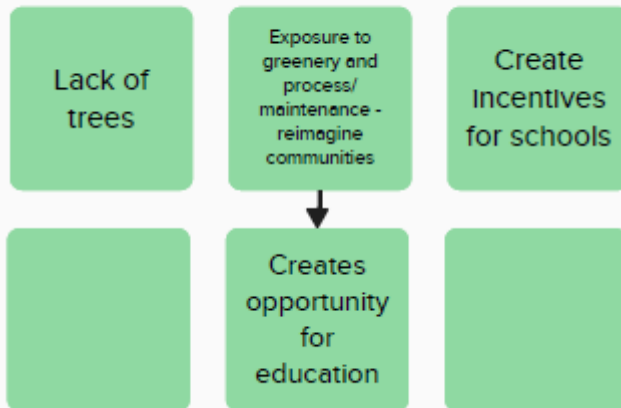


Plant New Trees

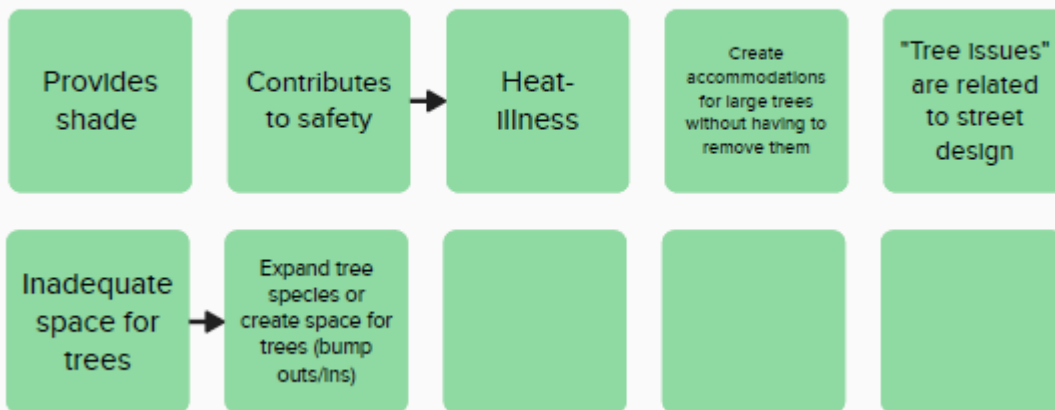
Front and backyards



Schools



Sidewalks / medians / right-of-way



Other



Your Future Role in the Urban Forest

Enjoy trees

Missing their
comments and
opinion (positive
and negative,
neutral)

Need to have
everyone
Involved, do
more outreach



Speak for trees

Difficult to
speak for
trees

Unsure who
is
responsible



Other

Encourage
places with lots
of trees to think
their decision
through

Have
commercial
businesses buy
in - provide
incentives



Will not know
something is an
issue unless
people speak up
and are involved

Need to
have these
people at
the table



Outreach to
chamber of
commerce

Concerns

Maintenance (cost/need)

If there were more
regular/consistent
proper
maintenance,
could have more
buy in



Reduce
hazards and
large cuts

Many
concerns
listed could be
improved with
maintenance



Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

Not dealing
with lifted
sidewalks
the best way



Pests

Limited biodiversity (lists and nurseries)

Diversity quotient for geographic areas

Need to limit and address dangers of lack of biodiversity, educate on importance

Other

Lack of diverse opinion and participation in process

Need more education

Community education

Utilize neighborhood councils (esp. if they're representative of community)

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

We need more participants.

We clearly need way more outreach, education, and incentives to meet our needs for canopy in Los Angeles

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

Who to work with to make this situation better...what can I join or do?

How are you disaggregating professional opinions from laypeople's opinions for all these workshops?

LA County and LA City UFMP Virtual Neighborhood Workshop Summary

February 29, 2024

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Introduction

On February 29, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG, Inc. partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and had three community members in attendance.

Workshop

As the workshop started, community members were let into the Zoom room and given a brief orientation to the Zoom tools that would be used during the meeting. After a brief welcome from Esmeralda Garcia from MIG, Inc., she began with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of discussions related to six topics. Participants were able to raise their hand to speak or send their message over the Zoom chat. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the digital neighborhood workshop.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Ability to cut heat and improve play fields
- Gives protection from the sun

Habitat for wildlife

- 90% of insects will not lay eggs on trees that are not native to them
- Birds, insects, habitat living in trees
- Provides for food for animals and people
- Creates habitat for bugs, birds, etc.

Food/fruit

- Provides fresh food for many communities who may not have access
- More people can grow their own food the healthier they can be

Clean air

- Life affirming oxygen
- Ability to clean the air and capture carbon

Stormwater capture

- Stormwater capture benefit is important
- Capturing and managing water to the best of our ability

Mental health

- Nature is soothing
- Access to trees can speed up recovery time

Physical health

- Life affirming oxygen
- Calming - nature in backyard and streets

Cultural significance/importance

- People are attracted to trees in the streets and parks

Beauty/aesthetics

- Beauty of trees
- Beauty, privacy and aesthetics are important
- Calming - nature in backyard and streets

Sense of place

- Benefits value of community
- Make living in a community better

Other

- Coast Redwood are great and planted in my yard

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Participants discussed the possible concerns for trees in their neighborhood, but also discussed how the benefits of having trees offsets the potential hazards in many cases.

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Awareness of what types of trees are appropriate in different spaces and conditions

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Need to increase the budget for urban forestry maintenance

- Homeowners removing trees and planting something that doesn't provide the same canopy
- Some tree trimmers don't properly trim trees

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- No participants discussed this topic

Power lines (obstructed)

- No participants discussed this topic

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Sidewalk lifting due to root growth
- Nobody to fix it when it happens and costly for homeowners
- Due to the wrong tree in the wrong place
- Pick trees that are appropriate for spaces
- Within Palisades zones there are trees that have outgrown their spaces
- Right place right tree prevents sidewalks from being lifted

Street lights (blocked)

- No participants discussed this topic

Pipes (broken)

- No participants discussed this topic

Fire risk

- No participants discussed this topic

Pests

- No participants discussed this topic

Water use

- No participants discussed this topic

Other safety concerns

- Main concern is lack of protection of current trees
- Need stronger enforcement of taking out trees with/w/o permits
- Fines, revocation of building permits, stop notices, etc.
- Fines on west side should be larger than other areas of town
- ADU ordinance (right of private action)
- Providing homeowners with protection of trees being removed from their property by adjacent owners
- Removal of lawn incentives
- Incentives for tree planting that is good for habitat
- Avoid the mistake of the previous Olympics

- Plant trees with more benefits
- Make native trees more affordable and available
- Native trees are more available at wholesale but maybe not available for average person

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Participants discussed the need to maintain and preserve mature trees and prevent property owners from taking out mature trees.

Front and backyards

- Main concern is homeowners removing mature trees
- Palisades construction and removal of trees with/without permits
- More protection of trees on private property
- Expand number of natives that can be protected
- Include private property in ordinances

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Students can earn associates in urban ag by the time they grad high school
- Using trees as a form of education

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Anaheim's Magnolia High School and Norwalk Unified
- Anaheim and Norwalk have been doing great things

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Maintaining street trees in the Palisades
- Vacancies where trees have died

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Losing trees in parks

Specific locations mentioned include:

- George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon has planted with 100% natives

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Participants discussed the many opportunities where trees could be planted around atypical areas to provide shading and other benefits.

Front and backyards

- Expand tree preservation and planting of heritage trees on private properties

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Many schools have paved asphalt in the play areas for kids so there is a great opportunity to plant more trees at schools and create more natural play spaces
- The County and Public Works could assist schools in planting more trees as there is usually a cost burden associated with planting trees that many schools can't bear
- Planting in schools to provide shade and benefits for kids
- Major priority
- Delivering food from school yard to parents
- How can we look at school spaces
- Train teachers how to use spaces and educate the kids
- Trees address eco anxiety for students
- Planting gives students something to care for and learn from
- Dr. Herb Machleder - UC Master Gardner Program Orchard Team
- Addresses food deserts

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Magnolia HS putting in orchards

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Planting street trees is a major priority
- Medians often times have little room for trees
- Need to maintain sight lines for cars
- Planting trees addresses heat island

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Need more trees in parks

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Lot of magnolia and palm trees that are not native
- Incorporate more native

Specific locations mentioned include:

- View Park and Windsor Hills needs more trees

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Learn about trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Other

Roles community members have or would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Learn about trees

- Master gardeners' program can help to provide education
- Opportunity to provide education to different networks
- Networks can help the County and City to spread the word and educate people in their networks
- Spread awareness of nurseries with native trees
- Education around native trees and availability
- Coordination w/ autobahn on habitat and pruning time
- Emphasize the benefit of native trees
- Need more education on proper pruning

Care for trees

- Maintaining and replenishing trees at Rustic Canyon Rec Center
- State and City landmark
- Trees are thriving with the care that Palisades group is providing

Plant trees

- Free trees from City Plants
- City Plants would also plant them
- Identify vacancies and org would plant the trees
- Homeowners would only have to water trees
- City Plants and City of LA started focusing on areas with less tree coverage
- Palisades becoming independent corp to buy and plant trees
- Rustic Canyon Rec Center
- 1897 plaque honoring Santa Monica Forestry Station (1st in nation)

Work with trees

- Landscape designer encouraging people to plant trees
- Especially native trees, but also some exotics that are appropriate for climate
- Encourage natives and incentives to plant native trees
- Tap into master gardener network
- Create series of workshops to offer to master gardeners to learn about tree policies
- Need more local nursery's with native trees

Speak for trees

- Subcommittee that advises people of the permits required for removal

Other roles & what you would need

- Not in favor of LA ordinance requiring all planting/sales being native
- Native trees for habitat and heat island

Reflections

Reflections community members in attendance had about the workshop topics include:

- More department collaboration at the City and County level
- County should pursue partners
- Support community colleges
- Allowing city/ community colleges to expand programs
- Colleges need support/ resources to expand urban ag and other programs
- Opportunities for HS to provide students w/ associates upon graduation
- Tie UFMP into climate action plan

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

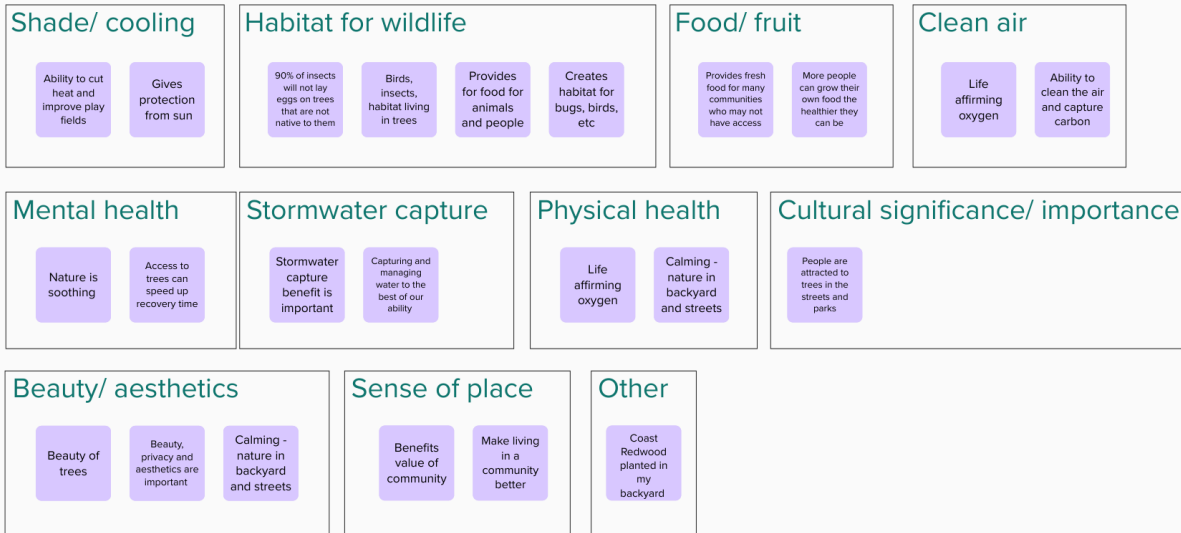
- Will questions be available later to provide additional feedback?
- Will there be an elimination of stovepipes of department silos
- Can plans that would eliminate trees be reviewed by Urban Forestry?

- Are you coordinating funding for maintenance between various departments?

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Benefits of Trees

Benefits of Trees



Concerns & Priorities

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

Awareness of what types of trees that are appropriate in different spaces



Maintenance (cost/need)

Need to increase the budget for urban forestry maintenance

Homeowners removing trees and planting something that doesn't provide the same canopy

Some tree trimmers don't properly trim trees



Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

Sidewalk lifting due to root growth

Nobody to fix it when it happens and costly for homeowners

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Other

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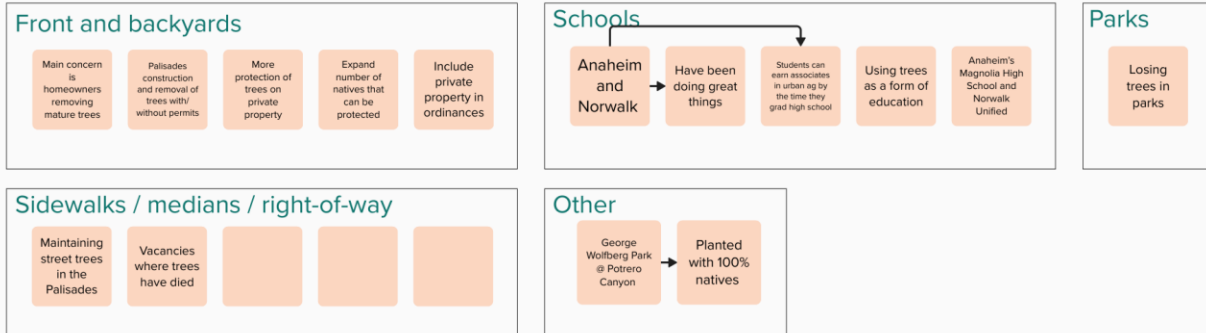
Plant trees with more benefits

Make native trees more affordable and available

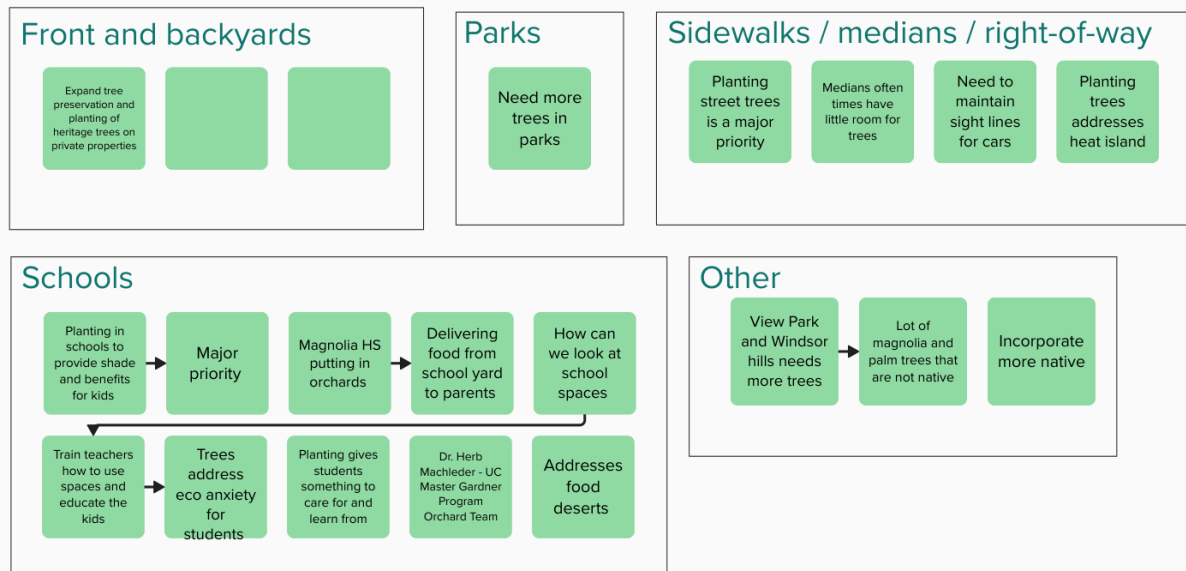
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Neighborhood Needs

Maintain / Preserve Existing Trees

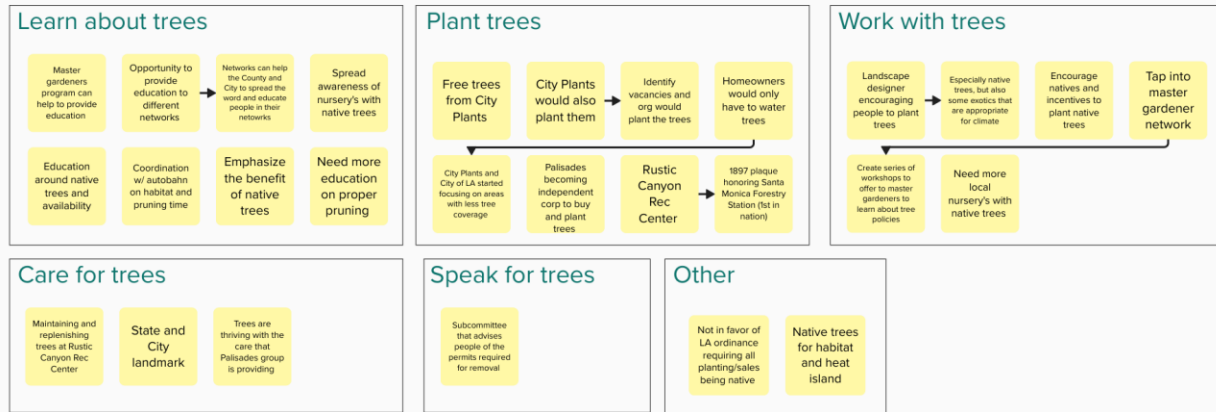


Plant New Trees



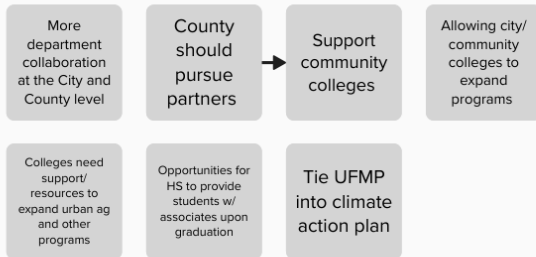
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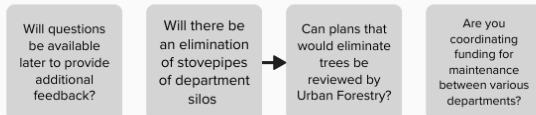


Reflections

Important Takeaway



Additional Questions



LA County and LA City UFMP Virtual Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Thursday, February 22, 2024
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Introduction

On February 22, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team joined the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation Meeting to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG, Inc. partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and had 35 community members in attendance.

Workshop

As the UFMP discussion portion of the workshop started, team members from MIG, Inc. and the County provided welcoming remarks and introductions. After a brief welcome from Esmeralda Garcia from MIG, Inc., Rachel Ferdman, from the County, began a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the discussion portion of the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of discussions related to six topics. Participants were able to raise their hand to speak or send their message over the Zoom chat. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the digital neighborhood workshop.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Shading provides a massive benefit to the community and recently SCE took down trees that provided shade in Liberty Canyon which was a massive disaster for the community and for people who come to the area to recreate in the canyon

Habitat for wildlife

- Animal habitat is one of the most important benefits of trees in this community

Food/fruit

- No participants discussed this benefit

Clean air

- The Santa Monica Mountains are considered the lungs of LA and the trees provide so many benefits

Stormwater capture

- No participants discussed this benefit

Mental health

- Trees provide a great mental health benefit for residents and for people who come to the area to visit, hike the trails, and get into nature

Physical health

- Trees provide many physical health benefits in addition to the mental health benefits

Cultural significance/importance

- No participants discussed this benefit

Beauty/aesthetics

- No participants discussed this benefit

Sense of place

- No participants discussed this benefit

Other Benefits

- Trees provide many benefits, and they all are important

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Mess is not a concern in this area and the leaves that drop from trees actually provide mulch for the community so the mess is more of a benefit than concern

Maintenance (cost/need)

- The fire department requires the community to do their own maintenance of trees which can be costly
- There should be grants to assist homeowners in preserving and maintaining trees

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- The growth cycle of trees is not being properly accounted for and the 14 foot canopy clearance does not take into account the natural growth cycle of a tree
- There needs to be time for the trees to grow into a proper canopy before it is tall enough to be out of the right of way

Power lines (obstructed)

- The trees don't cause fires, it is the powerlines that cause fires, so it would be beneficial if the utilities were taken underground to prevent powerlines from being obstructed and possibly causing fires

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- No participants discussed this topic

Street lights (blocked)

- No participants discussed this topic

Pipes (broken)

- No participants discussed this topic

Fire risk

- Fire risk is a significant concern in the Santa Monica Mountains, but it is not the trees that cause fires

Pests

- No participants discussed this topic

Water use

- Water demands are somewhat of a concern, but primarily in trees that don't fit the climate

Other safety concerns

- No participants discussed this topic

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Oak trees being killed on private property is a concern they need to be maintained and often times the trees are killed because of other water intensive plants on the property that suck up all the water
- In other cases the roots of trees are rotting due to overwatering so there needs to be education on proper care and maintenance of trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Participants asked if CALFire had any say in the trimming and maintenance of trees
- Trimming at an appropriate time of the year is important especially for pine trees – often times trees need to be in the cold season and winter months to maintain their health and to avoid trimming during nesting seasons for birds and other wildlife

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Preserve trees along the Santa Monica scenic routes

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- No participants discussed this topic

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Re-planting trees that were lost from the Woolsey Fire – there were lots of areas in the Santa Monica Mountains that were burned so replanting trees in a healthy manner is needed
- Many people in the Monte Nido community have been taking advantage of the LACFD Forestry Division program to collect free tree saplings and native plants so that should be expanded
- SCE has butchered many trees along scenic roadways and canyons from over trimming so new trees need to be planted in those areas
- Need more incentives to plant oak trees and sycamores and need to address the maintenance cost associated with those trees
- There should be a GIS map of trees and the types of trees which could create an opportunity for a County program to provide bonuses and incentives for new oaks
- Repopulating native trees along scenic roadways
- Planting should be similar to existing trees in the area
- Use local seed collections for planting of new trees in the community

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Replanting in the Woolsey Fire burn scar area
- Roadways and Canyons

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Learn about trees

- Education of property owners on how to care for trees especially oaks
- Ensure people are reaching out to licensed and certified arborists
- Partnering with docents and existing organizations that provide education

Care for trees

- County arborists that can provide proper maintenance services at a reduced cost to preserve trees – the maintenance cost becomes prohibitive

Plant trees

- Incentives for property owners to plant more trees and restore wildlife habitat

- Public agencies providing more materials to restore native habitat

Work with trees

- More services from the County
- Knowing who to call when a tree is sick

Other

- Defense against Edison

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

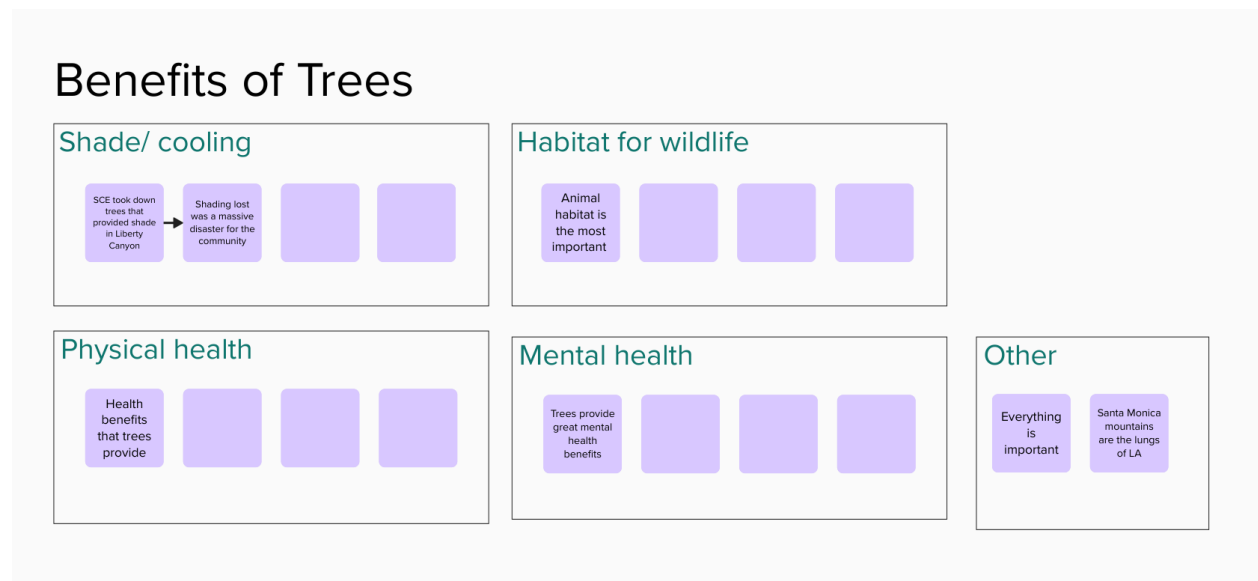
- Communities must protect the natural resources of the Santa Monica Mountains

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics:

- Is CAL Fire a partner and do they have any say about the program plan?

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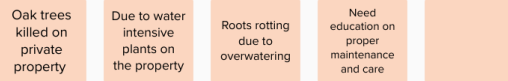
Benefits of Trees



Neighborhood Needs

Maintain / Preserve Existing Trees

Front and backyards



Other



Plant New Trees

Other



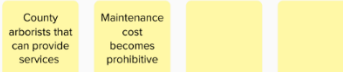
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Learn about trees



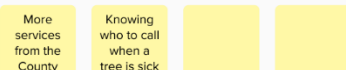
Care for trees



Plant trees



Work with trees



Other



Concerns

Concerns

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

Mess is not a concern

Leaves that drop provide mulch in the community

Maintenance (cost/need)

Fire department requires community to do maintenance

Should be grants to assist homeowners to preserve and maintain

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

Growth cycle of trees

Canopy in the 14ft vertical clearance

How to allow trees the timing to grow into canopy

Power lines (obstructed)

Trees don't cause fire power lines do

Underground utilities

Water use

Water demands

Trees that don't fit the climate require a lot of water

Fire risk

Fire risk is a concern in the Santa Monica Mountains

Reflections

Reflections

Important Takeaway

Communities must protect natural resources of the Santa Monica Mountains

Additional Questions

Is CALFire a partner and do they have any say in the program Plan?

LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Friday, March 1, 2024
Peck Park, City of Arcadia/Monrovia

Introduction

On March 1, 2024 Amigos De Los Rios partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate an Urban Forestry neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Peck Park and had 31 community members in attendance. Every participant was a high school student from either Arcadia High School or El Monte High School.

Workshop

Participants were given an introduction by Climate Action Corps fellow Camille Gibney about the purpose and goals of the workshop, along with background on Urban Forestry.

Once the introduction concluded, attendees participated in six stations. The Amigos team did not have the large posters necessary for the standard format of each station, so participants logged all of their thoughts on individual papers with small versions of the posters displayed for reference. This resulted in participants writing down many reflections.

Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop. The detailed notes collected from participants are included as bullet points in each section. The photos of collected reflections from participants are included at the end of the document.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Themes related to their vision and values include:

- A healthy growing forest with a variety of tall trees and native species, fruit trees and accessible greenspace
- A community of forest advocates and people who care for trees
- More wildlife and habitat for animals
- Calming and healthy spaces that help build community and support wellbeing
- Cleaner air and less CO2
- Places that inspire more outside activity like walking, climbing trees and discovery

Detailed notes from participants:

- An urban forest can influence our community to do more and appreciate it more
- Further developing the urban forest and building a community within the forest
- We should continue to beautify the urban forest through planting more greenery

- Everyone contributing to the forest by helping out and planting trees/plants
- For people to continue to grow more trees instead of destroying them for other profits
- The urban forest I envision would have lots of wildlife and different habitats to live there, less concrete. Climbing trees was always fun as a kid
- To create a place of calm, community, and health that contributes to the decrease of CO2 and an increase in happiness. I have a memory of having picnics in parks
- I want people to actually care about the trees, I envision people walking more instead of using cars. I think kids specifically since how most kids are in iPads and phones should be picking fruit and discovering worms/insects
- I vision that urban forest will overall improve our environment and also get people to work together and improve the environment
- My vision would probably be less manmade structures and more fruit trees/ flower patches to make it more appealing to the public and gain more traction
- Everyone taking a role in helping out, no littering outside and having a big and clean community. Doing this will help our environment.
- Vision: a variety of trees in urban areas and other plants. Seats on sidewalks, under the trees. Tall and healthy trees, garden like forest.
- A place that aims to diminish polluted air. We should follow values such as conservation and maintenance to achieve this vision
- Beautiful trees along roads with blooming flowers
- The community would be more involved
- My vision for the ideal urban forest would be for people to be knowledgeable of the importance of trees. It would help people know their role, and eventually they could take action to care for trees and the environment as a whole
- My vision is that we should plant trees in designated areas to maximize the nature around us while minimizing the chances of wildfire
- My ideal urban forest would be a nice clean forest with wealthy trees. I would want people to also spend time to preserve these trees
- Vision: a lot of trees and fruit trees
- My vision for the urban forest is to have more trees. I hope everyone can respect and are for trees
- An urban forest that accomplishes providing for a community through accountability and care for the environment
- In an ideal world, an urban forest will be available to everyone and have many native species and habitats
- I want to see trees that people can enjoy and make the air cleaner
- My vision is to create a sense of community and wellbeing. I want this for both humans and animals because I believe we all need to connect with nature
- My vision for forests is to have them expand as much as possible, particularly in places that need cleaner air, increased awareness, and overall beautification

- Greener areas being accessible to most people in the community, especially within walking distance

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Below are listed the raw numbers of how many stickers were placed on each benefit, along with the explanations of why people chose them. Notably, in each small group people asked for clarification on the meaning of cultural significance as well as sense of place.

Shade/cooling

- None

Habitat for wildlife

- Environmental stability is important
- I like animals and trees make places feel special
- If wildlife is not protected the food web falls apart since animals are an important part of our ecosystem in many ways
- Wildlife has an impact on keeping the environment healthy
- It is important to conserve our animals due to extinction/ habitat loss that our nation is already responsible for

Food/fruit

- You need food to survive

Clean air

- Clean air supports the health of animals and people
- Trees filter carbon dioxide because humans have been releasing lots of that into the atmosphere and it's a factor of climate change
- All living things need clean air to survive
- Without clean air we would be breathing in toxic air from cars and factories
- CO2 has greatly increased since the industrial revolution
- We need clean air not only to breathe but for all parts of our ecosystem
- Clean air is necessary to live
- It is necessary for a healthy life
- Our health is affected by bad air
- Bad air impacts everyone, not just a few people
- Clean air is the most important because it is critical to survival, more so than other benefits
- We are always breathing in air so it is critical to a healthy life. Polluted air is bad for our health

- Bad air is bad for humans and animals
- Clean air leads to less pollution which improves our physical health significantly
- Air sustains all living things

Stormwater capture

- No comments

Mental health

- I'm a burned-out high school student

Physical health

- No comments

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- No comments

Sense of place

- Trees make places feel special

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Taxes might be raised which is not very desirable
- The cost of maintaining trees would cut into my taxes or just raise my water bill

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- People could easily get hurt

Power lines (obstructed)

- Might harm buildings
- Electricity is important in the modern age, for using technology and more
- Broken power lines could be dangerous and people could get seriously injured

Fire Risk

- Fires can ruin animal habitats and raise risk of people being in danger
- Without proper maintenance, fires from trees have the capacity to wipe out towns and animals

- Trees are very flammable and could spread fire easily
- There have been so many damaging wildfires recently
- Fires can spread through trees so it is a great threat
- We have already seen many wildfires destroy habitats and homes due to trees catching on fire
- Fires happen in CA all the time so we should be careful
- Since we live in a fire prone area I think having more trees does not really help stop them and might even encourage fires to rage
- Lots of smoke might be released into the atmosphere, causing trouble for other cities too
- Fires might lead to air pollution

Pests

- I have a severe fear of wasps and nests in trees

Water Use

- We are in a drought and water is scarce
- Trees need a lot of water and we do not have a lot of water

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved or planted**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important (note: this section combines maintain/preserve comments with planted comments):

Front and backyards

- Lawns are a waste of space and trees planted in them would be a better use of land

Schools

- Students should have shade
- Trees make learning easier and enrich the learning environment
- I want nice scenery at school
- Trees can help students destress
- The youth spend so much time in schools so the increased presence of trees there is a better
- Trees should be planted all over schools so long as they do not obstruct any paths. Schools are densely populated with large campuses, so schools can have an impact on the areas around them too
- Schools should get greener for aesthetic reasons, mental health improvements, and to educate kids about the need for more trees

- Kids might be able to be happier in a school with more trees. School is a dreadful place but greening it will make it better
- Trees and plants are lacking in schools so adding trees will improve health and amenities, uplifting emotions as well
- Trees would make schools more enjoyable rather than looking at a bare campus with no greenery
- Greener schools could influence the younger generation to protect and care for our environment

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Street trees make the neighborhood prettier, the air cleaner, and the sidewalk temperatures cooler
- I remember sidewalks lined with trees in El Monte when I was a kid, however as I've gotten older they have gotten rid of many
- Sidewalks because it makes everyday urban walkways more comfortable and less concrete-y
- Everybody can enjoy street trees
- Many people walk on streets where the heat and UV are especially high in the summer. By planting trees on sidewalks we can prevent heat stroke and encourage people to walk more

Parks

- Parks are open to everyone and people who don't have private yards or a school to go to
- Trees in parks give wildlife more places to live
- It is nice to walk and hang out in parks, open to all
- Trees could thrive in parks and make the environment better
- Parks are places where everyone can connect with nature
- Parks should be a place full of trees where one could go after a long day and enjoy the shade, good air, and have a good walk
- Parks make good habitat
- Parks can be mini urban forests and are often the only exposure to nature than urbanites get
- Parks are supposed to be green, lets make them greener and make the surrounding area happy
- The greener the parks the better!
- Parks are already publicly funded and large areas so greening them more should be easy

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - I rarely go outside
 - I don't know much about trees but I like to look at them
 - I just love seeing trees
 - I like the atmosphere trees create around them and enjoy their shade
 - Trees create the most beautiful scenery
- Learn about trees
 - I'm curious about trees and what they can do
 - I learn about trees through community service events
- Care for trees
 - I water the trees in my yard
 - I care for trees through volunteer events

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- I want to go outside more and be near more trees
- I want to stay in the same role of just enjoying trees

Learn about trees

- I want to learn how to take care of trees properly

Care for trees

- I want to be able to water the trees in my neighborhood, i think I would find it very peaceful
- I will try to attend more service events

Speak for trees

- I just want to be like the lorax!

- I want to care and speak for the trees since many people are ignorant about their importance
- We owe it to the environment to educate people

Plant trees

- I am planning to plant fruit trees at my school with some friends
- I want to plant more trees because of the way they make me feel

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Below are the notes taken by the 31 participants, the majority of which have been transcribed in the appropriate sections above.

- 1) Filter carbon Dioxide because humans have been releasing lots of that into the atmosphere & it's a factor in climate change.
- 2) Pests/wasps because I have a severe fear of them + they're overgrowing.
- 3) Private front/backyards be lawns are a waste of space & trees in town would be a productive use of that territory.
- 4) Caring/Speaking for them would be the my ultimate goal since many ppl are ignorant & don't really care so it would be nice to educate them about it & I'm currently planning a lemon tree at my school w/ a friend.
- 5) My visionary values for urban forests is for them to expand as much as possible, particularly in flat concrete areas for green- our, increased awareness, & overall beautification.
- 6)



clean air production is the most important benefit of trees to me because the ~~heart~~ health of animals & our people are a priority.

My greatest concern related to trees is fire risk because we live in a very high fire prone area.

I think trees should be maintained & increased in parks because they'll be open to the community & more individuals who don't have yards or school areas.

My current role in the urban forest is caring for trees & in the future I'd like to plant trees.

My vision & values for the urban forest is green areas being accessible to most people in the community, especially in walking distance.

Jessica T

Mental health because I'm a burnt out high school student.

Money because nothing comes for free which is sad & should not be an obstacle to prevent climate change.

Street trees because it makes the neighborhood prettier, the air is cleaner & the temperatures are cooler.

 My current role is learning about trees & volunteering. My dream role is to be the Lord & speak for the trees.

I want fruit trees at school & in people's backyards & lots of trees everywhere.

One thing I can do is turn off the lights when a room is not in use.

I think clean air is the most important because all living things need clean air to survive.

I'm most concerned about the fire risk that trees can bring. Not only do we live in a ~~low~~ high fire risk area, but we are also in a drought and trees can dry out easier.

I think more trees should be planted in parks because it gives more wildlife places to live.

I think my current role is enjoying trees because of the beautiful scenery they create. In my dreams I want to be caring for the trees.

My vision and values for the Urban Forest are to create a sense of community and wellbeing. I want this for both humans and animals because I believe we all need to connect with nature.

By: [initials]

The most needed thing for me and my community is clean air. Without clean air we would breathe in a lot of toxic air from cars, trucks, factories and more.

Most concerning thing is hazards occurs. It could hurt citizens or neighborhood places.

I think we need to plant and maintain more trees in parks, because people walk and hang out a lot in parks.

My current role is enjoying the trees. In my dreams I would speak for the trees, because not many are known about it.

My vision for the urban forest are trees that people can go to enjoy. Help breathe air. The values would help people breathe clean air.

Benefits:

1. Habitat for wildlife - creates a positive chain reaction, environmental stability.

2. Shade & cooling - decreases heat, captures carbon, prevents AC use.

Concerns:

3. Wildfire risk - destruction, frequent, pollutants

4. Private + street - a lot to work with space wise, no more of frequently, more trees benefits

5. Care for trees - plant + care + work

6. A lot of plants + trees + shade, reduced concerns using. These trees look little to no habitat loss, less heating consumption.

7. decreases, drier air, shade

8. plant, recycle, care for plants

1) would be clean air because we need clean air not only to breathe but for all parts of our ecosystem ground, water, air

2) Fire risks because fires are dangerous and 10% of fires are tree help fire spread more or catch on

3) Sidewalks because it makes every urban walkways more sunny and walkable, less shade & concrete.

4) Speak for the trees + learning. Education is important, and in the future a world where people use my voice to get support for communities & college others is my role.

5) that I think we should plant more trees and spend more money on them for tree care, we should not just plant them in parks.

1) The most critical function of a tree for me is cultural significance sense of place, tree habitat because I like animals and trees make the place special.

2) I am most concerned about power line / pipe hazards as they can obstruct important resources and electricity can be dangerous.

3) Street trees for everyone to enjoy.

4) Current: enjoy trees / learning about trees future: care for trees

5) In an ideal world, an urban forest will be available to everyone and have many native species and habitats.

1. Clean air is necessary to live.
2. Power lines because electricity is important in the modern age, for using technology & more.
3. Schools because they enrich a learning environment.
4. Enjoy trees - without future - enjoy & care
5. An urban forest that accomplishes providing for a community through accountability and care for the environment.

1. clean air or fruit is the most critical thing in my life because it is 2 of the things that are necessary to survive.
2. maintenance would cut into my taxes or just void my water bill
3. Schools because it'll create nice scenery
4. enjoying the trees, I love trees and I love seeing them grow to help care for them too.
5. My vision for my urban forest is to have more trees. I hope everyone can respect and care for trees.

- ① I chose clean air because in an urban setting specifically, there is far too air pollution that needs to be mitigated by something like trees.
- ② A value statement for an urban forest could include further development of building a community within said forest.
- ③ Parks be those are already publicly funded & have already been made, so making them greener would be the easiest & most effective.
- ④ Air quality/cost be there are lots of tax-payer dollars that go to this that ppl may not desire.
- ⑤ For recreation specifically, I feel that it encourages many roles in and of itself w/ its greenery and lower CO₂ emissions. My own role is just as a passive engager. In the future, I hope to plant more trees.

- I chose habitat life because of how important it is to conserve our animals due to extinction/habitat loss that our nation has done.
- An urban forest can influence our community to do more and appreciate them more.
- Schools to influence the younger generation to ~~pro~~ protect & caring for our environment
- Fire risk can ruin animal habitats & raise risk of people being in danger who live in the mountains
- Have a house with a big backyard that has a lot of trees

1. Clean air → trees provide oxygen
or us to breath and help
healthy life.

2. No risk - trees are easy
to maintain and only
costs money is needed
which makes it difficult to
breath.

3. Smog - depresses immunity

4. Current use: enjoying trees
future: care for trees

5. Vision: a lot of trees → small trees
value: are on team make
the city life long.

I believe that Clean air is the
most important because it can
affect our health if we had
bad air. We wouldn't want to
live in an area with bad air.

I believe that fire risk is the greater
threat for trees in a urban
area because if the wildfire spreads,
it can cause damage to other
buildings. Fires can also lead to
air pollution.

I would plant them at parks
because trees would best thrive
here and keeps air clean.

My current role is to care for
trees and preserve the current trees that
we currently have in our society.

Clean air is the most important to me because
when that's what the other factors like
sense of place + shading + cooling are not that
of critical to survival.

Urban conditions may have unique
climate costs that could be applied to
other jurisdictions.

Parks, because they are the most
other trees.

Learn about trees + the plants about trees.

How to maintain + make better urban forest
would be for the community to be more involved
+ less buffering. Community help in passing
the urban forest.

Clean air, because clean air is
essential to living a healthy life,
because we are always breathing in
air, and for it to be polluted would
be very detrimental to our lungs, and
our respiratory system.

Water use, because trees take a lot of
water to live and thrive, and with some
of California that experience droughts, many
have problems with water, and the
scarcity of it.

Parks, because I believe that parks are
supposed to be a place where one could relax
after a long day, and enjoy the natural beauty,
and have good air quality to have a good
walk.

Learn about trees, because I would
like to learn how to preserve them, and
take care of them.

Beautiful trees along roads, with blossoming
flowers.

- 1) Clean Air - Clean air is most important because it sustains all living life. It keeps our environment clean.
- 2) Fire Risk - Fire risk is my biggest concern as it can harm our environment & other life & plants surrounding it. This is a bigger risk in CA esp. because we barely get rain.
- 3) Parks are the most important because that's where most of other animals live, compared to a school or street.
- 4) If I'd probably want to learn more about trees & benefits & eventually want to care for them.
- 5) Every taking a role in helping out, no littering outside & having a clean big & clean community. Doing this will help our environment.

- ① Clean air helps with human health and air pollution, it also just leaves the area feeling fresh.
- ② I vision that urban forest will overall improve our environment and also get people to work together and improve the environment.
- ③ I think having the parks be greener will allow people living around it feel happy and it is what its meant for, parks are supposed to be green.
- ④ Since we do live in a pretty fire prone area, I think having more trees does not really help stop it and it might even encourage it.
- ⑤ I think my current role in urban forest is to just look at them because I don't really take any procedures to help it, I would like my role to stay the same in the future.

We all need clean air to live a healthy life and with the air pollution already seen now, trees are a great way to limit that.

My vision for ^{the} urban forest is to create a place of calm, community, and health that contributes to the decrease of CO₂ and an increase in happiness. I have a memory of having picnics in parks.

With more trees added to schools, kids might be able to get happiness from them. School is already a dreadful place but greening it will make it better.

We have already seen many wildfires that destroy habitats and homes due to trees catching on fire.

My current role is learning about the trees but in the future I would like to speak for them and care for them because we owe it to the environment.

I put down habitats for wildlife since wildlife ex: insects, bugs, rodents all have a major impact toward the environment keeping it flowing.

I want people to actually care about the trees, I envision people walking more instead of driving cars. I think kids especially since most kids are in their phones they should be picking fruit and discovering various insects.

I think schools should maintain/preserve trees/get greener not only for the aesthetic and mental health but for kids to be more aware that they need to be greener.

I think fire risk is the most important since we live in CA where this happens all the time.

My role for the trees is to care and learn about them with proper care and knowledge. I know they can potentially live for

I chose clean air because its a necessity for a healthy life & better for overall wellbeing.

The urban forest I envision would have lots of wildlife & different habitats to live there. & less concrete. Climbing trees was always fun as a kid.

I chose schools because I feel like trees & plants overall is lacking. So adding trees would add to nature & aesthetics. Also uplifting emotions as well.

Fires can spread fast through trees so its a great threat.

I want to learn more about trees & also live in a big backyard with them (house with big backyard).

I chose clean air because the air people breathe in urban settings is important for everyone's health & wellbeing.

My visions/values for our urban forests is for people to continue to grow more trees instead of destroying them for other profits.

I chose parks to get greener because I feel specifically, they're known for their trees/greenery & it would be nice to expand/flourish that.

I think one of the greatest concerns is fire risk as there have been a lot of damaging wildfires recently.

My current role in the urban forest is to enjoy trees. I don't know much

I chose clean air because there is a lot of air pollution so trees can help purify the air for people's health.

My vision for the urban forest would be people contributing to the forests by helping out & planting trees/plants.

I chose parks because its important to not only preserve the already existing trees, but to also add to them. The greener the better!!!

I chose a fire risk because since trees are flammable, it could spread very quickly.

My current role is to enjoy trees but in the future, I would like it to be speaking for the trees & plant done too.

I think the air we breath is most important as we need it to live. We already have air pollution in these urban areas so its important to have some clean air.

I think we should continue to beautify the urban forest through planting more greenery.

I said schools because it would make school more enjoyable rather than sitting at a bare campus with no greenery.

I said wildfires because w/o proper maintenance, fires have the capacity to wipe out towns and animals.

Right now I feel like I have no role, as I hardly go outside but in the future I want to enjoy the trees by going on walks.

- 1) Based on ~~the~~ all the benefits of trees
Wood, clean air is the most important.
Clean air does not only affect us
but organisms who survive by inhaling
air. Air that is not clean ~~can~~ will
affect our health ~~even~~ negatively.
- 2) My greatest concern when it comes to
planting trees is the amount of water
that is needed. Currently the climate
is increasing at an alarming rate & many
water droughts are ~~not~~ as rare.
- 3) The most important ~~place~~ place to conserve trees
is definitely in schools. ~~There~~ There is no
specific place the trees should be planted,
as long as it's not obstructing any paths.
School settings are densely populated, with a
large campus schools can affect a large
space.
- 4) My current role regarding the planting of trees
~~is~~ belongs in the learning stage. Currently, I
am learning about trees not only in school
but through community service events.

- 5) My vision and values for the Urban
Forest is a place that aims to
diminish polluted air. ~~Values~~ That
should follow values such as
conservation and ~~mean~~ ^{mean} ~~to~~ ^{to}
achieve this vision.

Along

Trees are important to help
clean air because the
use of CO₂ has greatly
increased since the
industrial revolution.

Trees bring increase in fire
risk when certain factors
aren't taken into account.

I think school zones should
have more trees because it
can offer shade to students.

I think learning about the
trees different areas require
different types of care.

I want to be able to better
care for trees in the future.

More attention should be
brought to them and more
plant, trees, etc. should be
planted. Especially, at the

usage of CO₂ that needs to be
filter the air.

I think I can encourage people
to be more mindful of what
they do because CO₂ greatly
affects the environment.

Power lines, because people can get seriously injured and possibly lose their lives.

Sidewalks, I remember when I was young the city of El Monte was abundant with trees; however, as I've grown older they have gotten rid of many.

I current enjoy the trees because I really like the atmosphere they create and shade they provide. In the future I hope to plant trees.

consistent care, they're these are the value I wanted to provide.

Urban forest reduces the large effects of climate change.

1. I will save for native plants and try to get rid of invasive ones.

SP

Clean Air b/c it's in our everyday lives as a human being, no matter who we are & where we live. Also, it's affecting everyone, not just individual people.

Fire risk b/c if a wildfire spreads, it might burn down what we as a city have been building for decades. In addition, lots of smoke will be released into the atmosphere, causing trouble for other cities too.

Parks b/c it's meant to be a place where we connect w/ nature, & it also keeps the air clean.

Care for trees w/o watering the trees doesn't take that much work, plus it's also quite peaceful too.

My vision is that we should plant trees in designated areas to maximize the nature around us while minimizing the chances of wildfire.

- Habitat for Wildlife
- Clean Air

• Trees are most important for their habitat for wildlife. Since they are beneficial to animals, insects, and eventually humans.

Fire risk: Since we live in Southern California, wildfires are extremely common. The risk of fire from trees are prominent especially w/ trees that might be dry or more flammable than others

• Schools: The youth spends most of their time in schools so with the increased presence of trees there is a better focus on nature in schools

Currently - Enjoy/learn about trees:

I live the exp. around trees & I learn about it in school
Later - Care for trees: It would be an actionable task to help trees.

My vision for an ideal urban forest would be for people to be knowledgeable of the importance of trees. It would help people know their role, and eventually they could take action to care for trees & the env. as a whole.

- Clean air is the most important

Why?

• Clean air means less pollutants in the air which means our physical health significantly more because respiratory diseases will not be as frequent when the air quality is good.

- Fire risk

• When one tree gets caught on fire, the neighboring trees will also catch on fire. Since wood tends to ignite fire. As the fire spreads, the it may greatly impact the environment - could be ~~the trees~~ ^{plants} ~~the trees~~ ^{plants} ~~the trees~~ ^{plants} or even destroyed or greatly.

- Sidewalks/roads

• many people walk on streets, daily & the heat & UV are exposing skin along the sidewalk. By planting trees on sidewalks, we can prevent heat stroke & encourage more people to walk

I think I'm learning about trees

now so I'm still learning the benefits & impact of trees. However, I would love to care for trees in the future as I believe that it plays a huge role in both our ~~physical~~ daily lives.

Vision =

- Variety of trees in urban areas as along w/ other plants.
- seats on sidewalks, under the trees
- Tall & healthy trees
- Garden like forests.

I picked habitat for wildlife because if wildlife isn't protected, the food web falls apart & animals are an important part of our ecosystem in many ways.

My vision for our urban forest would probably be less man-made structures and more fruit trees/flower patches to make it more appealing to the public & gain more traction.

I think trees in parks should be maintained / preserved because parks are sort of like mini urban forests & is often one of the few exposures to nature urbanites get.

The biggest concern about trees I have is wildfire risk because wild fires are incredibly detrimental to homes of humans & wildlife alike.

In the future I hope to continue enjoying & learning about trees like the way I do now.

Photos from workshop:







LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Emerald Necklace Peck Water Conservation Park,
Unincorporated Arcadia - Los Angeles County

Introduction

On February 3, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a Community workshop to gather input to help shape the priorities to be developed in the UFMPs. Amigos De Los Rios selected the Emerald Necklace Site of 'Peck Water Conservation Park' located along the Rio Hondo River in unincorporated Arcadia as the event location. The LA County project team facilitated the workshop with Amigos team members. We set up the gathering as an outdoor event. There were 86 community members in attendance.

This event primarily targeted Emerald Necklace Watershed Stewards: high school and college students. Attendees came from Rio Hondo College Corps, Rosemead High School, California Scholarship Federation, Arcadia High School Advanced Placement Environmental Studies and Interact Club, Alhambra High School, Staff from Tree People El Monte team, youth from Saint Anthony Catholic Church, retired administrator from Whittier College, Amigos trainees from Walnut and Whittier. We also invited and incorporated any interested community members who were at the park to participate as well.

Workshop

The workshop was structured as an outdoor pop-up event between 9AM and 12PM. We set up the six workshop easels in a clearing where participants could sit on recycled urban lumber park benches and an array of camping chairs in a pleasant area near oak trees. We divided the participants into 3 smaller groups of approximately 30 each and hosted three 40- minute sessions. One group participated in the pop-up while other attendees cared for trees and native plants in the park.

Each session began with a welcome from Claire Robinson, Managing Director of Amigos De Los Rios during which youth participants shared which school, city and organization they were from. Isidro Cerda from MIG provided a brief overview of the UFMP initiative, shared how the community can be involved in the process over time, and explained the format for the workshop. The project team invited participants to rotate through each UFMP feedback station and provide conversational input, place dots and post it note comments as directed workshop staff leading a discussion at each station.

Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshops.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Overall participants expressed a high demand for and appreciation of the role trees play in our lives as urban residents
- Significant shared interest integrating nature in the urban environment and making it accessible to everyone
- Using the urban forest to educate children on the importance of preservation
- Request for more park space in their cities, as well as more street trees and trees lining sidewalks
- Trees as an effective strategy to stay cool and fight climate change
- Request for safe green places close to urban centers so that people can relax in nature
- To have new infrastructure projects take greenery into account to break up the concrete jungle of much of the city, including rooftop gardens, parking lot trees, sidewalk trees
- Participants expressed interest in native trees and plant to protect biodiversity and represent sustainable landscapes
- Make sure the urban forest is equitable in all communities regardless of income
- Planting fruit trees in the public right of way

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hash tag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Shade is a literally life saving
- Many people shared memories of climbing in, playing around, sitting under trees as children, and how seeing similar trees today take them back to that happy time
- The experience of caring for trees with beloved family members and watching the trees grow up over time is very meaningful to many people
- Folks shared experiencing a sense of peace and happiness around trees, even in the midst of a 'dystopian' urban landscape and in very difficult times, trees have a comforting role
- Many stories of beautiful trees in other places in the world and how magical those landscapes were and remain in memories
- One young participant drew a picture of a tree (this is included in the appendix)
- Trees as a connection between generations of family members and as a way to measure the passing of time
- Trees as a way to experience the changing of the seasons and a way of connecting with nature

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes rankings from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Trees will help us stay cooler and reduce energy costs.
- Cooler temps will keep us healthy and reduce costs of cooling
- I like to relax outside and the trees give shade

Habitat for wildlife

- Many species depend on urban trees for survival, Habitats are being destroyed – trees are critical as a counter balance.
- Trees help us continue the cycle of life in the city. It is important to live in harmony with and to protect other species.

Food/fruit

- food production
- enjoy the fruits of your labor
- It'd be nice if there were more fruit trees or fruit bearing plants

Clean air

- air quality is vital to our health and well being
- oxygen purifies air and reduces air pollution
- Trees are important to improve air qualities and clean air is crucial to human existence

Stormwater capture

- We need to capture more water in LA!
- Trees help invest water for future generations
- decrease runoff! Recharge aquifer

Mental health

- Trees protect our mental health.
- looking at trees is calming and Zen, clears mind
- It is therapeutic to stay under a cool tree or listen to your natural surroundings

Physical health

- Trees make walking and exercise easier by providing shade
- trees encourage exercise, walking/ exercise helps with mental health
- Walking near trees gives a sense of well being

Cultural Significance/Importance

- Being in nature feels like home
- Many group participants asked for clarification and for more information on what is potentially meant by Trees and 'Cultural Significance.

Beauty/aesthetics

- season change with the spring: green, fall: orange, it looks nice
- making our cities more beautiful will make people more likely to visit

Sense of place

- Being in nature feels like home to me, I imagine it does to others too
- Certain kinds of trees are connected to a particular area or neighborhood

Other

- No comment

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Excess droppings from trees may be hazardous; ex: poisonous fruits
- cleaning up the leaves during the rainy season is hard

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Maintenance service cost uses resident's resources
- water, trimming, fixing costs are all expensive

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- limb failure
- tree trauma inhibits tree ownership
- trees can cause severe injury
- When it rains some branches fall off and it's really dangerous

Sidewalks (blocked)

- Have to be replaced

Pipes (broken)

- broken pipes can affect humans and fixing the pipes can be expensive

Fire risk

- No comment

Pests

- No comment

Water use

- No comment

Other safety concerns

- No comment

Other

- No comment

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved or new trees need to be planted**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important for trees (note: comments for both maintained/preserved and planted are captured in one grouping below):

Front and Backyards

- Some larger trees are not suitable for sidewalk right of ways in front of homes
- Trees look great in front of people's homes

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In the front or backyard to lower the cost of Air Conditioning
- In front of each building and house

Schools

- In order to improve the mental health of students
- With no trees schools look like prison lots
- The smell of trees after the rain is wonderful
- Helps with mental health and teaching students to appreciate trees and nature
- Provide shade & promote diversity and converts CO2 to oxygen
- Kids need nature and green spaces
- More trees would provide better sport at our school with shade

Specific locations mentioned include:

- All schools in El Monte
- Trees at schools in my neighborhood

Sidewalks/Medians/Right-of-Way

- Trees provide a better scenery and shade on the sidewalk, making cities more walkable
- Trees will help with emissions release from vehicles to improve air quality
- Beauty/aesthetics/shade/equity/climate change/cleaner air/wildlife habitat
- Need better pruning

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comment

Parks

- Denser canopies with larger trees (oaks, etc.)
- Shade in parks= more fun exercise and less UV-light exposure
- We should be prioritizing parks because parks are open to the public & more people will enjoy the trees (especially in El Monte)
- Give more color to the community

Specific locations mentioned include:

- parking lots/sidewalks/
- running trails

Other

- Industrial buildings - Many residential neighborhoods and schools are located very close to industrial areas – we absolutely need trees in industrial areas to buffer the impact.
- Commercial Parking Lots – Living in Los Angeles we spend a lot of time in cars and lots of time in parking lots - many parking lots are barren of trees and are uncomfortably hot. Well planted and adequate Trees that provide real shade can change the whole experience one has of parking.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None mentioned

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - Spending time in nature and showing respect for them
 - Reading under a tree
 - To take pets for walks
 - As a way to decompress from the stresses of everyday life
 - Enjoy the fruits that trees provide
 - Climbing trees can be enjoyable
 - As part of a hike
 - As a way to cool down during a hot day
- Learn about trees
 - Going to workshops about trees
 - Volunteering with Tree People
 - Try to differentiate between trees
 - Taking nature walks and going on hikes

- Care for trees
 - Volunteering with Amigos' Emerald Necklace project
 - Not cutting down trees
- Speak for trees
 - Educating ourselves and then turn to educate others about the importance of trees
 - Prevent trees from being damaged or cut down by others
 - Raise awareness through public speaking
 - Organize against those that don't respect trees
- Plant trees
 - Working with Amigos and with the Santa Fe Middle School greening initiative

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- The need more benches and furniture under trees to better enjoy sitting under them

Learn about trees

- Need for more accessible information about different species of trees
- Need more biology classes and AP Environmental Science (APES) classes
- More resources for education and hands on experiences

Care for trees

- More opportunities to learn how to care for trees

Speak for trees

- More educational opportunities so that we can be better advocates

Plant trees

- Need more organizations like Amigos working on this issue

Work with trees

- Proper species selection is essential as well as adequate amount of space

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Among this target audience of high school and community college age students, there is a high level of awareness of the benefits of trees and a high level of interest in expanding the urban forest - INTEGRATING NATURE INTO THE CITY
- Trees have a very positive connotation for most people

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- How do I get permission from my property manager/landlord to plant a tree?

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Tr

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...



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Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values

Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

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Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?

¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar Original idea: Many people like shade. It's a good thing. It's a good thing. It's a good thing. Shade helps will for a healthy and reduce costs of cooling. CA is HOT! The shade which are the trees provide. Shade is critical in hotter places like LA.	Habitat for wildlife Hábitat para la vida silvestre Many animals rely on trees and shrubs in their lives. If we don't preserve them. It's like a living balance. Since habitats are being destroyed, it's important to preserve the habitat. Why? ¿Por qué? It is important to have a habitat for wildlife. It is important to have a habitat for wildlife. It is important to have a habitat for wildlife.	Food/fruit Comida/fruta Many people like to eat fruit. It's a good thing. It's a good thing. It's a good thing. Why? ¿Por qué? It's a good thing to have food. It's a good thing to have food. It's a good thing to have food.
Clean air Aire puro Clean air because it's good for health and clean air. Trees can help with our air. They produce oxygen and reduce pollution. Why? ¿Por qué? It's important to have clean air. It's important to have clean air. It's important to have clean air.	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales We need to capture more water in LA. Why? ¿Por qué? It's important to have water. It's important to have water. It's important to have water.	Mental health Salud mental Looking at trees is calming and mental health. Why? ¿Por qué? It's important to have mental health. It's important to have mental health. It's important to have mental health.
Physical health Salud física Walking and trees from being. Why? ¿Por qué? It's important to have physical health. It's important to have physical health. It's important to have physical health.	Cultural significance/ importance Significado/importancia cultural Why? ¿Por qué? It's important to have cultural significance. It's important to have cultural significance. It's important to have cultural significance.	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética Why? ¿Por qué? It's important to have beauty. It's important to have beauty. It's important to have beauty.
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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

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Why? ¿Por qué?		

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas) Why? ¿Por qué? clean up → tree care messes dropping from trees may be hazardous for both persons & property	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad) Why? ¿Por qué? tree maintenance service cost → response resources tree trimming (large cut) - expensive	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas) Why? ¿Por qué? maint. cycles & limb failure tree trauma immediately clunky when a small limb becomes limb and it's really dangerous
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Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas) Why? ¿Por qué? water leaks can be a problem for trees and property	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio Why? ¿Por qué?	Pests Plagas Why? ¿Por qué?
Water use Uso del agua Why? ¿Por qué?	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad Why? ¿Por qué? tree trimming commercial street view	Other: Otro:

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patios delanteros y patios traseros



Escuelas



Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way
Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Parques



Other:
Otro:

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees
Disfrutar de los árboles

Learn about trees
Aprender sobre los árboles

Care for trees
Cuidar de los árboles

Speak for trees
Hablar en nombre de los árboles

Plant trees
Sembrar árboles

Work with trees
Trabajar con los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

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Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Photos from neighborhood workshop









Scanned sign-in sheets

The scanned sheets included contain 48 sign-ins. There were 86 people in total – some of them only signed in to the Emerald Necklace Events. The additional 38 participants are listed in Amigos GOLDEN Event Sign-up sheet. Amigos shared a supplemental spreadsheet of the folks who participated in the workshop but did not sign the UFMP workshop sheet.

LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Thursday, February 1, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bassett Park, 510 Vineland Ave, Bassett CA 91746

Introduction

On February 1, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPS. ActiveSGV partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to help facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Bassett at Bassett Park and had 11 community members in attendance.

At this workshop, parents of youth who were participating in basketball games at the park filtered in at various times during the 2-hour workshop. The team decided to forgo the presentation in order to make best use of participants' time and attention by directing them to the posters and surveys.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Touching canopy tunnel
- National History Museum Rose Garden
- Parks, tree house park
- Mature trees to climb
- Properly maintained
- Right tree, right place
- Longevity

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Community members drew pictures of trees.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Shade for pets
- During hot weather they help you to cool off and relax

Habitat for wildlife

- Helps the ecosystem and the animals

Food/fruit

- La Puente Park variety of fruit tree grove
- Fruit trees on the sidewalk so you can cut one to eat it while you're doing your exercise

Clean air

- All the smog and factories around Bassett
- A lot of warehouses

Stormwater capture

- No comments

Mental health

- When you are overstressed, a lot of trees help you relax

Physical health

- We go to the Angeles Forest

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- Trees look beautiful when driving down the street. It makes La Puente look different and beautiful.

Sense of place

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Staining from fruit
- Throwing seed pods at others
- Rain gutter cleaning and costs
- Fruit droppings get stuck on car and damage paint
- Trees drop leaves
- Tree sap gets on cars

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Water!!
- Make skilled eyes evaluate trees. On-going skilled vigilance

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- No comments

Power lines (obstructed)

- No comments

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- No comments

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comments

Pipes (broken)

- Apartment complex pipes
- Scared to plant tree and create issues related to roots and pipes

Fire risk

- No comments

Pests

- Insects and pests

Water use

- No comments

Other safety concerns

- Roots push up grass and sidewalk
- allergies to oak

Other

- Removing trees without permission or knowledge. Suggest working around trees especially when they are mature
- Balance of other operations

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Purify air so we can breathe clean and so you don't see the smoke from all the warehouses

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Apartments - Remove trees causing damage, replace with young trees

Schools

- Provides shade for the kids. It helps them mentally too. The walls are boring to look at.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Torch Middle School
- Bassett High School
- Don Julian (mentioned twice)

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- They removed a row of trees that were not replaced
- More trees. There are walkways without trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Ahern Drive (off Amar)
- Don Julian Rd - needs to be beautified because there are a lot of warehouses there. Help purify the area
- School, Park, friend's house

Parks

- Place you go to cool off
- Fruit trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Places that were noted by attendees that **need trees planted** include:

Schools

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My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Plant trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Work with trees
 - Trim and make them look nicer

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Learn about trees

- Classes and workshops

Plant trees

- Partnerships for private tree giveaways
- I need trees
- Youth workshop opportunities (volunteer/learning)

Work with trees

- Resources for firewood/mulch/urban wood post removal
- woodshop (schools post removal)

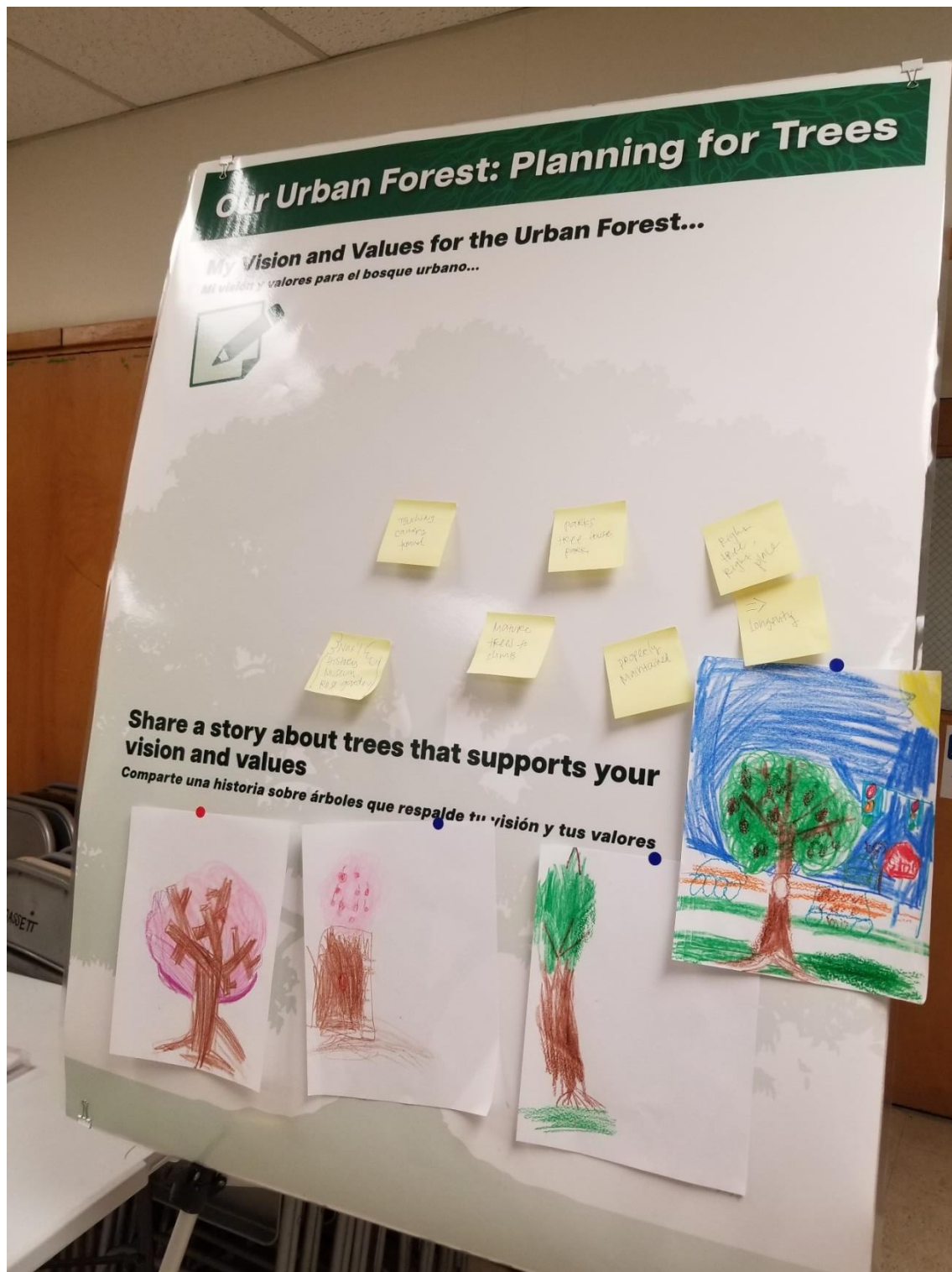
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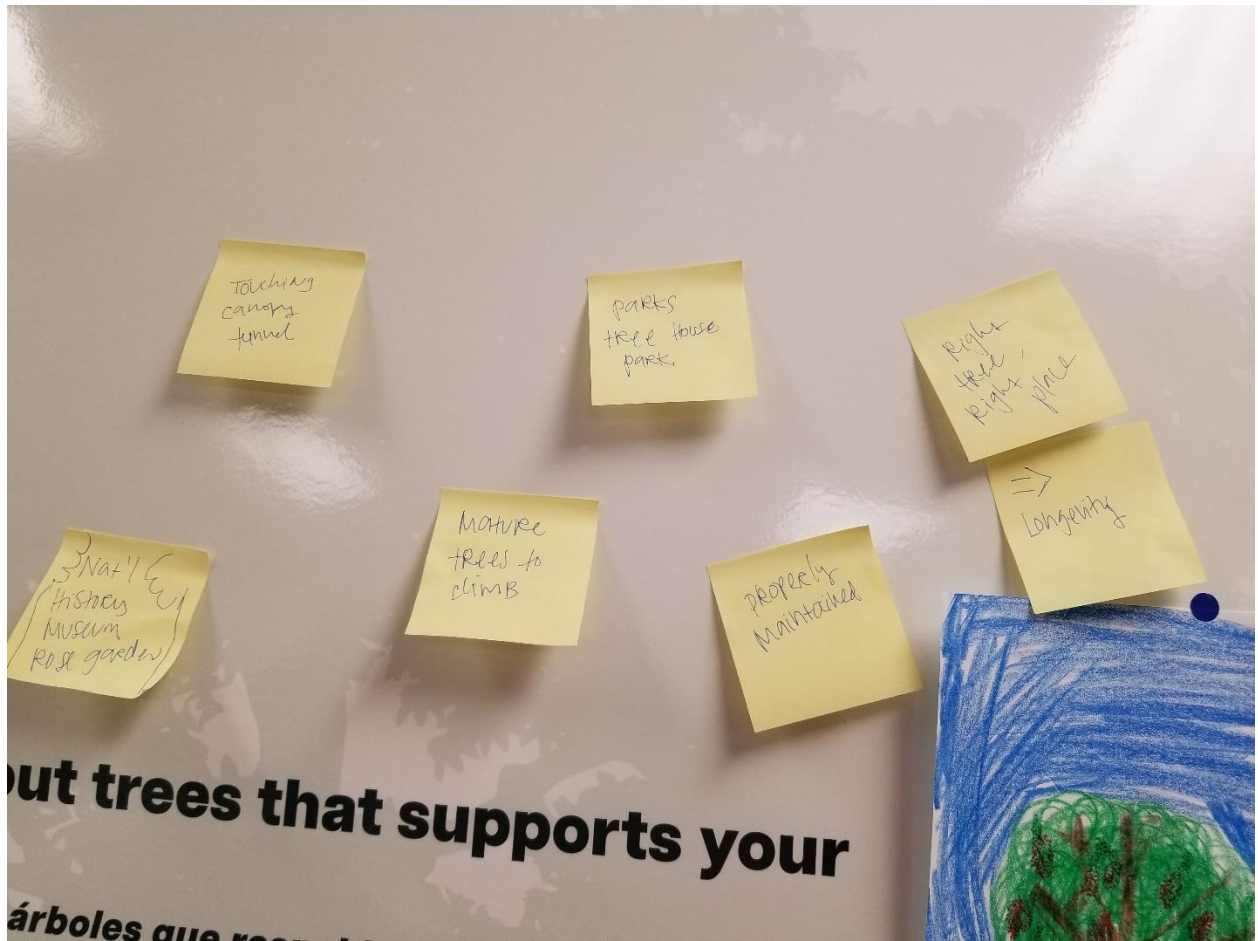
Reflections

In an effort to make the best use of participant's time, attention, and by forgoing the presentation, participants were not asked to provide comments on the Reflection's poster.

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Vision, Values, Storytelling





Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

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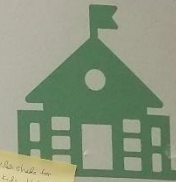
Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Remove trees causing damage - replant w/ young trees - consider

Remove trees in front yard and replant in the back for all the locations

Schools
Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

THROW TREES AT SCHOOLS

Provide shade for the kids. It helps them regulate their body temp. being so hot at

Bassett HS

Don Julian x2

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way
Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Remove trees off street

Don Julian for need to be able to have trees in that area that can help with the air

Remove trees w/ no replant

More trees walkway school park friends house

Parks
Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Remove trees and replant

Plant trees at the park

Other:
Otro:

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Enjoy trees

Disfrutar de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Learn about trees

Aprender sobre los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Free classes every day

Care for trees

Cuidar de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Speak for trees

Hablar en nombre de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Plant trees

Sembrar árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Partnership for planting trees (school)

1 seedling

Youth Workshop (PPPs - Unimex/Amey)

Work with trees

Trabajar con los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Resources for firewood/mulch/wood chips

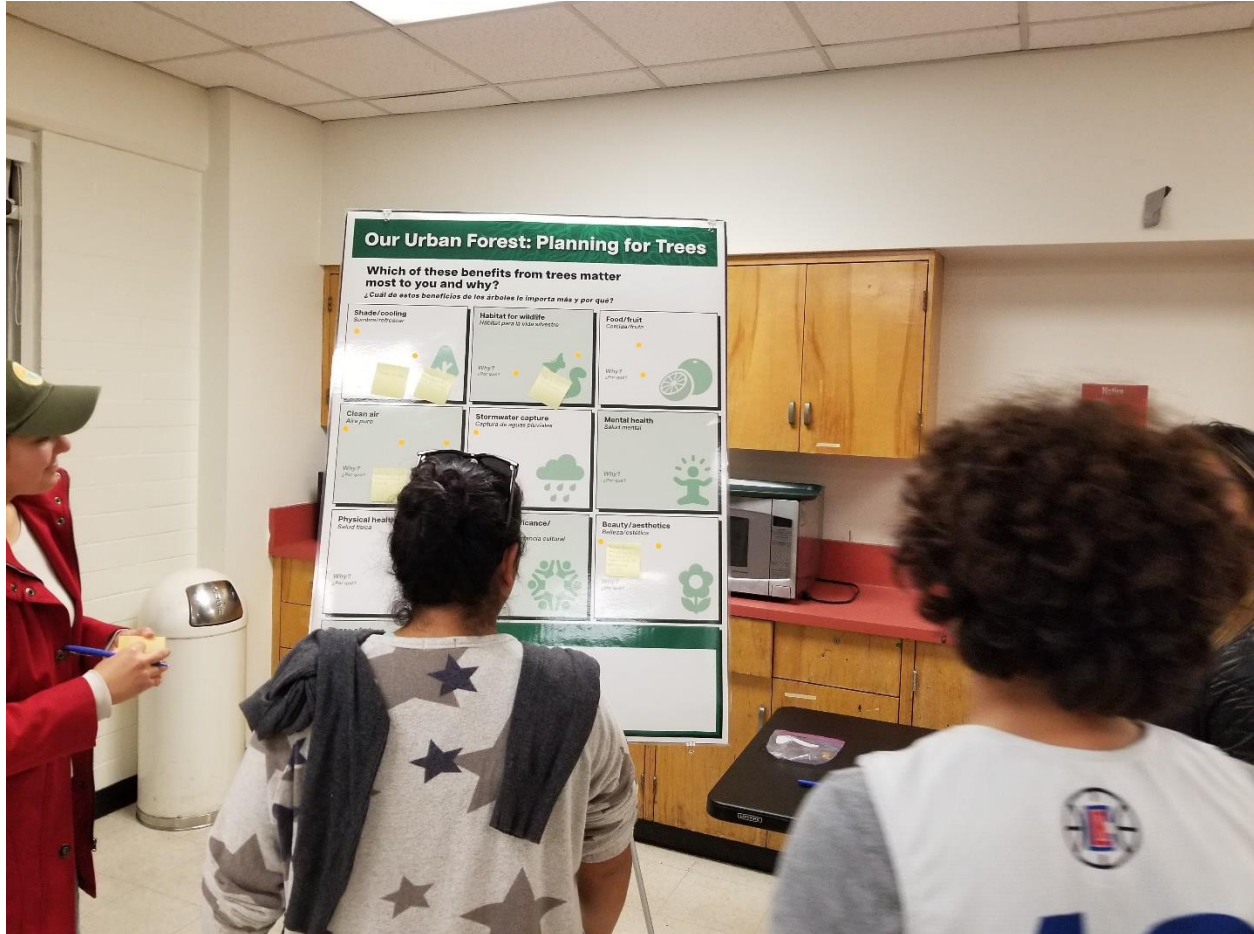
PTT - removal of wood chips (schools) for mulch

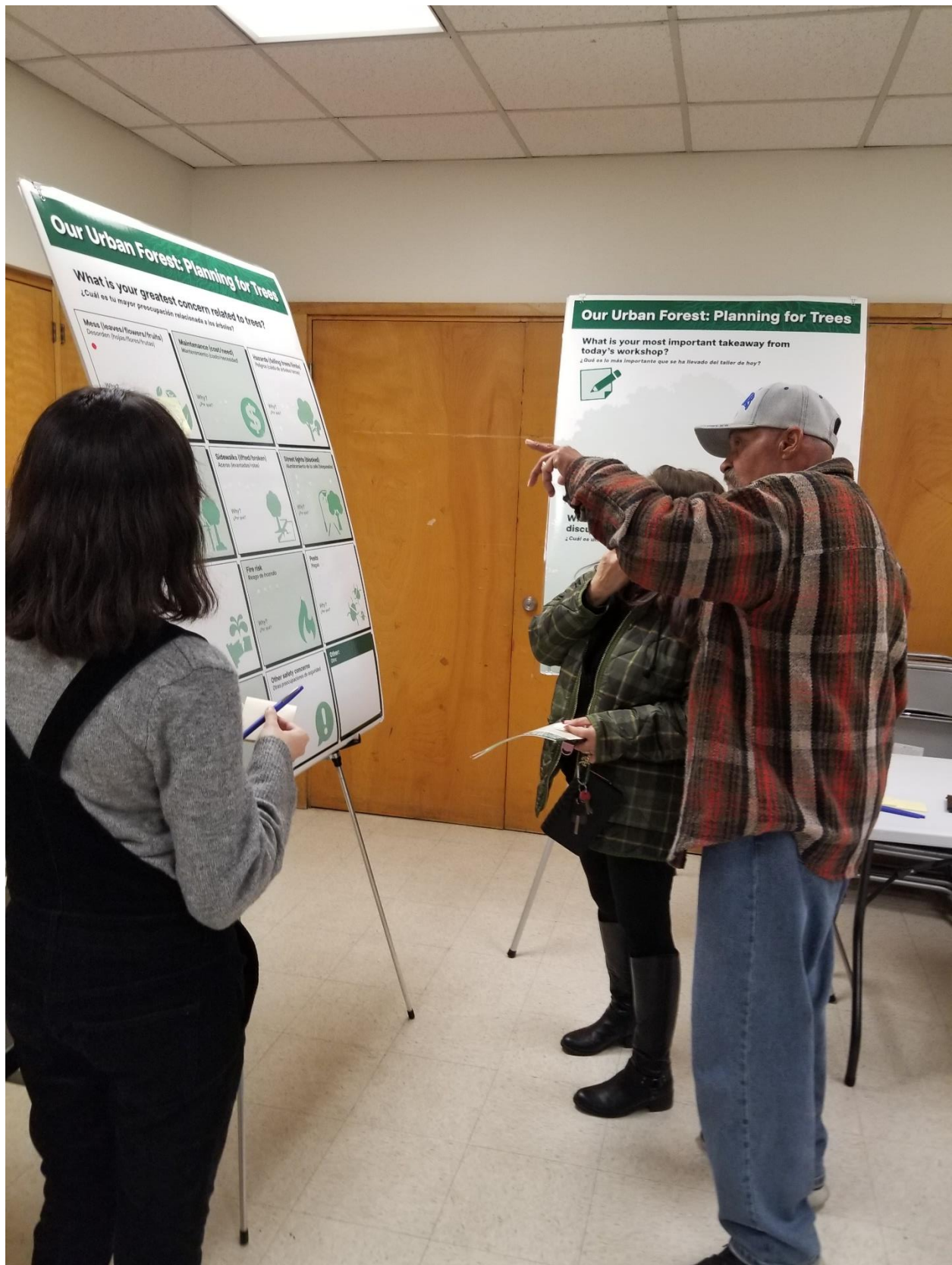
Youth Workshop

Team & Make them look nice

Reflections
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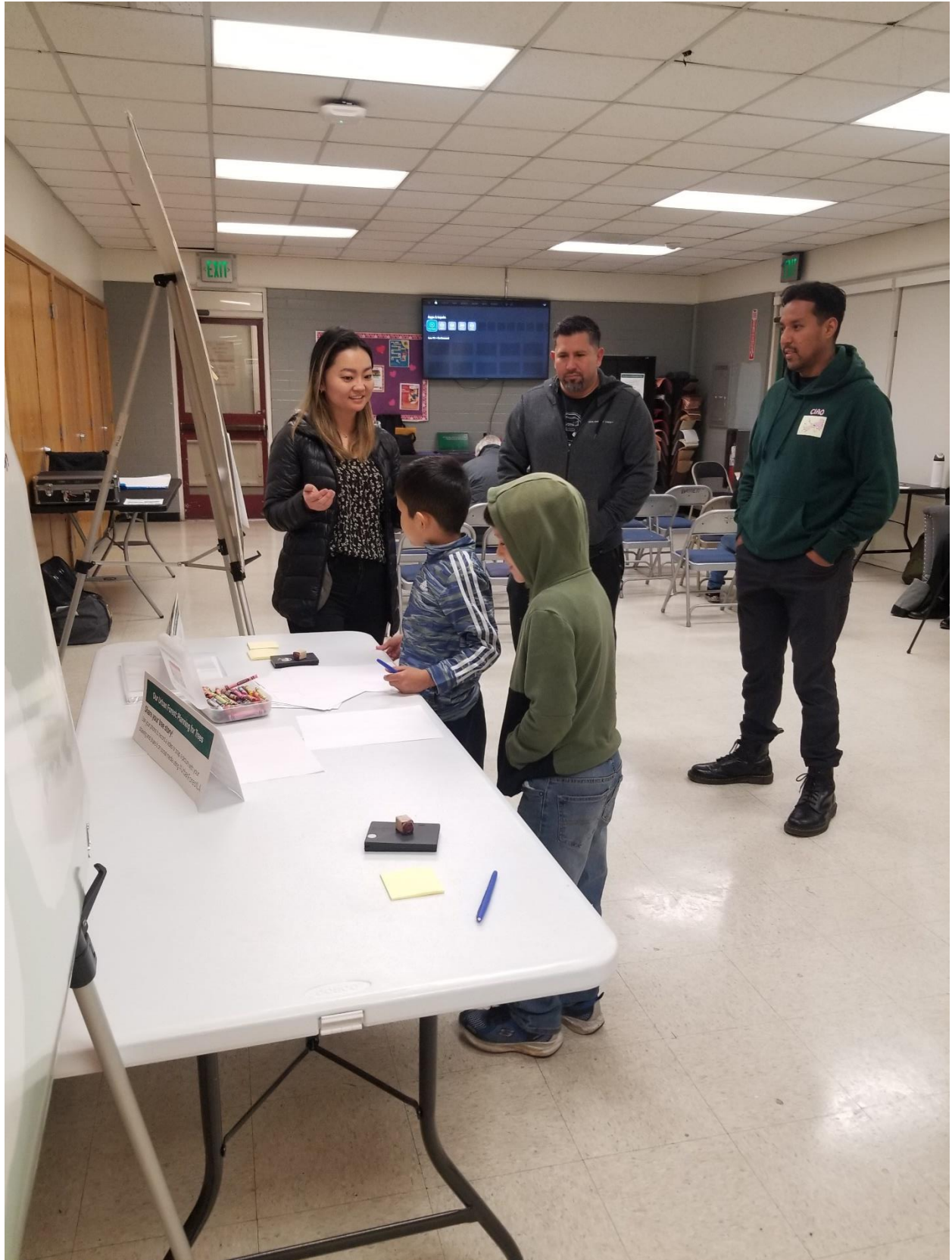
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LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Saturday, January 27, 2024
9 AM – 11 AM
CultivaLA Farm, South El Monte

Introduction

On January 27, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. CultivaLA partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in South El Monte at the CultivaLA Farm and had over 20 community members in attendance.

At this workshop, CultivaLA had live music to motivate volunteers and various hands-on learning experiences for their Climate Action Day event.

Workshop

As community members arrived to the workshop area and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a series of activities at six stations. MIG facilitators provided attendees with a brief overview and shared how the community can stay involved in the process.

After giving attendees some context, they participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around an outside canopy. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Seeing more community involvement; fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility
- Access to community gardens and parks with lots of local plants and trees; widespread access to trees and shade that provide habitats for animals
- Making space for animals, birds, and people
- Connectivity between green spaces and corridors for everyone – people, birds, etc.
- Beautiful cities with trees; more trees because they look beautiful; trees everywhere
- A place that has nice shade and amazing scenery
- Access to fruit; as much fruit as possible in public and private areas
- Replacing trees; trees that will adapt

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Climbing trees in parks and how it affected the stature of the tree
- Enjoying the shade and avocado from an avocado tree
- Playing around a specific tree that was planted next to their apartment – enjoying the breeze and appreciating the tree
- Gathering under a tree to play in the shade it provides especially during the summer
- Establishing traditions through plums provided by tree from adolescence
- Hugging a tree
- Choosing a specific neighborhood based on its tree canopy
- Having a picnic under a tree at a park during the summertime

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Climate change; LA is hot; Heat can cause harm

Habitat for wildlife

- More animals

Food/fruit

- No comments

Clean air

- No comments

Stormwater capture

- So we can surf after the rain

Mental health

- No comments

Physical health

- No comments

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- The flowers in parks look beautiful

Sense of place

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- No comments

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Overgrowth can happen easily

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- Personal experience of tree falling on car
- Prune the branches

Power lines (obstructed)

- Prune the branches

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- No comments

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comments

Pipes (broken)

- No comments

Fire risk

- No comments

Pests

- No comments

Water use

- No comments

Other safety concerns

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- For more shade when its hot

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Provide shade canopy for pedestrians--shade canopy makes neighborhoods cooler (aesthetically and in temperature) and encourages pedestrian activity

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Along main roads to offset exhaust from cars and provide cooler spaces

Parks

- Create larger maintained biodiverse space for animals and birds

Specific locations mentioned include:

- East LA

Other

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Create interactive opportunities for children; provide outdoor learning area with shade
- High temperatures/heat due to blacktops and paved play areas
- Establish a sense of place on school campuses

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Southeast LA

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - No comments
- Learn about trees
 - No comments
- Care for trees
 - No comments
- Speak for trees
 - No comments
- Plant trees
 - No comments
- Work with trees
 - No comments

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- No comments

Learn about trees

- Education on planting
- A source to get information to learn about trees

Care for trees

- Organized events that provide more information

Speak for trees

- No comments

Plant trees

- No comments

Work with trees

- No comments

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

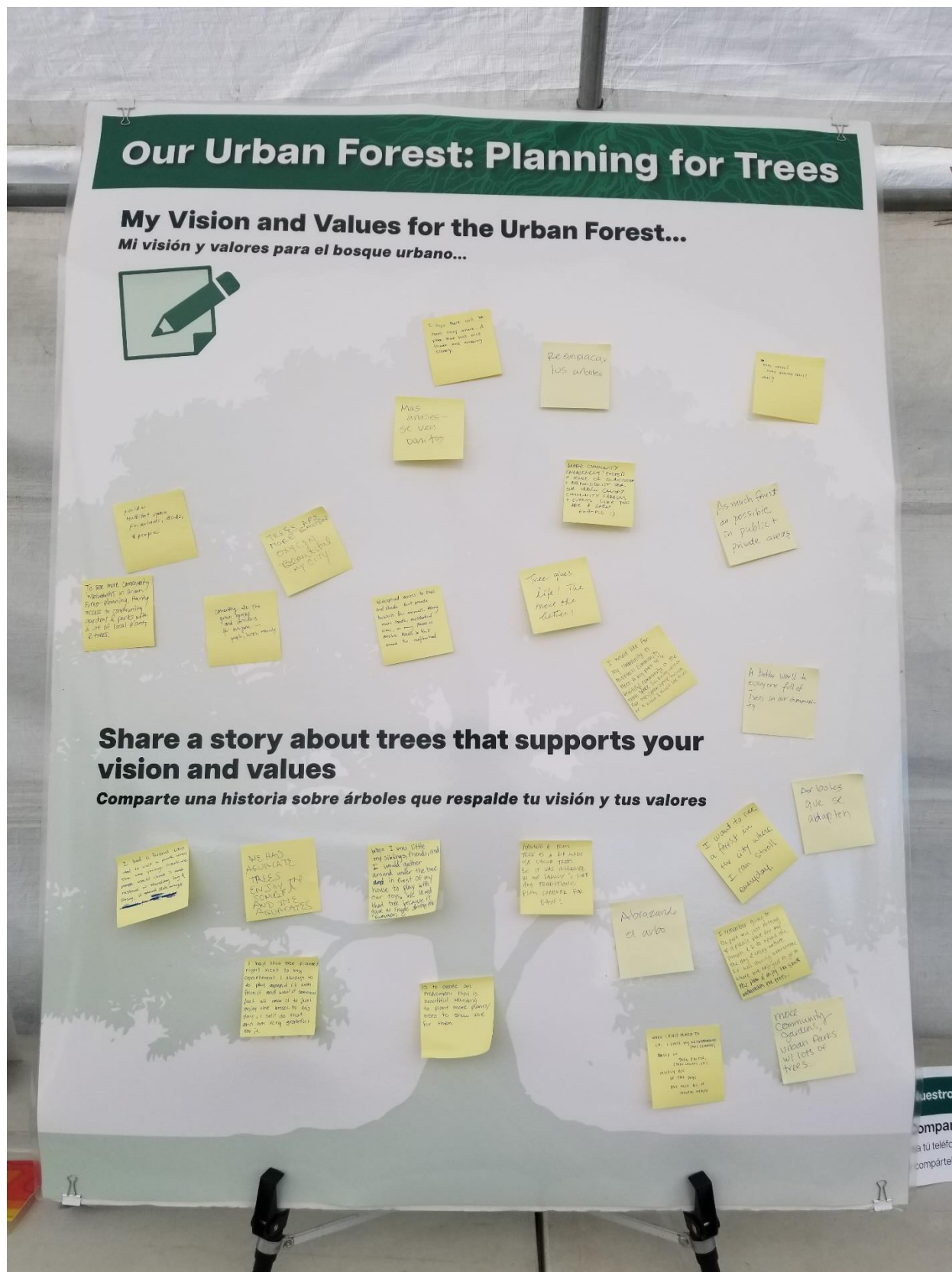
- Trees are an important source of clean air and essential to our health; trees are important for life – need them to survive
- Seeing the involvement of the community in this process; community is critical to urban forest
- Trees should be preserved

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- How can we plant more trees in other communities?

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Vision, Values, Storytelling



Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

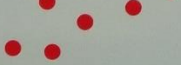
Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?
 ¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>LA está un poco más fresca, pero me gusta más la sombra de los árboles.</i>	Habitat for wildlife Hábitat para la vida silvestre  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Más animales.</i>	Food/fruit Comida/fruta  Why? ¿Por qué?
Clean Aire puro  Why? ¿Por qué?	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Se va más agua hacia el suelo.</i>	Mental health Salud mental  Why? ¿Por qué?
Physical health Salud física  Why? ¿Por qué?	Cultural significance/importance Significado/importancia cultural  Why? ¿Por qué?	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Los árboles son hermosos y son naturales.</i>
Sense of place Sentido de lugar  Why? ¿Por qué?	Other: Otro: 	

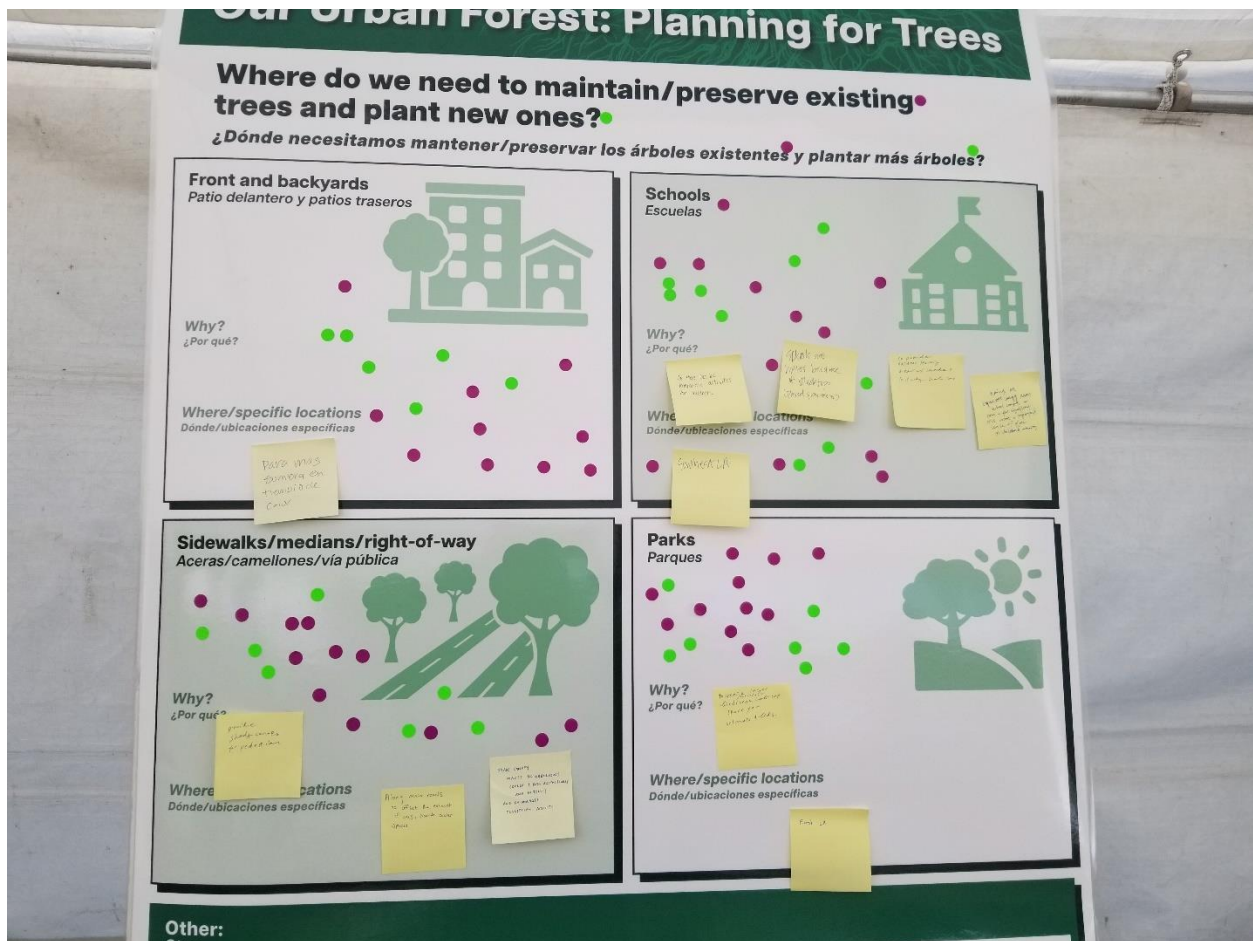
Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?
 ¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas)  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas)  Why? ¿Por qué? 
Power lines (obstructed) Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas)  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Aceras (levantadas/rotas)  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Street lights (blocked) Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas)  Why? ¿Por qué? 
Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas)  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Pests Plagas  Why? ¿Por qué? 
Water use Uso del agua  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad  Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other: Otro: 

Neighborhood Needs



My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees
Disfrutar de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Learn about trees
Aprender sobre los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

En que tiempo
Se deben de
plantar

How much time
is needed to learn
about trees

Care for trees
Cuidar de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

How important
are trees?
¿Qué tan importantes
son los árboles?

Speak for trees
Hablar en nombre
de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Plant trees
Sembrar árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Work with trees
Trabajar con los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

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Additional Comments
Comentarios Adicionales

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling
Visión, valores y narración de historias
My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

Involucrar a mi comunidad para aprender del valor de la naturaleza

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.
mi salud mental a mejorado a través del involucramiento de la comunidad

Neighborhood Needs
Necesidades del vecindario
Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

En los parques por la reunión o visitas de familias con niños

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

En las aceras para embellecer nuestra comunidad y mejorar el medio ambiente

Benefits of Trees
Beneficios de los árboles
Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Sombra salud mental

My Role in the Urban Forest
Mi rol en el bosque urbano
What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

plantando y cuidando

Concerns and Priorities
Preocupaciones y prioridades
What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

el mantenimiento del arbolado

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Organizar a mi comunidad

Reflections

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¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES & THEIR BENEFITS

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My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...

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RECONNECT w NATURE

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.

Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

TREES GROUND OUR BODIES & CALM THE MIND.

Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/ preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

UNDER PRIVILEGED COMMUNITIES

Where do we need to plant trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

SIDE WALKS FOR SHADE

Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?

¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

BROWDING

CLEAN AIR

RIVE SHADE & HOME TO BIRDS

My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?

¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

STARTED A COMMUNITY BACKEN IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD & VOLUNTEER AT EVENTS LIKE THIS.

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

START A NON PROFIT TO HELP MY COMMUNITY WHERE I LIVE.

Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

THAT WE NEED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS & TYPES OF NATIVE TREES

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My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
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Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

I think we need to maintain trees at schools and parks to protect the little ones.

Schools should continue to plant trees by including activities for kids to engage and participate.

My current role is that I enjoy trees and take care of my trees.

I would like to be an advocate for trees and learn how to plant them.



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Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Shade, cooler spaces, role of balancing emissions from cars, providing more habitats for animals, access to fruit + foods



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Making sure they are well tended and planned for the space they will be in. Large effort to have them be native trees



Reflections Reflexiones

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

I LOVE TREES! EXCITED TO SEE MORE RESOURCES ON TREES

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?
¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

MORE MATURE TREES!!

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.
WASHI PUT ME TO LA,
I OFFER MY NEIGHBORHOOD APT SURGE BASED ON TREES
IN SAGE NEIGHBORHOOD. WAITING FOR THE POLICE, BUT ALSO
FOR MY MENTAL HEALTH.



Benefits of Trees Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

GIVE UP MAINTENANCE - MAINLY BEC I KNEW THAT ULTIMATELY
WAS PPL WILL COMPLAIN ABOUT.



Concerns and Priorities Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

STORMWATER CAPTURE - SO WE CAN GO SURFING
SHADE / COOLING - BEC LA IS HOT (SEE INLAND) AND CLIMATE CHANGE



Neighborhood Needs Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

WHY: SHADE CANOPY MAKES NEIGHBORHOODS COOLER (ASTHOMATICALLY & LATERAL),
IN TEMPS AND ENCOURAGES FORESTRY AND ACTIVITY

WHERE: SIDEWALKS, MEDIANS, RIGHT OF WAY

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

SOL ADVICE



My Role in the Urban Forest Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

I LOVE TREES! 🌳🌳🌳

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

LEARN ABOUT
CARE FOR
SPEAK FOR
PLANT
WORK WITH
TREES!

Reflections

Reflexiones

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Might see some because china town is mostly shops and store it would be cool to see some trees

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

In my local park there this big tree and it was still there

Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/ preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Park? Side, School

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Shading, habitats, food, clean air, Beauty

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Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

lost, hazards, trees, not water, interest



Reflections Reflexiones

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That we should work together to plant and protect trees.

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

How do we make sure to plant more trees in other communities.

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling

Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

I would like to see more trees around my neighborhood and for the community to work together for that.

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

I had a big tree in my front yard where me and my friends/family played around and climbed.



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

They give us clean air and shade to cool down.



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

That they aren't taken care of or protected.



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Trees that have been somewhere for many years or a tree that the community loves.

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

In neighborhoods with few trees and around schools because it's good for people to know the importance of having trees.



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

Today I have helped plant some trees/plants, learned about trees, and caring for them.

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I would like to be able to plant more trees.

LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Friday, February 16, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hacienda Heights Community and Rec Center
1234 Valencia Ave, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Introduction

On February 16, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. ActiveSGV partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to help facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Hacienda Heights at the Hacienda Heights Community and Rec Center and had 12 community members in attendance.

Due to low attendance, the team decided to move the poster boards outside to a more visible location. Community members who were at the park were recruited to participate in the workshop activities. The project team discussed the high-level themes from the presentation—the benefits of trees, developing the UFMP and process, and next steps—when introducing the workshop activities to community members.

Workshop

Community members were encouraged to participate in a series of activities at six stations set up outside near the basketball courts outside the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Full of large healthy trees, mix of fruit and mature species
- “The more the better”
 - -trees
 - -our roles in urban forest
- Creating a more walkable community where tree canopy is constant and biodiverse
- More street trees! Greening of medians and other unused planting spaces
- Replacing the stretches of grass along the large streets with sustainable trees would be great
- More public fruit trees
- Map out fruit trees and request help to pick fruit

- Prioritizing zones that are higher risk / have high rates of pollution / increased health risks
- We like pomegranate trees, lemon trees
- Create community groups to prune backyard fruit trees and harvest and share fruit (arborist-led)

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- “When I lived in Pasadena I would constantly walk through my neighborhood. I noticed it impacted my mood and want the same for Hacienda Heights.”
- My love for trees is because my parents taught me to plant trees. It was my inheritance. I help neighbors care for plants.
- We all work together to maintain the garden
- What we like about the park: Green, fresh, open, trees help it to not smell like cars, gas, and exhaust

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Surround my house with trees to provide shade
- On a hot day all you want is shade and water to drink
- It’s getting warmer in the summer

Habitat for wildlife

- Birds! Bird Sounds!
- I enjoy seeing squirrels, hummingbirds, bees

Food/fruit

- Fruit is refreshing, tangerines
- The fruit I grow is organic and has a better flavor

Clean air

- More trees to purify the air

Stormwater capture

- Living on the north end of Hacienda Heights, there are few permeable surfaces. We need to increase water retention

- Good way to absorb rainwater and save on irrigation

Mental health

- Good way to decompress from long day at work. Very calming to work on garden

Physical health

- No comments

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- Planting as a way to plant trees from their homeland
- It makes it feel nicer to live in a place with trees

Sense of place

- Shows as a place to gather/sit
- I want my neighborhood to be more walkable

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- They drop a lot of leaves. It becomes slippery. I've injured myself while riding my bike.

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Maintenance being considered in plan even if that means less trees
- Specifically street trees. I'm concerned if trees are planted with no maintenance attached, they will fail
- Afraid an oak tree takes root
- Ash trees spreading all over. Fast growing = expensive
- Species selection is important

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- Risk of people getting hit by a falling tree

Power lines (obstructed)

- No comments

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- No comments

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comments

Pipes (broken)

- No comments

Fire risk

- Increasing trimming cycles in high fire zone
- People litter. When it's really hot, leaves tend to burn and it spreads fire

Pests

- With so many emerging pests, the street tree list should be revised

Water use

- No comments

Other safety concerns

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Backyard - 6 total. Front yard - 6 total. Mango, apple, avocado, fruit
- Fruit trees taste better than store bought

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- More trees in the school in playgrounds.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Palm and Robles Schools

- Los Altos has a good number

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- We need to prioritize planting in areas that would mitigate land, air, and pollution
- More trees on sidewalks like in Whittier. Provide more shade

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Gale between Falstone and Stimson has a large median that has been asphalted over. This is a great opportunity to increase canopy
- More trees on Gale/Hacienda
- Hacienda is near a trucking area - not many trees

Parks

- We are blessed to have Schabarum and multiple parks in H. Heights. I want these resources to continue to be maintained
- New parks have large sized trees. Plant near playgrounds

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Near playgrounds
- Fruit trees in parks. Avocado trees in Los Robles Park

Other

- Used to live in Pasadena - big difference in trees compared to Hacienda Heights
- “people like planting trees but not coming back to water them...if an org did it...” - maintenance hard
- Shopping centers and bigger trees with flowers

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Plant trees
- Work for trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Care for trees
 - I plant and care for trees, fruit trees are my favorite
- Plant trees
 - Also plants other types of plants and shares seeds

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Learn about trees

- Want to learn to be a doctor and understand how to heal people with trees

Care for trees

- I am an arborist and would be open to volunteering my time for tree care
- Would like to volunteer to plant anywhere

Work with trees

- Would like to share knowledge, plant, and care for trees in public spaces

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Let's have a tree trimming workshop
- This is long overdue to develop a UFMP
- homeowners shouldn't have to maintain all trees, should be county/local government . More trees - great but cost of maintenance should be accounted for. Otherwise, fewer trees then is better
- We need to de-pave our community to have space to plant trees.

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- How do we get more fruit trees in the park?
- Can we have fruit trees so we can harvest the fruit?
- Is there a plan in place for floodways?

Vision, Values, Storytelling



Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?
¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar Why? ¿Por qué? on a hot day all you want is shade & water to drink It's getting warmer in the summer Somewhat agree w trees is kinda cool	Habitat for wildlife Hábitat para la vida silvestre Why? ¿Por qué? Birds! Bird sounds! Good thing I say I don't say I don't I say I do	Food/fruit Comida/fruta Why? ¿Por qué? Fruit is healthy The fruit I grow is organic & better flavor
Clean air Aire puro Why? ¿Por qué? More trees to purify the air	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales Why? ¿Por qué? Good way to absorb rain water Good way to absorb rain water	Mental health Salud mental Why? ¿Por qué? Good way to decompress for a long day at work & get things to work on
Physical health Salud física Why? ¿Por qué?	Cultural significance/ importance Significado/importancia cultural Why? ¿Por qué?	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética Why? ¿Por qué? Planting a tree is a good thing to do in a place that is beautiful Beautiful to make it beautiful to live in a place with trees
Sense of place Sentido de lugar Why? ¿Por qué? Shows as a place to grow/let It's what my neighborhood is. Be proud of it.	Other: Otro:	

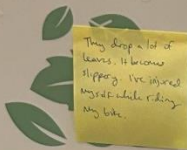
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What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

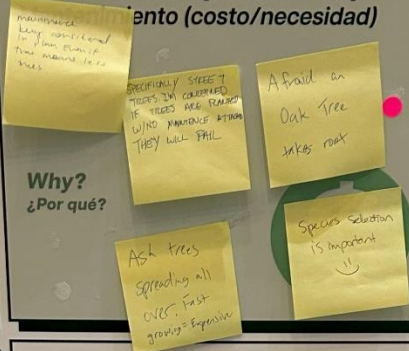
Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)
Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Maintenance (cost/need)
Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Hazards (falling trees)
Peligros (caída de árboles/r...

Why?
¿Por qué?



Power lines (obstructed)
Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Sidewalks (lifted/broken)
Aceras (levantadas/rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Street lights (blocked)
Alumbramiento de la calle (bloquea...

Why?
¿Por qué?



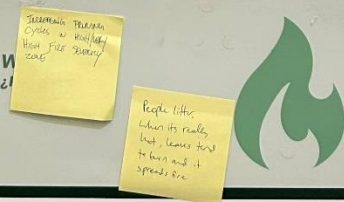
Pipes (broken)
Tuberías (rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Fire risk
Riesgo de incendio

Why?
¿Por qué?



Pests
Plagas

Why?
¿Por qué?



Water use
Uso del agua

Why?
¿Por qué?



Other safety concerns
Otras preocupaciones de seguridad

Why?
¿Por qué?



Other:
Otro:

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Back to front
Front yard
to front
more trees
more trees

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Front
trees high
better
longer
longer

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

More
trees in
the
front
yard
of
the
school

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

One
between
Pascua
y
Stinson
has
a
large
tree
that
is
very
old
and
is
a
great
asset
to
the
community

More
trees
on
the
sidewalk
area
to
provide
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Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

More
trees
in
the
park
area
to
provide
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shade
and
beauty

More
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Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Other:

Otro:

people who plant
trees and not
maintain them
and not
maintain them

need to live in families
to have
a tree
compared to
Hollywood Hills

Shopping
Centers and
big trees
with flowers

My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees
Disfrutar de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Learn about trees
Aprender sobre los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I want to learn to be a better and understand how to plant trees

Care for trees
Cuidar de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I plant & care for trees. Fruit trees are my favorite

I am an arborist and would be glad to share my knowledge and time for people who need it

Would like to volunteer to plant anywhere

Speak for trees
Hablar en nombre de los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Plant trees
Sembrar árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Also plants other types of plants & street seeds

Work with trees
Trabajar con los árboles



What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Would like to share knowledge about & care for trees in public spaces

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



let's host a
tree trimming
workshop

this is long
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develop a
type

How much should
have to receive
all trees should be
country/land govt
more this - great but
cost of maintenance
should be accounted for
otherwise, Govt may
lose it

We need to
depart our
community
to have space to
plant trees

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

How do we get
our first trees
in the park?

Can we use fast
trees so we can
harvest the
fast?

Is there
a pair in piece
for flour?

Photos from neighborhood workshop











LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Thursday, January 25, 2024

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and

06:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Nueva Maravilla Housing Community

4919 E Cesar E Chavez Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022

Introduction

On January 25, 2024, in the Los Angeles County 1st District, with support from Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, the LA County Urban Forest Management Plan team conducted two neighborhood workshops aimed at collecting community feedback to inform the development of the UFMP's priorities. The events were co-hosted with North East Trees in partnership with the County and City of Los Angeles' UFMP teams. It occurred at the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community (NMHC) in Unincorporated East Los Angeles. The workshops were attended by 72 community members.

The sessions, held at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, provided residents of Unincorporated East Los Angeles, specifically those from NMHC and adjacent areas, with a platform to express their views and aspirations. A significant outreach and engagement strategy element included canvassing the 367 residences within NMHC. This approach facilitated direct communication with many residents, enabling North East Trees staff to build rapport with NMHC's management and its diverse, predominantly low-income population. Overall, these workshops generated meaningful discussions regarding the community's needs and contributed to the ongoing engagement efforts for the Los Angeles Urban Forest Master Plan.

Workshop

At North East Trees, our approach is encapsulated by the philosophy of *Radical Welcome*, which aims to create an environment reminiscent of the warmth and inclusivity one might find in a friend's home or that of a beloved relative. This approach marks a shift from traditional to transformational engagement, inviting participants into a communal space enriched with cultural foods and conversations before commencing formal proceedings. The program began with a greeting from Aaron Thomas, the Director of Urban Forestry at North East Trees, who subsequently introduced Rebecca Ferdman, the Sustainability Policy Advisor from the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office. Rebecca gave an initial presentation which provided a brief overview, outlined ways for the community to remain engaged, and described the workshop's structure.

Following the presentation, attendees engaged in various activities across six distinct stations

arranged throughout the venue. Below, we summarize the feedback and input collected during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes.

Their vision and values include:

- Community members highlighted the fundamental role of trees in producing oxygen, emphasizing the saying "trees are life." This reflects the widespread understanding of trees as essential elements in our ecosystem, providing the very air we breathe and sustaining life by converting carbon dioxide into oxygen, thereby contributing to a healthier environment.
- The intrinsic value of trees within the natural life cycle was discussed, underscoring the need for respect and care for trees as vital components of our environment. The community stressed that trees should be revered and protected as they are integral to ecological balance, supporting many life forms, including ours.
- One community member shared a personal testimony on the therapeutic effects of trees, describing how sitting under a tree can alleviate stress and bring a sense of peace and grounding. This experience was shared in the hope that others might also find solace and comfort in the presence of trees, promoting mental well-being and a deeper connection to nature.
- A community member shared their dream of transforming their neighborhood into a verdant oasis, envisioning sidewalks lined with lush trees, creating a serene and inviting environment for residents. They expressed a desire for natural buffers of trees to be established between the freeway and residential areas, helping to reduce noise and air pollution. The dream extended to a future where green parks outnumber sources of pollution, offering safe, clean spaces for recreation and relaxation.
- The community discussed the importance of increasing trees and green spaces to combat health issues such as obesity among children. By providing more natural areas for play and activity, the goal is to encourage a healthier, more active lifestyle from a young age, fostering physical well-being and a deeper appreciation for the environment among the community's youth.
- Reflecting on personal experiences, another member expressed gratitude for growing up around trees and emphasized the importance of living in a tree-rich environment. They advocated for the community's continued enjoyment and appreciation of trees, recognizing their contribution to a fulfilling and healthy life.
- The need for trees in local playgrounds was also addressed, particularly highlighting the challenges faced during summer when high temperatures can deter outdoor activities. The community called for planting trees in playground areas to provide shade and cooler environments, enabling children to enjoy outdoor play safely and comfortably, even in hotter weather. This initiative was seen as essential to fostering a love for the outdoors among younger generations and promoting physical activity.

- One resident outlined a vision for a harmonious coexistence between wildlife and humans facilitated by planting more trees. This initiative aims to restore natural habitats, provide shelter and resources for animals within the community, biodiversity and foster a balanced ecosystem where all inhabitants can thrive.
- Reflecting on past experiences, another community member reminisced about a childhood spent playing among the trees, highlighting the stark contrast with the current lack of green spaces for children. They emphasized the importance of restoring the community's tree canopy to revive traditional outdoor games and activities, enabling new generations to create their own cherished memories surrounded by nature.
- The community also recognized the ecological importance of trees and flowers in supporting pollinators like bees. By planting more trees and flowering plants, they aim to increase bee populations, which are vital for pollination and maintaining healthy ecosystems. This initiative reflects a broader commitment to environmental sustainability and promoting biodiversity within the community

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that support their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet

- Community members expressed concern that the current generation of children is growing up without understanding the value and joy trees bring to our lives, identifying this as a significant issue. They emphasized the responsibility of adults to address this gap by instilling an appreciation for nature in younger generations. Recognizing the problem was highlighted as the crucial first step towards fostering a more tree-aware community, ensuring that children can experience the myriad benefits trees offer.
- The therapeutic benefits of trees were discussed, with community members highlighting how trees play a vital role in reducing stress and promoting good health. They underlined the importance of trees in creating serene and healthful environments, providing natural spaces where residents can relax, rejuvenate, and find peace, thus contributing significantly to the community's overall well-being.
- There was a strong consensus on the necessity of incorporating trees into local playgrounds, particularly to address the discomfort caused by the intense heat of summer. The community stressed that the lack of shade in these areas restricts children's ability to enjoy outdoor activities and the natural environment fully. Planting trees in playgrounds was identified as a crucial measure to ensure that these spaces offer a cooler, more pleasant environment, enabling children to engage in healthy, joyful outdoor play even during the hottest months.
- During the neighborhood meeting, there was a strong call for incorporating more trees and green spaces within the community, emphasizing the link between these natural elements and children's physical health. The residents expressed concern over the rising

childhood obesity rates and advocated for environments encouraging active, outdoor play. By increasing greenery, the community aims to create inviting spaces that naturally promote physical activity, contributing to healthier lifestyles for children and reducing the prevalence of overweight conditions.

- A community vision was articulated, focusing on integrating more trees into the urban landscape to foster harmonious coexistence between wildlife and humans. The vision encompasses creating green habitats that support local fauna, allowing animals to thrive and live peacefully alongside human residents. This approach reflects a broader goal of promoting biodiversity and ecological balance within the community.
- Reflecting on personal memories, a community member shared experiences of a childhood spent amidst abundant greenery, highlighting a stark contrast to the current scarcity of trees. They reminisced about engaging in outdoor games like hide-and-seek among the trees, activities that today's children are less likely to experience due to the diminished urban canopy. This narrative underscored the need to restore the area's green spaces, enabling future generations to create their own joyful memories and connect with nature.
- The community also discussed the ecological benefits of planting more trees and flowers, particularly highlighting the positive impact on bee populations. Bees, as vital pollinators, play a crucial role in ecosystems' health and food crops' production. By increasing the number of trees and flowering plants, the community aims to support and expand local bee populations, contributing to greater biodiversity and the environment's health.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants from the 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM sessions:

10:00 AM	06:00 PM
Shade/cooling In the discussion about shade and cooling, residents highlighted the vital role of trees in providing natural shade, particularly during hot weather. The community emphasized that an increased tree canopy would reduce reliance on air conditioning, contributing to energy savings and a more sustainable living environment.	Shade/cooling In discussions about shade and cooling, community members expressed how trees offer a natural refuge, providing a comfortable place to sit and catch one's breath when tired. They also noted that trees play a crucial role in cooling the environment on hot days, making outdoor spaces more bearable and reducing the need for artificial cooling.
Habitat for wildlife Regarding habitat for wildlife, the community pointed out that trees serve as essential homes for various animals, such as squirrels and birds. There was a recognition of the importance of these animals as integral parts of the local ecosystem, contributing to biodiversity and ecological balance.	Habitat for wildlife Regarding habitat for wildlife, the residents highlighted the importance of trees as essential homes and sources of protection for various animal species. This underscores the role of trees in maintaining biodiversity and supporting healthy ecosystems within urban settings.
Food/fruit The value of fruit trees was particularly noted for their cultural significance and practical benefits. Residents remarked that fruit trees hold a special place in their hearts, reminding them of their home countries and traditions. Additionally,	Food/fruit No reasons were given in this section.

fruit trees provide fresh food, which is fundamental to life and well-being.	
Clean air Clean air was acknowledged as a crucial benefit of trees, with the community understanding that trees play a significant role in purifying the air by absorbing pollutants and producing oxygen, thereby contributing to the overall health and well-being of the residents.	Clean air In terms of clean air, the community recognized that trees are vital in purifying the air polluted by cars and human activities. They also stressed the importance of trees for children's health, suggesting that living in an environment with clean air contributes to healthier, more vibrant lives for the younger population.
Stormwater capture No reasons were given in this section.	Stormwater capture No reasons were given in this section.
Mental health The positive impact of trees on mental health was a prominent theme, with residents stating that trees help reduce stress, promote healthy development in children, and bring joy and tranquility into their lives. This highlights the psychological benefits of green spaces in urban settings.	Mental health On the topic of mental health, the residents discussed the therapeutic benefits of trees, noting how they help individuals cope with daily life stressors. This reflects a broader understanding of green spaces and natural environments significantly affect psychological well-being and stress reduction.
Physical health In terms of physical health, the community recognized that trees and green spaces encourage active play and exercise among children, helping to prevent obesity and promote overall health. This underscores the role of urban forestry in fostering a healthy lifestyle for all age groups.	Physical health Lastly, when discussing physical health, the community acknowledged that trees and green spaces encourage physical activity and provide settings for living life with less stress. This highlights the recognition of the integral role of urban forestry in promoting a healthy and active lifestyle for all residents.

Cultural significance/importance The cultural significance of trees was discussed, with residents expressing how trees symbolize their connection to Mother Earth and are deeply ingrained in their cultural heritage and beliefs, underscoring the spiritual and cultural dimensions of urban forestry.	Cultural significance/importance No reasons were given in this section.
Beauty/aesthetics Lastly, trees' aesthetic and emotional benefits were acknowledged, with the community noting that trees contribute to a sense of joy, good health, and stress reduction. This reflects the general sentiment that trees enhance the beauty and quality of life in urban environments, making them more pleasant and livable places.	Beauty/aesthetics No reasons were given in this section.
Sense of place No reasons were given in this section.	Sense of place No reasons were given in this section.
Other No reasons were given in this section.	Other No reasons were given in this section.

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants from the 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM sessions:

10:00 AM	06:00 PM
Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Fruit trees in the community can become problematic, as there is often more fruit produced than can be consumed by residents. This excess leads to challenges in distribution and can result in waste if not managed properly, requiring residents to either find places to donate the surplus or dispose of it, which can contribute to community mess. Certain types of trees, particularly those like the Jacaranda, are known to be problematic due to the abundant flowers they shed. This can lead to significant cleanup challenges for residents and municipal services, as the fallen flowers can accumulate and create untidy conditions.	Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) The community acknowledges that trees can create messes due to fallen leaves, flowers, and fruits, particularly when there is a lack of knowledge on how to maintain them. There is a call for educational programs to teach residents how to effectively manage and reduce the waste produced by trees to maintain cleaner neighborhoods.
Maintenance (cost/need) The financial and labor costs associated with tree maintenance can be significant, posing challenges for residents, especially in areas with limited access to resources such as water. This can make it difficult for community members to properly care for and sustain the urban forest. The need for regular maintenance such as pruning, watering, and disease control is essential for the health of urban trees but can be burdensome for residents or local governments facing budgetary constraints or resource limitations	Maintenance (cost/need) The cost associated with the maintenance of trees is a significant barrier for many residents, deterring them from taking the necessary steps to care for the urban forest. This highlights the need for financial assistance programs or community initiatives to help alleviate the burden of tree maintenance.

Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Neglect by the city in maintaining trees can lead to dangerous situations, such as falling trees or limbs. This negligence poses a risk to public safety, potentially causing injury or damage to property, and underscores the importance of regular and thorough tree maintenance.	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) There is a concern that older residents are particularly vulnerable to hazards posed by falling trees or limbs, which can result from inadequate maintenance or natural events. This underscores the importance of regular tree inspections and maintenance to ensure the safety of all community members, especially the elderly.
Power lines (obstructed) No reasons were given in this section.	Power lines (obstructed) No reasons were given in this section.
Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Tree roots can cause significant damage to sidewalks, leading to lifted or broken pavement. This not only results in aesthetic issues but also creates hazardous conditions for pedestrians, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly and children. Addressing this issue requires balancing healthy urban greenery and ensuring safe and accessible walkways for all community members.	Sidewalks (lifted/broken) The damage caused by tree roots lifting and breaking sidewalks contributes to a rundown appearance of the city and poses a safety risk to pedestrians. There is frustration over the lack of action from city authorities to address this issue, indicating a need for better urban planning and tree management to prevent sidewalk damage.

Street lights (blocked) No reasons were given in this section.	Street lights (blocked) No reasons were given in this section.
Pipes (broken) No reasons were given in this section.	Pipes (broken) The community is concerned about the damage tree roots can cause to underground pipes, which can become a significant problem when not properly managed by city services. This issue highlights the need for coordinated urban planning considering the interaction between tree roots and infrastructure.
Fire risk No reasons were given in this section.	Fire risk The risk of fires, exacerbated by the use of fireworks, is a major concern for the community. This emphasizes the need for fire safety education and stricter regulations on fireworks, particularly in areas with dense, dry, and dead trees, to prevent fire outbreaks.
Pests No reasons were given in this section.	Pests No reasons were given in this section.
Water use No reasons were given in this section.	Water use In light of local drought conditions and limited municipal resources for water preservation, the community is concerned about the water usage associated with maintaining trees. This highlights the importance of implementing water-efficient practices and selecting drought-resistant tree species for urban forestry efforts.

Other safety concerns No reasons were given in this section.	Other safety concerns (sinkholes): The community is worried about the safety hazards posed by sinkholes and how they affect trees. This concern indicates the need for comprehensive urban planning that considers
	geological factors and their impact on the urban forest and public safety.
Other No reasons were given in this section.	Other No reasons were given in this section.

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important, from the 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM sessions:

10:00 AM	06:00 PM
Front and backyards: Trees planted in front of residential homes and apartment buildings significantly enhance the aesthetic and economic value of the community, creating a more appealing and vibrant environment. Incorporating trees in our home landscapes contributes to lower utility costs by providing natural cooling, which can reduce the need for air conditioning during hot months. Specific locations mentioned include: none	Front and backyards: Trees are highly valued in residential areas for their ability to cool homes during the hot seasons, providing natural air conditioning and improving the living conditions. The presence of trees in our homes contributes to lower utility costs by providing shade and reducing the need for electrical cooling systems. There is a recognized need for more trees around homes to improve mental health, as green spaces and natural environments are known to have therapeutic effects. Trees also enhance the aesthetic appeal of apartment complexes, making them look more attractive and inviting, which can improve the quality of life for residents. Specific locations mentioned include: Residents note that the streets in East Los Angeles dire need more trees to provide shade, reduce heat, and improve air quality. There is a particular call for planting more trees in the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community to enhance the living environment and provide residents with the benefits of an urban forest.

Schools: There is a pressing need for increased outreach and educational programs within schools to teach students the importance of trees and nature, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship from a young age. Engaging with parent groups, particularly in elementary schools, can help extend the message about the significance of urban forestry and environmental care into the homes and broader community. Establishing connections with school principals and the school district is crucial to integrating tree and nature education into the curriculum and school activities, ensuring a collaborative approach to fostering green spaces and environmental awareness. Specific locations mentioned include: none	Schools: Integrating trees into school environments promotes better learning conditions by providing a more pleasant and calming atmosphere. The provision of shade in schoolyards is essential for children's health and comfort, making trees an important element in school design. There is a consensus that children benefit from playing in natural settings, where trees can create a more engaging and enjoyable outdoor environment. Specific locations mentioned include: Concerns were raised about the lack of trees at the school across the street from the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community, indicating a need for improved greenery in this area. There is a call for outdoor classrooms in elementary schools to provide children with a better learning experience, emphasizing the importance of connecting with nature.
Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way: The community emphasizes the need for more trees around bus stops, especially during the summer, to provide necessary shade and reduce heat for commuters waiting for public transportation. There is a strong call for planting more trees along all streets to enhance the overall greenery, improve air quality, and contribute to a healthier, more pleasant urban environment. Specific locations mentioned include: none	Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way: There is a community-wide demand for more trees along streets and sidewalks to encourage walking, especially among seniors, by providing shade and a more pleasant walking environment. The community advocates for promoting "healthy streets" lined with trees, contributing to a healthier, more inviting urban landscape. Specific locations mentioned include: none

Parks The community sees a need for increased tree planting in parks, as these areas are vital for sports and recreational activities. More trees would provide shade and cooler temperatures and enhance the natural beauty and enjoyment of these public spaces. There is also a demand for creating natural areas within parks where residents can enjoy nature and escape from the urban environment, emphasizing the importance of balancing recreational facilities with natural, untouched landscapes. Specific locations mentioned include: none	Parks The need for more trees in parks is highlighted, particularly to provide shade, which is crucial for making parks more accessible and enjoyable, especially during hot weather. Specific locations mentioned include none
Other No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none	Other There is a specific request for more trees to be planted in areas such as basketball courts and children’s playgrounds in the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community to provide shade and create a more pleasant recreational environment. The need for more trees at bus stops in East Los Angeles is emphasized, as this would improve the comfort and experience of public transit users. Specific locations mentioned include: None

Places that were noted by attendees that need planted trees include:	
Front and backyards: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none Schools: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way: No reasons were given on this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none Parks: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none Other: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none	Front and backyards: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: Residents note that the streets in East Los Angeles dire need more trees to provide shade, reduce heat, and improve air quality. There is a particular call for planting more trees in the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community to enhance the living environment and provide residents with the benefits of an urban forest. Schools: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none Parks: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none Other: No reasons were given in this section. Specific locations mentioned include: none

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest, from the 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM sessions:

10:00 AM	06:00 PM
Enjoy trees	Enjoy trees
Learn about trees	Learn about trees
Care for trees	Care for trees
Speak for trees	Speak for trees
Plant trees	Plant trees
Work with trees	Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below: (see future notes below, which reflect current and future activities)

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:	
• Learn about trees - o Residents have expressed a commitment to enhancing their understanding of urban forestry by conducting online research to learn more about different tree species and their care requirements. This initiative aims to empower community members with the knowledge necessary to effectively support and sustain the urban forest. • Care for trees - o In addition to learning about tree species, residents plan to utilize online resources to gain insights into the best practices for tree maintenance and care. This proactive approach signifies the community's dedication to the health and longevity of the trees within their neighborhood.	• Care for trees - o The residents have expressed a proactive approach towards the health of their urban forest by planning to search online for information regarding tree care and the treatment of diseased or ailing trees. This indicates a community-wide commitment to maintaining and improving the condition of their local environment by ensuring that the trees are well cared for and can continue to thrive. This effort aims to enhance the urban forest's overall health and sustainability, contributing positively to the community's quality of life and the local ecosystem. •

● Plant trees ○ There is a strong desire among the residents to contribute actively to the urban canopy by planting trees in their living environments, including apartments. They seek permission to plant these trees and advocate for access to sufficient water resources to ensure they can be properly cared for and sustained. ● Work with trees ○ The community is advocating for increased funding for green jobs, highlighting a collective interest in creating employment opportunities that are not only economically beneficial but also environmentally sustainable. ○ There is a particular interest in planting more fruit trees within the community. This initiative is not just about beautifying the area but also about providing a source of fresh food, contributing to food security, and fostering a sense of community well-being through shared resources.	
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Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas from the 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM sessions:

10:00 AM	06:00 PM
Members of the Unincorporated East Los Angeles community expressed a profound belief in the deep interconnection between humanity and nature, emphasizing that trees have their language and wisdom that can be understood if we pay close attention. They highlighted the importance of fostering a stronger bond with our natural surroundings, recognizing trees as vital companions and sources of insight in our daily lives. The community acknowledged the practical benefits of trees, specifically their role in reducing utility costs. It was discussed how trees provide natural cooling through shade, which can significantly decrease the need for air conditioning in the warmer months, leading to lower electricity bills and promoting a more sustainable and cost-effective lifestyle. The sentiment "Trees are life" was echoed throughout the meeting, underlining the intrinsic value of trees beyond their aesthetic or environmental functions. This statement reflects the community's recognition of trees as essential to the ecosystem, contributing to air purification, biodiversity, and the planet's overall health, thereby	Community members emphasized the significant commitment required to protect and nurture trees, underlining the importance of ongoing care and attention to ensure their survival and growth. They discussed the necessity of regular watering, pruning, and protection against pests and diseases as essential practices in maintaining the health and vitality of trees, contributing to the community's well-being. The financial aspects of tree planting and maintenance were addressed, noting that the initial cost of planting a tree can range from \$40 to \$100. However, the investment extends beyond planting, as maintaining a tree during its critical first two years can amount to approximately \$2,000. This cost covers essential maintenance tasks such as watering, mulching, pruning, and protection measures, highlights the need for proper budgeting and resource allocation to support urban forestry efforts. It was highlighted that community groups are willing to collaborate with residents of East Los Angeles to facilitate the planting of trees in the area. This cooperative approach underscores the community's collective effort to enhance green spaces and demonstrates the

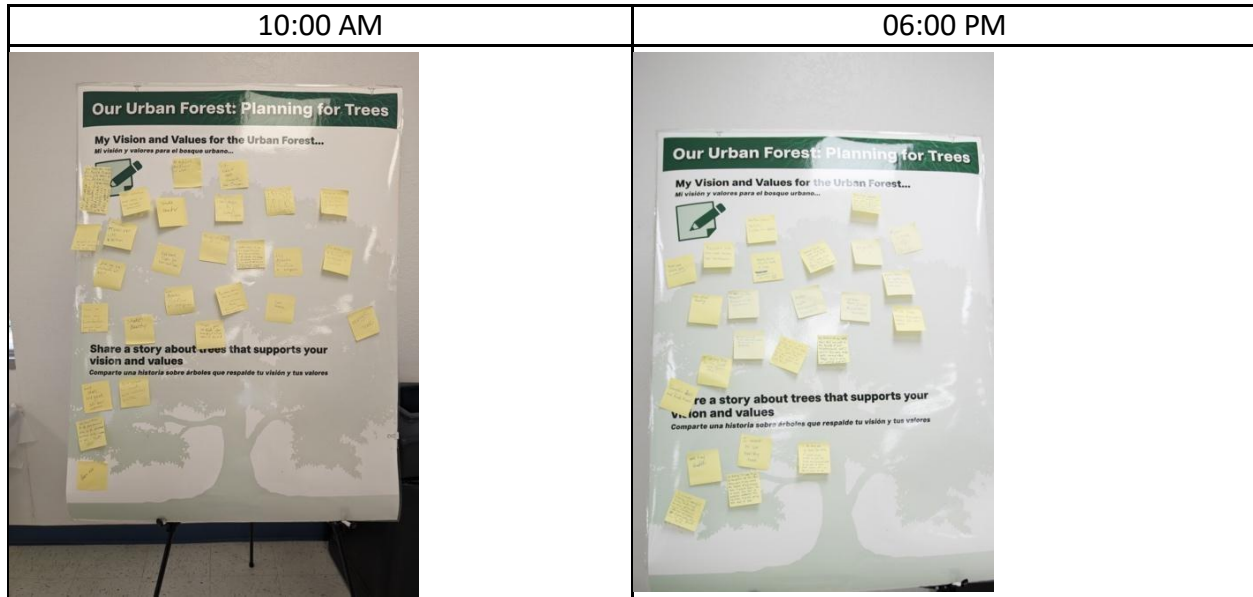
supporting the very foundation of human life. The importance of integrating nature into educational settings was highlighted, with community members advocating for the inclusion of trees within school grounds. They stressed that children benefit greatly from green spaces, which enhance learning environments, foster a connection with nature, and promote physical and mental well-being among students. Feedback from attendees revealed that the workshop provided valuable knowledge and skills concerning tree advocacy and environmental stewardship. Participants expressed a commitment to applying what they learned in efforts to promote tree planting and environmental care within their community, indicating a proactive approach to environmental advocacy and a desire to contribute positively to their local ecosystem. An elderly resident of the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community, in her later years, voiced similar concerns regarding the discontinuation of the water supply by LACDA. This issue prevented the community from adequately watering new trees, contributing to their failure and demise.	availability of support and resources for those interested in contributing to the urban canopy. A gentleman residing in the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community shared his experiences with the extreme summer heat, emphasizing how the high temperatures significantly increased the discomfort inside his apartment. He recounted the need to constantly operate fans and air conditioning to maintain a bearable environment, consequently leading to a substantial rise in energy bills. He advocated for the planting of more trees within the community, highlighting their essential role in providing shade and reducing the overall temperature, thus creating a more comfortable and sustainable living environment. The same gentleman also expressed his frustration with the actions of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), which involved turning off the water supply. This action hindered the community's efforts to sustain newly planted trees, leading to their untimely death. This lack of water not only thwarted the community's attempts to beautify and cool their environment but also wasted resources and efforts to improve local green spaces. Lastly, the community members spoke about the numerous benefits trees bring to their lives, enhancing the overall quality of life through air purification, providing shade, reducing noise pollution, and fostering a serene
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	and aesthetically pleasing environment. The presence of trees in the community was recognized as a critical component of urban living, contributing to physical health, mental well-being, and social cohesion, thereby making East Los Angeles more livable and enjoyable.
Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:	
In the community meeting, there was a detailed discussion about the specific types of trees suitable for enhancing the green canopy in the Unincorporated East Los Angeles area. Community members explored various species that could thrive in the local climate and soil conditions, focusing on drought-resistant ones, providing ample shade, and contributing positively to the local ecosystem. The conversation aimed to identify trees that would beautify the area and offer environmental benefits such as air purification and habitat for wildlife. One resident expressed surprise upon learning that individuals can actively care for street trees. This revelation highlighted a gap in public knowledge regarding urban forestry and community responsibilities. The community members emphasized the importance of educating residents on how they can contribute to the health and longevity of local trees, including watering, mulching, and	Community members raised concerns regarding the lack of trees in local playgrounds, questioning why these areas lack natural shade and greenery. They emphasized the importance of integrating trees into play areas to provide children with a cooler, more enjoyable environment and to foster a connection with nature from a young age. There was a strong sentiment among the community members that trees should be cared for with love and attention, similar to how one would care for a valued family member. This perspective underlines the belief that trees are not just inanimate objects but living entities that contribute significantly to the community's well-being and the environment. Residents of the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community (NMHC) expressed confusion and concern regarding restrictions that prevent them from having trees taller than six feet. They questioned the rationale behind this rule, pointing out that taller trees provide more

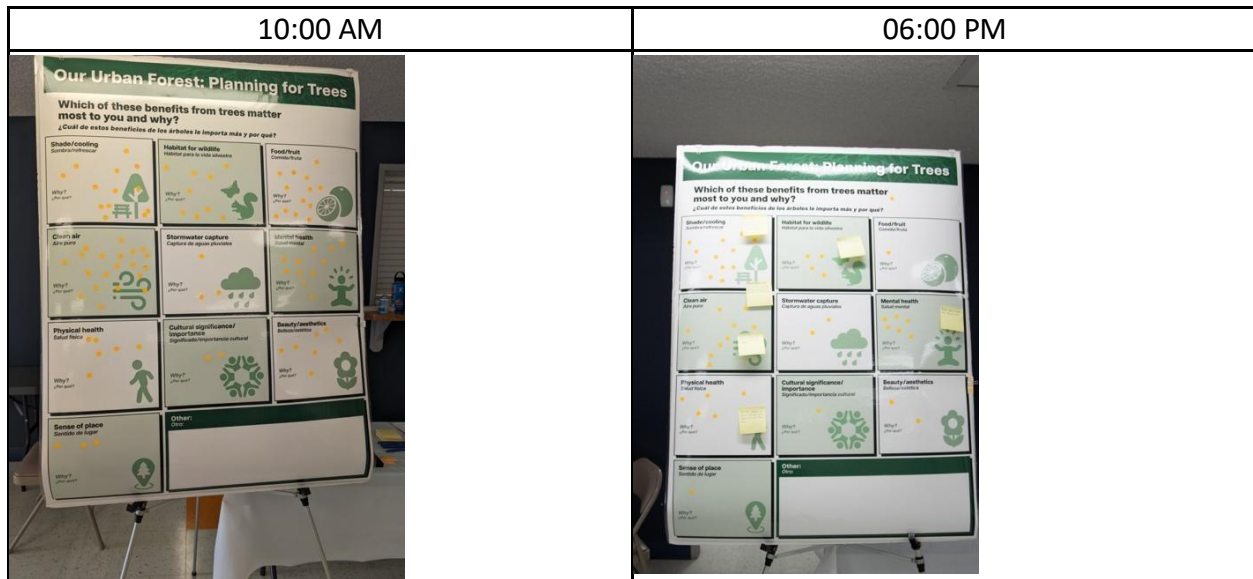
reporting issues to city services for maintenance and care. There was a strong consensus on the importance of extending educational initiatives on trees and nature to younger community members. Participants suggested organizing workshops designed for children and teenagers to foster a deeper connection with the natural world. By engaging young people in tree planting and care, the community hopes to instill a sense of stewardship and appreciation for the environment from an early age, encouraging sustainable behaviors and a lifelong relationship with nature.	shade, beauty, and environmental benefits, contributing to a healthier, more livable community. The need for accessible water sources to maintain healthy trees in NMHC was highlighted as a critical issue. Community members emphasized that trees cannot survive, let alone thrive, without adequate water, undermining efforts to create greener, more sustainable living spaces. The negative impact of cutting down trees on the community's energy consumption was discussed, with members noting that the absence of trees leads to higher temperatures and increased reliance on air conditioning. This, in turn, results in higher energy costs for residents, demonstrating the economic and environmental benefits of maintaining and expanding urban tree cover. Finally, community members expressed frustration with the city's approach to tree maintenance, questioning why many trees are poorly pruned or unnecessarily cut down. They highlighted the need for better tree management practices that ensure the health and longevity of trees rather than detrimental actions that compromise the urban canopy and the community's quality of life.
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Appendix of Workshop Materials

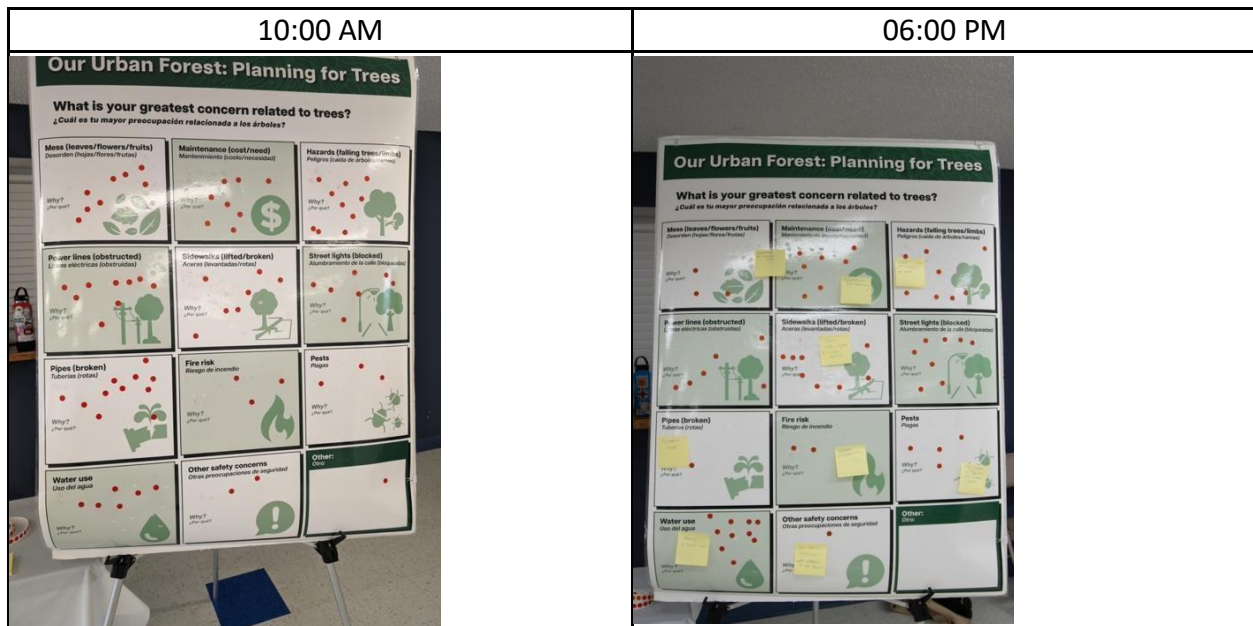
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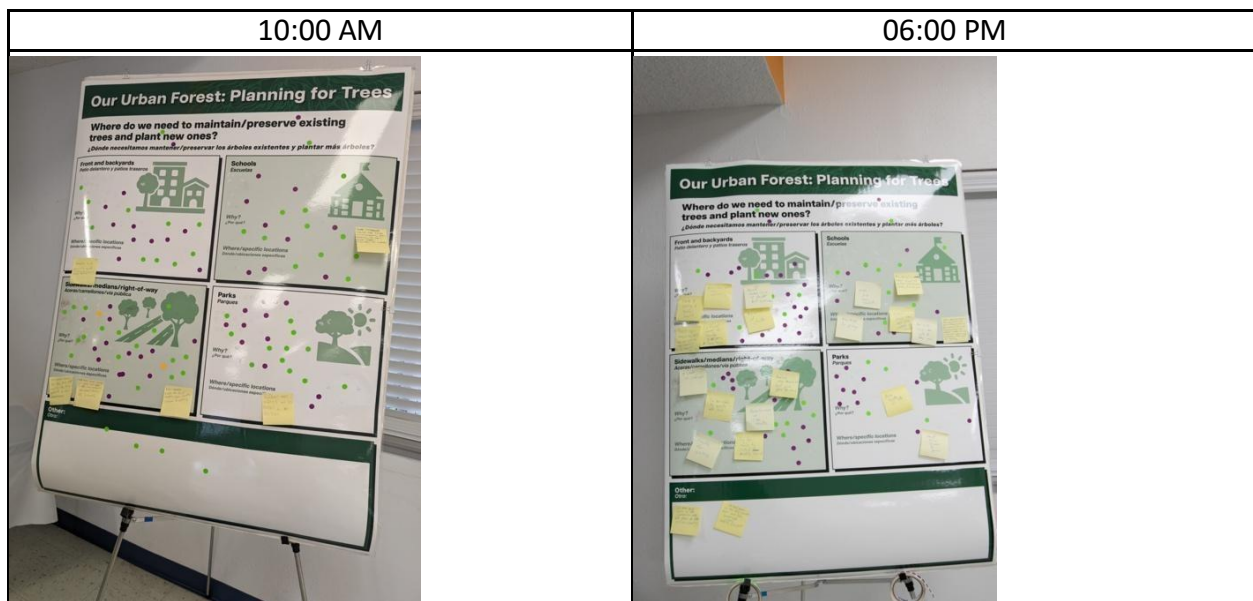
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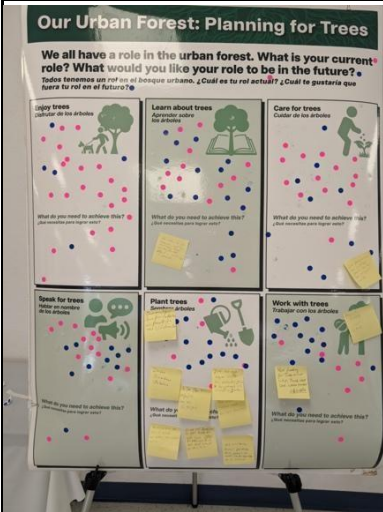
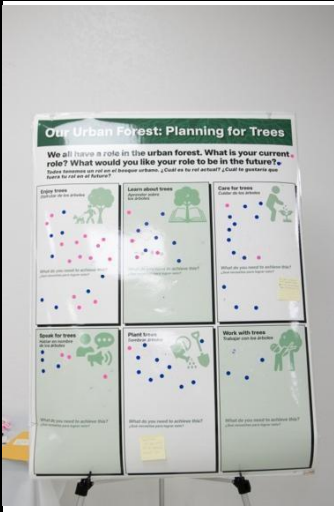
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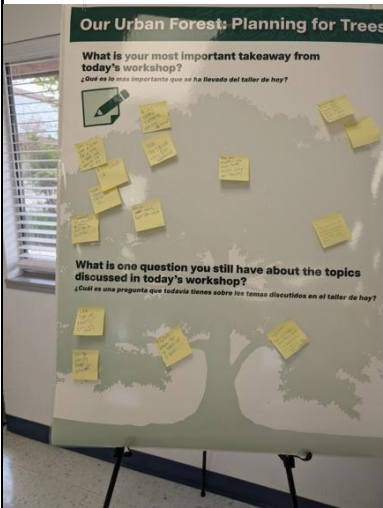
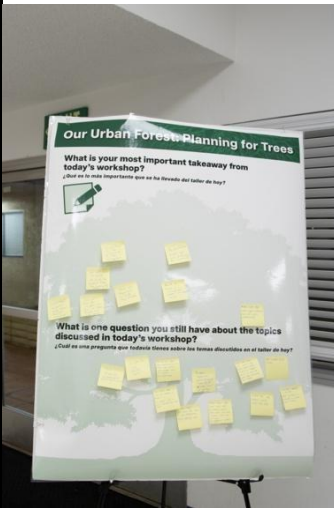
Neighborhood Needs



My Role in the Urban Forest

10:00 AM	06:00 PM
	

Reflections

10:00 AM	06:00 PM
	

LA County and LA City UFMP
Neighborhood Workshop Summary
Saturday, February 17, 2024
11am – 2pm
Florence Library, Florence-Firestone

Introduction

On February 17, 2024 the LA County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPS. TreePeople partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Florence-Firestone at the Florence Library and had 11 community members in attendance.

Six additional community members arrived later during the workshop, and the team was able to integrate them into the activities already taking place. Some of these community members were drawn into the event as they visited the library or passed by on their commute and were given the opportunity to fill out the survey even after the event had concluded.

The Florence Library was a great partner in helping spread the word. Some participants joined the Friends of the Library meeting taking place that morning.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Lilly Garcia from TreePeople, Lilly walked through the presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes.

Their vision and values include:

- An abundance of shade during family walks
- More shade for relaxing with family
- Caring for trees for themselves and future generations
- Fighting climate change
- Clean air and eliminating of pollution

- Prioritizing flowering trees and larger canopies
- Avoiding tree-related accidents and falling debris
- Shaded sidewalks and more greenery overall
- Trees that are drought-resistant and easy to care for

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Deep relationships and gratitude for fruit trees
- The importance of cultural relevance
- Family members growing up with asthma
- Sitting in the park enjoying ample shade and watching local wildlife
- Mental health benefits of trees
- Trees as a core part of their childhood

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Shade trees are important during the summer to stay cool in general
- Trees provide a place to cool down after exercise
- Trees create an environment that makes it possible to relax outside

Habitat for wildlife

- Trees provide food and shelter for wildlife, including insects
- Protecting trees means protecting wildlife

Food/fruit

- Fruit trees provide fresh, pesticide-free alternatives to industrial agriculture
- Fruit trees are better in people's yards, not on city property
- Fruit trees help people and wildlife

Clean air

- More trees means a cleaner environment and less health issues for future generations
- Clean air affects physical and mental health, which are equally important
- Trees clean the air of traffic emissions and pollution

Stormwater capture

- No one placed stickers in this area and shared that their neighborhood doesn't see much flooding, even during severe storms

Mental health

- As humans, we naturally seek nature. This is very important for our mental health

Physical health

- Green spaces invite you to walk, work out, and de-stress
- This neighborhood is home to a lot of older residents and people with chronic conditions whose doctors recommend walking to maintain their health

Cultural significance/importance

- Every culture grows trees that are important to them. Examples were given of traditional cuisines brought from Mexico and how this community member's family has always made it a point to grow some of the ingredients they need
- Desire to learn how to grow food that is also well suited to their current home
- Some community members exchanged stories about how they shared fruit from their trees with friends and neighbors and build community

Beauty/aesthetics

- Shade trees are beautiful and a dense canopy would complement the city
- Trees bring natural beauty and calm

Sense of place

- A community member talked about navigating the city by landmarks and sometimes using notable trees as those landmark

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- No comments

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Tree roots are not maintained and cause hazards along sidewalks
- Issues with neighbors rise up over leaf litter
- Good tree maintenance keeps people and buildings safe
- Community members shared a commitment to take care of every tree they plant

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- If trees are old or sick, they can fall on cars or houses, posing a hazard

- The city should check the health of trees ahead of the rainy season to proactively prevent these hazards

Power lines (obstructed)

- The city comes twice a year to cut trees
- Trees need to be cut regularly to keep them out of wires

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- We need better street design - not less trees - that prioritizes pedestrian safety
- Sidewalks are unsafe when roots lift the cement

Streetlights (blocked)

- Blocked streetlights can encourage crime

Pipes (broken)

- No comments

Fire risk

- No comments

Pests

- As trees are planted, we need to make sure there isn't a rodent infestation because rodents can destroy tree roots and harm the trees in other ways

Water use

- The cost isn't an issue. People are willing to pay for more trees.

Other safety concerns

- Large vehicles might hit low-hanging branches
- Blocked street signs cause people to get lost while driving
- Surveillance was listed as a concern but wasn't elaborated on

Other

- Vandalism against trees is a concern
- Neighbors can get upset about property lines when trees are planted

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Need better maintenance so that it isn't only reactive to issues

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- To serve as inspiration to new generations to care for and preserve mother nature
- We need more trees because many schools don't have trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Walkability is compromised due to root damage

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Sidewalks in general, with the caveat that walking space shouldn't be reduced in favor of the trees

Parks

- Old trees need to be replaced

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Roosevelt Park

Other

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Roosevelt Park

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- We need more shade
- They clean our air and provide shelter to wildlife

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Holmes & 71st Street, including the parking lot

Schools

- School trees are important to keep kids cool during the summer
- Heat strokes are common in schools when it's hot out

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Parmelee Ave
- Miramonte Elementary
- Graham Elementary

- McKinley Elementary
- Nadeau/Santa Fe Alliance Charter School

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Trees can act as a barrier, creating a safer walking environment
- Creating peace and serenity to counterbalance the noisiness of walking alongside traffic
- Trees provide shade along walking paths and around bus stops

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Bus stops and sidewalks in general
- Lou Dillon, Nadeau, Alameda, and Firestone - main throughways

Other needs mentioned:

- Prioritizing paying jobs in tree maintenance and care in the neighborhood over volunteer events
- Planting more mature trees in public spaces to avoid unintentional damage from busy city life

Parks

- To bring more air, shade, and natural habitat
- To help with park flooding when it rains
- Increase diversity in greenery, adding in native brush as well
- To preserve wildlife and keep weather in balance

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Roosevelt Park (flooding specifically)

Other

- Community members expressed a need for more community gardens and green rest areas or small parks
- Community members want more information on requesting maintenance and/or new trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Alameda Plaza has lots of room and no shade

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees

- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - Trees bring inspiration and a sense of contentment
 - Community members pick fruit from their trees
- Learn about trees
 - Learn about trees and the communities they're planted in through volunteering, research, school, and workshops
 - There is a lot of interest in trees and nature, but people aren't sure where to find information and education
- Care for trees
 - Several community members shared that they actively care for trees in their neighborhoods and workplaces and try to protect the trees when they're in danger of being harmed
 - One community member shared that they care for trees by volunteering with TreePeople
- Speak for trees
 - One community member shared they try to have as many conversations as possible explaining the benefits of trees
- Plant trees
 - Tree plantings are a way to advocate for mother nature and take direct action toward creating more shade, mental health resources, and natural habitat
- Work with trees
 - One community member shared that they're in a landscape architecture program and plan on integrating vegetation intentionally as part of their work
 - Residents shared they're happy to help take care of public trees when the trees are young, but need the County's help when trees are mature

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- There's a general desire to have more trees for enjoyment

Learn about trees

- Want to learn tree identification, with a focus on trees that are well adapted to their area

Care for trees

- Need more knowledge and resources to care for trees

Speak for trees

- Want more information about right tree, right place so that they can share that knowledge with the community

Plant trees

- Need volunteer opportunities to learn and gain experience in tree planting
- Need more opportunities to plant trees both in private spaces and in public community spaces

Work with trees

- Need support from the County when trees are mature and care is more complex

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

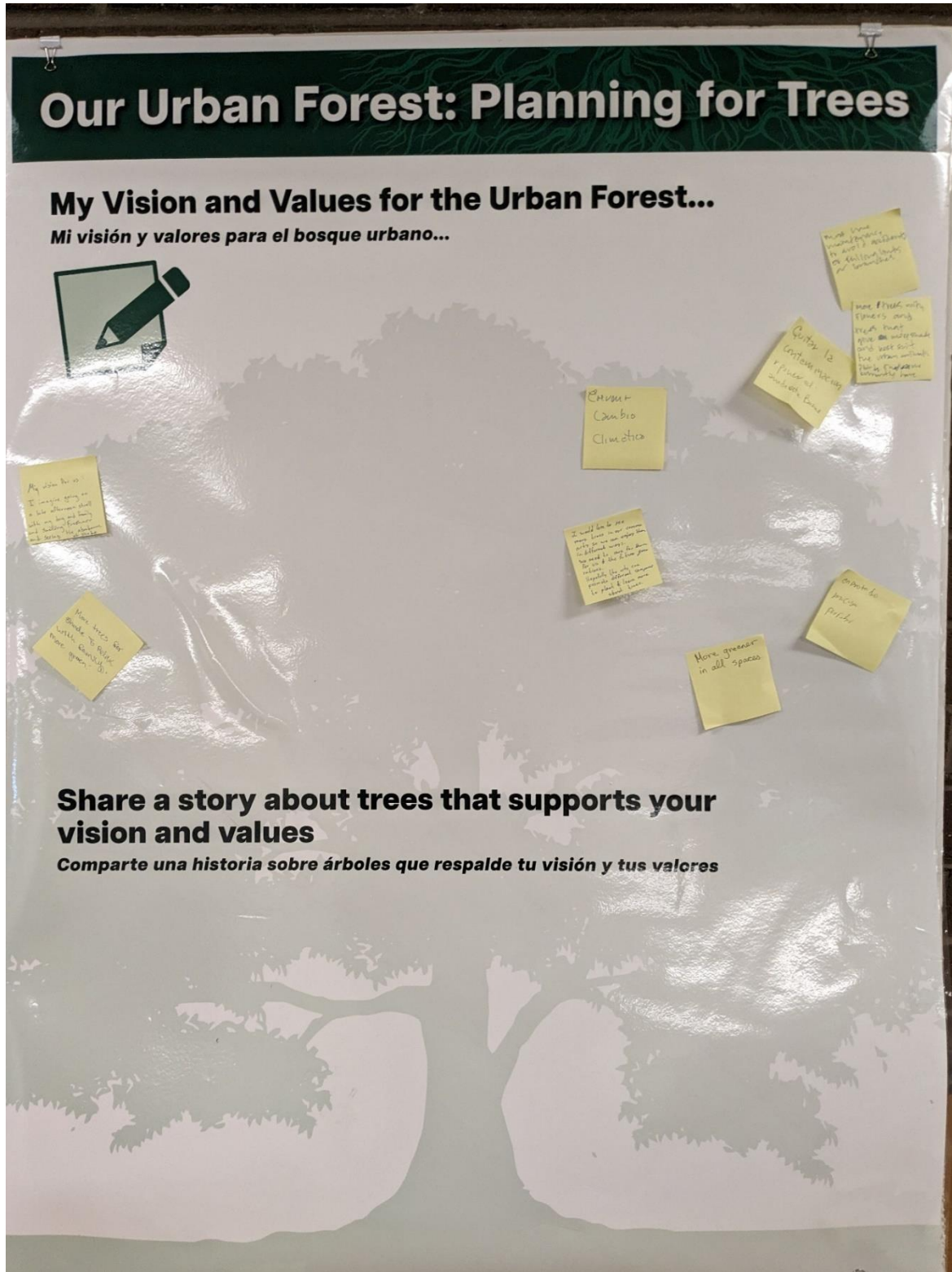
- Community members felt inspired and empowered to take action toward changing their immediate environment
- Felt supported in seeing that there are other people nearby who care about planting trees, worry about the environment and the community's health
- Learned about others' concerns regarding wildlife, safety, and maintenance needs
- Trees are necessary, especially for their cooling benefits in schools
- More education is needed to help the community understand the benefits of trees
- Learned about how tree density affects temperature and how much of a difference they can make in air quality

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- What programs are available for tree maintenance?
- How can residents get involved in tree care and maintenance?
- How can we educate the community to prevent removal and deal with pests?
- What is the best way to incorporate native flora and fauna in public spaces?
- How can I get more involved in different ways?
- How can residents report need for maintenance?
- How can I request a tree for my sidewalk?
- How is this organization planning on caring for trees in their first three years? What steps will they take?

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Vision, Values, Storytelling



Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?
¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar Why? ¿Por qué? Very important to be able to go outside. Shade trees provide a lot of shade.	Habitat for wildlife Habitat para la vida silvestre Why? ¿Por qué? Trees and shrubs are the best habitat for birds and other wildlife. Trees provide food and shelter for animals.	Food/fruit Comida/fruta Why? ¿Por qué? Food trees provide food for humans and animals. Some people like to eat fruit from trees.
Clean air Aire puro Why? ¿Por qué? Clean air is important for our health and the environment. Trees clean the air.	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales Why? ¿Por qué? Trees capture rainwater and reduce runoff.	Mental health Salud mental Why? ¿Por qué? Being outdoors in nature is good for mental health. There is something about being in nature that makes you feel better.
Physical health Salud física Why? ¿Por qué? Physical health goes hand in hand with mental health. Walking and exercising in the shade of trees is good for your health.	Cultural significance/importance Significado/importancia cultural Why? ¿Por qué? Many cultures have trees that are important to them. Let's learn how to take care of our trees and the area around them.	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética Why? ¿Por qué? Trees bring natural beauty and calm to any place. They complement the city and make it beautiful.
Sense of place Sentido de lugar Why? ¿Por qué? Trees help define a place and make it feel like home.	Other: Otro:	

Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)
Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Maintenance (cost/need)
Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)

Why?

Stumps (falling trees/limbs)
Troncos (caída de árboles/ramas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Power lines (obstructed)
Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)
Aceras (levantadas/rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Street lights (blocked)
Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Pipes (broken)
Tuberías (rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Fire risk ●
Riesgo de incendio

Why?
¿Por qué?

Pests Plagas

Why?
¿Por qué?

Water use

Uso del agua

Why?
¿Por qué

Other safety concerns

Otras preocupaciones de seguridad

Why?
: Porque?

Other:
Otro:

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Cells 7th Holmes

Boque Fatta Sanborn

They don't have any trees to plant in their backyards

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

The street is too narrow to plant trees. They are also taken out and they usually take a bunch too often - very dangerous.

Holmes & West Arlington

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Schools need trees to help them learn better. They need to keep their cool during summer.

They need trees that are all around them so they can learn to appreciate the environment and the beauty of nature.

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Arrows Elementary

Arrows Ave / Minnesota St / Graham St.

Washburn School

McKinley ES

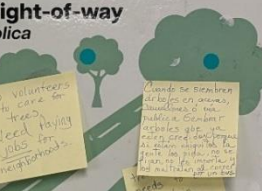
Greenwood School

Exposure to Nature for kids / Parents for their children

Model: To plant trees in front of schools so that they can see them and learn to appreciate them. They can also learn to take care of them.

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

When we have trees on the sidewalks, it makes it more pleasant to walk. It also helps to keep the air clean and cool. We need to plant more trees on the sidewalks.

No volunteers to care for trees. Need more jobs for neighborhoods.

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

On the sidewalks near the bus stops. They are the most visible and they can be seen by everyone.

We would like to see more shade trees on the sidewalks. Let's plant more trees. They are the best for the environment.

They provide shade for people and help keep the sidewalks cool from the sun.

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

These trees are the best for the park. They provide shade and help keep the park cool.

To preserve the middle of the park and keep the weather in balance.

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

More diverse trees. Replace old trees.

More trees in the park for shade.

Other:

Otro:

Creating for more trees in the future.

Future programs for the community to plant trees and take care of them.

You can request a tree from the city or request a tree from the city.

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees

Disfrutar de los árboles

I've decided to enjoy the benefits my trees.

Trees bring me a sense of contentment.

Trees bring me a sense of contentment.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Learn about trees

Aprender sobre los árboles

I am always seeking information on trees.

I like to learn more about trees.

I learn about trees and the communities they live in. I usually volunteer and research, education, and outreach.

I don't have much experience with trees, but I want to learn the names and types of trees that will benefit my area.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Care for trees

Cuidar de los árboles

I care for trees around my neighborhood and work area.

I am my community and provide them from neighbors who try to keep them.

I volunteer to be the people to care for trees.

I need knowledge and resources to care for trees.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Speak for trees

Hablar en nombre de los árboles

It's important to know what trees bring value and I want to communicate that to communities.

I want to advocate for trees in my community.

I always telling people tell the benefits.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Plant trees

Sembrar árboles

I don't have much experience planting and caring for trees, but I want to learn through volunteer opportunities.

I am participating in different activities that advocate for our mother nature. I don't know I would like to plant more.

I want to plant more trees in my yard and community.

I love to plant more trees. More shade, more birds, more oxygen, more water.

Sethu has trees.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Work with trees

Trabajar con los árboles

I am in a landscape architecture program and I'll be able to design vegetation and community to keep our city's healthy.

Always trying to maintain trees.

Continue.

I think it's a really responsibility to care for trees. At the same time, we may not realize it's the city's responsibility to make sure they are planted and maintained.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Reflections

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



My spouse and I
will be involved in
creating a more
sustainable city.

Learned about
the importance of
community in the
urban forest.

After the talk, the
most important
takeaway for
me was the
importance of
the urban forest.

It's important to have
a community that
values the urban forest
and the people who
live in it.

There are
many ways to
get involved in
the urban forest.

Education is
important in
getting the
community involved
in the urban forest.

Supporting the
urban forest
is important in
getting the
community involved
in the urban forest.

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What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

Programs/Recreation
opportunities from
the urban forest
are there?

What are the
benefits of the
urban forest?

How can we
encourage community
to get involved in
the urban forest?

What is the
best way to
encourage the
community to
get involved in
the urban forest?

How can I
get more involved
in the urban forest?

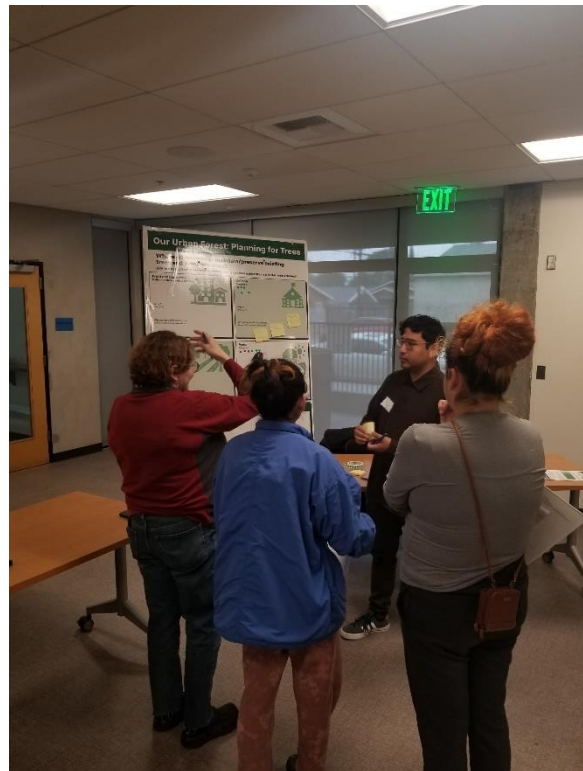
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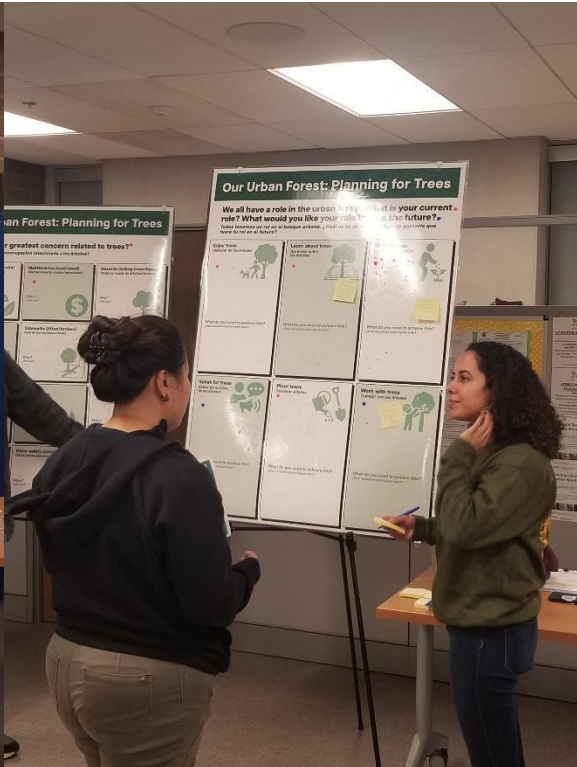
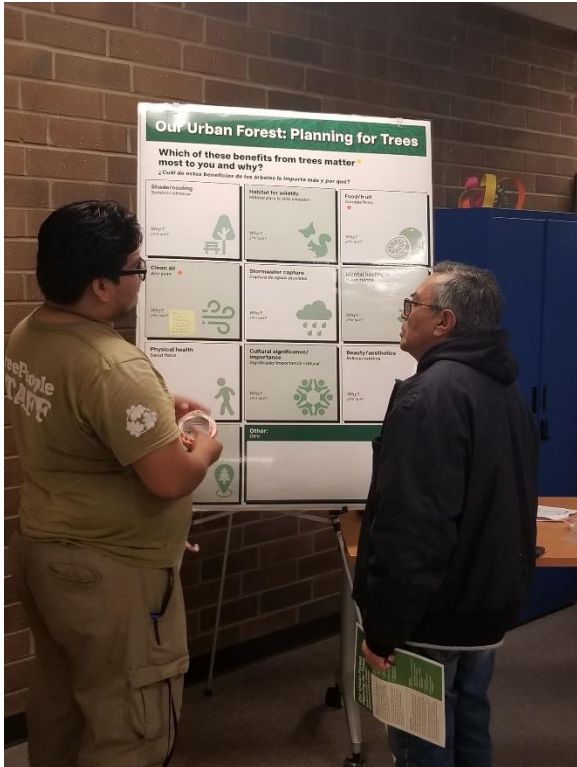
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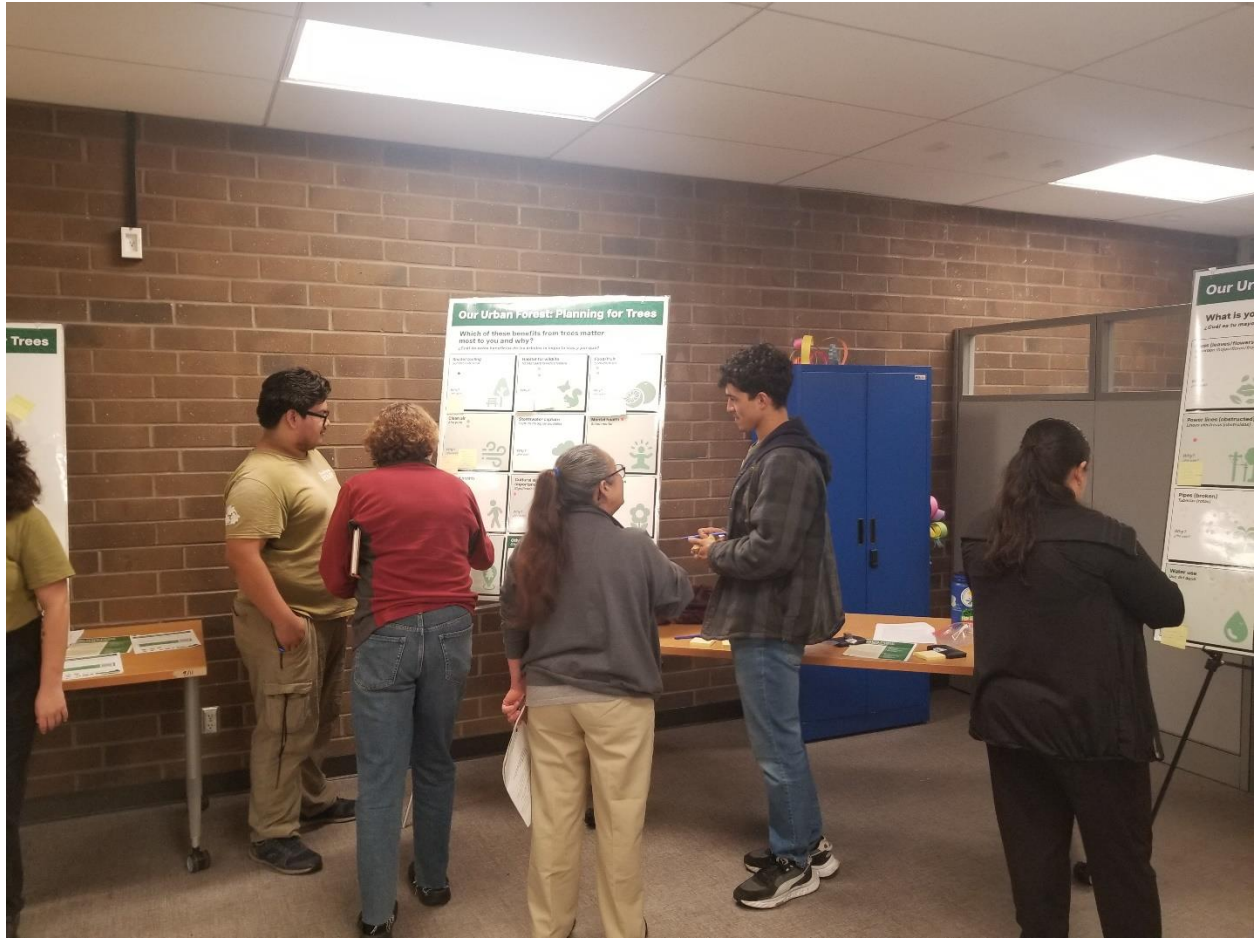
La pregunta que tengo
es: ¿cómo se puede
involucrar a la comunidad
en el cuidado del bosque
urbano? ¿Hay programas
que ayuden a eso?

How can I
plant or maintain
trees in my yard?
-planting activities

*Photos from
neighborhood
workshop*









LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Thursday February 29, 2024

6:00-7:30PM

Baldwin Hills Branch Library, 2906 S La Brea Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90016

Introduction

On February 29, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. South LA Tree Coalition partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held near Ladera Heights/View Park community at Baldwin Hills Library. No community members attended this meeting. The project team encouraged library patrons to stop in. A few came by but could not stay due to prior commitments. An announcement in English and Spanish was made over the PA system and Isidro from MIG walked around the library inviting patrons to come check out the workshop activities. Two library staff filled out a paper questionnaire, and the Senior Librarian, Sada Mozer, took home a tree.

Workshop

The workshop stations and presentation were ready and open to the public a little after 6PM. Isidro from MIG and James from the South LA Tree Coalition were there to do the presentation and facilitate the workshop stations. The project team kept the workshop activities open until 7:15PM. The project team collected two paper surveys, distributed several survey flyers, and gave away one tree.

LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Saturday, February 3, 2024
10:00 AM-12:30 PM
Youth Activity League
11911 So. Vermont - Los Angeles, CA 90043

Introduction

On February 3, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. The West Athens Westmont Task Force partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in West Athens-Westmont at Youth Activity League and had 63 community members in attendance.

At this workshop, it was surprising to see how many concerned homeowners and stakeholders attended. Although it was a struggle at first to get individuals to see the value of participating in these exercises, those in attendance provided feedback that reflected their pros and cons. Attendees seemed grateful for the opportunity to participate.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Lynda Anderson from West Athens Westmont Task Force, Stephanie Pavon from MIG started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Stories of how trees shield their view from their neighbors' yards, provide shade and give squirrels a chance to have some fun.
- Making sure the right trees are used so they do not create damage to their property but acknowledging how the aesthetic/beauty would improve their property value.

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- The influence of trees in their life as a child
- Trees help make people feel safe
- Trees help make people breath fresh air

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Air conditioning is too expensive
- Trees can provide shade for your home

Habitat for wildlife

- Nesting birds need housing
- Birds nest in trees

Food/fruit

- Healthy trees provide healthy fruit
- If maintained properly, healthy trees will sustain life

Clean air

- Trees can help clean the air
- An abundance of trees can/will help communities around refineries

Stormwater capture

- Consider the ages of the homes in the West Athens Westmont area
- Older houses often need help with drainage

Mental health

- Trees help those with mental health issues
- Placing a person with mental health issues around an abundance of trees keep them calm

Physical health

- No comments

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- The increase in property value
- Trees denote that property is being maintained well

Sense of place

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Flowers in the streets and on the lawn, rotten fruit attracts bugs

Maintenance (cost/need)

- To maintain, clear roots, repair plumbing

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- Roof hazards, roots buckling sidewalks, seniors and children falling

Power lines (obstructed)

- Electrical hazard, power outages, fire hazards

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Walking and tripping risks, bike and skateboard riding risks

Streetlights (blocked)

- Obstruction of lights on streets

Pipes (broken)

- Want trees with less invasive roots

Fire risk

- No comments

Pests

- Trees have been lost in the past to pest infestation

Water use

- No comments

Other safety concerns

- Blocking traffic signs

Other

- Black tar patches

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Trees need to be maintained in both the front and back yard. Fruit trees especially to maintain their ability to bear fruit; avoid hazards and beauty

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Schools, parks, museums entrances, sidewalks, lining of streets

Schools

- Safety of children, beautification

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Safety concerns

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Safety and beautification

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Bordering baseball, soccer and basketball fields, surrounding and within the park area

Other

- No comments

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Front and backyards of homes, apartment buildings

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- No comments

Schools

- Schools so children understand the purpose of trees and nature/birds nesting

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Medians on main streets, bordering golf course, bordering freeways to abate noise

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Aesthetics

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Allow children to explore, quality air

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- No comments

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees

- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Plant trees
 - Would like to be a part of the decision-making process with trees being planted on their street and in front of their home

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- No comments

Learn about trees

- How to take care of trees properly
- Education

Care for trees

- Know what trees will be planted and research them

Speak for trees

- No comments

Plant trees

- No comments

Work with trees

- No comments

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Replacement of trees that do not mess up the sidewalks
- Wanting to be part of the decision making about the kind of trees in the community
- This community cares about trees but also needs to know how to deal with other needs like litter removal and street sweeping
- Trees change the environment, and I want my community to have the clean air, clarity, life lessons from trees that other neighborhoods have

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- What are the best trees to plant in our community?
- Will there be an opportunity to participate in the Urban Forestry program throughout its duration?
- Was this an exercise in futility or are the concerns of the West Athens Westmont residents going to be valued and appreciated?
- When trees mess up plumbing, whose responsibility is it if planted by the City or County?
- Who do I call for an issue related to trees, bees in trees, or tree related questions?

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Our Urban Forest. Planning for Trees

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...

Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...



Vision:
Trees in place is
significant as it
could provide great
shade, fruit and/or
clear an

NOTHING
POSITIVE

I have been wanting
to relax due to
lugging the wood
blocks I love the
cabin and the
view I can't wait to
start the cabin.

Dog park on
Raymond
w/ trees

I want the areas of South Los Angeles to have tree cover that are equal to Beverly Hills and other Affluent areas.

I'm excited
to see more
trees planted
in our neighbor-
hood

It's about
time they
plant more
trees in our
community

Trees
Will beautify
our neighborhood
more

I am excited to see
the community awarded
the volunteer
prizes from the
board of directors

See More Community
Trees
More trees Avail-
for Planting @ Home

Trees beautify
the very work world

Clear Air
Shade
Have money
with vehicle

1. Disadvantages:
the good
but might
create other
problems
2. Promotes clean air.

These school
streets are
beautiful but
should be maintained
by the city/county

My Vision is to see
ginkgoes free in my
neighborhood
Top 3

1. Eastern Redbud
2. Ginkgo biloba
3. Kentucky Yellow tree

tree

Miss the
shade trees
provide
when walking

Tues Eve. One of
good gift to me
And I enjoy them.

Home Value
Expended

Tree add
to the look
of our comm

Check Air
in all areas.

looks Good
But Come Back

Western &
Normandie
Silk walk trees

Cleaner
air in the
future

Trees make
our community
look good

Orange Tars
are good they
should be taken
out of bottles
and then given
for your health.

Caring for
trees is
a concern

Beverly Hills
Culver City
Southgate
have traps
long before
comm

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values

Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

Traces without
significance at all
high values.

positive mental
health seeking
them in abundance
healthy & green

Concern would
be damage to
Property caused
by rats.

1enjoy
just looking
at them

Sitting
under my
trees so
nice (20)

I grew up eating
pears, oranges, apple
and alot of different
fruits from trees
to a child. I want
my children and
grandchildren to have
that same experience

[illegible]

Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas)	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas)
Why? ¿Por qué? Leaves, flowers, fruit on street When will they fall? Will they fall on street? Street scene Clean up Palm trees have been very messy	Why? ¿Por qué? Cost to maintain Garden cleanup Cleaning up no garden	Why? ¿Por qué? Trim limbs children hazard for grand children playing Will the trees be lost? so they won't fall down Hazard
Power lines (obstructed) Lineas eléctricas (obstruidas) Why? ¿Por qué? Fire hazard Too close to streets - lack of maintenance How do we handle trees? Concerned about trees that are impacted by power lines	Why? ¿Por qué? Hazards Traffic is not flowing Accidents Bikes Skate boards Uneven ground surface	Why? ¿Por qué? Lights (blocked) Alumbamiento de la calle (bloqueado)
Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas) Why? ¿Por qué? Water trees out with roots Broken pipes Pipes broken, fire risk, water damage	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio Why? ¿Por qué?	Pests Plagas Why? ¿Por qué? Have lost bees in the past - return to bees Med flies - carry disease Will the trees drop more fruit? Allergies Allergic-like bees
Water use Uso del agua Why? ¿Por qué?	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad Why? ¿Por qué? Tree blocking traffic/signage Blocking side view - since the parking It's a pain to see the side	Other: Otro: Removing trees in front of house - replacement is difficult to the health of the community and affects property values which is a problem - we will make sure we have a plan for future generations

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Planting fruit trees such as Apple, orange and Avocado in the central approach. This could be used to reduce food insecurity by...

Some fruit gardens: trees of trees & amount of the house

Front yard back... the idea of fruit trees... that could be used to reduce food insecurity... it is a good idea to plant fruit trees in the front yard... they make the house look better... they make the house look better...

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Eastern Redbud
Trees in front
Partially cut down
DI Redwood

With TREES IN BACKYARD BE MAINTAINED

Schools Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

More vegetation around the school to make it more attractive and safer

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way Aceras/camellones/via pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

MAINTAIN SIDEWALK TREES

MAINTAIN THE TREES EXISTING ON THE SIDEWALK

PLANT TREES ON THE SIDEWALK TO MAKE IT MORE ATTRACTIVE

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

PLANT TREES ON THE RIGHT OF WAY

SIDEWALK

THE NEW/150th STREET

PLANT TREES AROUND THE LIGHT OF WAY LAMPS

Eastern Redbud ON Normandie & Western

Plant trees down Normandie
Plant trees down Normandie

Parks Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Plant trees on the right of way to make it more attractive and safer

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Other:
Otro:

My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?
Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees

Disfrutar de los árboles

Need info on what the urban forest is. Planted. Pruned. Small patches. Plan on how you want to enjoy it.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Public representation of trees removed due to sidewalk repair.

Like to see more trees. Better tracking of sidewalk health.

With landscaping trees take community participation.

Don't encourage.

Learn about trees

Aprender sobre los árboles

Learn to enjoy. To help me know more about the forest. Not to be afraid. Not to be afraid. Not to be afraid.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Information.

How to Prune. Pruned health. Good to people.

Care for trees

Cuidar de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Learn more about the forest.

Speak for trees

Hablar en nombre de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Speakers. Represent from city officials.

More trees and more of what trees.

Plant trees

Sembrar árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Knowledge.

How to plant. How to plant. How to plant.

Work with trees

Trabajar con los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Don't want tree in front of our home. Maybe other places near by.

Work with trees more often.

Don't want tree in front of our home. Maybe other places near by.

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



Difficult to get trees in the new plan in LA

It's important to find a way to be protected.

We want the county to know we care about our community.

We want to have a part of the decision making about the future here.

We can organize community cleanup and find funding opportunities to do it.

If everyone does a little bit to take care of the neighborhood, leaves + trees.

Glad to see diverse people are here that can start trees.

Tree grant off grant Oregon the the grant helps the urban pollution.

We care about trees but also need to know about how to deal with them properly + better.

It's important to have a tree plan that is not just a plan but also a strategy to make sure we have a good quality of life.

We need one place to contact someone in the county about trees.

We need advisors to know what to do.

RESEARCH ABOUT THE URBAN FOREST

Being able to write down my concerns helped organizing the team, which was not possible on the on-line and planning team.

We need to solve problem first.

We need Howard's + Volunteers to make this work.

able to write questions about my concerns about urban trees.

Tree change the environment why we can't have the clean air clearly like we can from trees.

multicultural and a voice that could positive change.

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

Who is responsible for replanting trees? residents don't own homes.

Is it a cost to take care of trees?

How do we make sure we replace trees with trees that don't block the sidewalk?

How do we get trees that are low-maintenance?

Who can we contact who is not here to issue of trees in front of our home - who do we run around?

Who do we contact when I need help with my trees?

Can we put trees around the right a way trees?

Who is responsible for trees that are there are no public services like street cleaning?

When trees get into pipes who deal with the cut and repair?

Who do I call to deal with the living trees in my tree?

Who are people that can help me know trees why it's not here and?

Will we get to choose the type of trees?

How much better the street - do we take the problem in the planting and trees? Who are the people who are responsible?

What do I do that is discussed trees? Who do I call?

Do we have any plant trees that are not in the plan? What are the plants that we can use?

Is Street cleaning part of the plan of urban forest management?

Photos from neighborhood workshop



LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Saturday, January 13, 2024

9 AM – 11 PM

Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center, Santa Monica Mountains

Introduction

On January 13, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. The Santa Monica Mountains Fund (SAMO Fund) partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center for the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains community and had 23 community members in attendance.

Residents from all over LA County attended this workshop, many of whom are vocal in their community and already advocates for trees and other environmental concerns.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Deanna Armbruster, Executive Director from SAMO Fund, Stephanie Pavon from MIG started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Lush spaces where people, plants, and animals can coexist
- Proper planting
- Requirements for trees in new developments
- Educational curriculum related to trees
- Mature native trees
- Seeing more trees - especially native species and trees in the right place

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media

using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Losing homes/communities to wildfires
- HOA removing trees because they view falling pinecones as a danger to children
- Losing of 100+ year old Coast Live Oak
- Growing up watching your parents plant trees and carrying on that habit. Going back to view those trees.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Big answer to global warming. We need to stop cutting down mature trees.
- We can have our summer temperatures by having shade trees planted thoughtfully
- Shade by trees cools people and buildings when its hot

Habitat for wildlife

- Support for environmental services and natural wonder of beauty
- Love wildlife and enjoy seeing them find food and providing habitats
- Ensuring that tree care extends habitat value
- We need to coexist with our native wildlife
- Biodiversity
- Support Native Californian pollinator health and abundance with more native trees

Food/fruit

- Children love fruit trees!
- Food/fruit from native trees and plants are critically needed to sustain native pollinators, birds, and mammals

Clean air

- We all breathe oxygen, so does wildlife

Stormwater capture

- Water is a dwindling resource that we need to respect and protect
- Create water catchments to help irrigate areas naturally
- Watershed management, cisterna, and rain gardens

Mental health

- Native areas are critical to creating connection and wellbeing in urban areas
- Inspire perspective

- As an educator, it's important to give the next generation a sense of purpose and responsibility to care for the environment and create hope for the future
- Viewing and being near trees is peaceful and calming
- The concrete jungle can be bleak and numbing. Nothing like an old native tree to fix a mental funk.

Physical health

- No comments

Cultural significance/importance

- Coast live oak are homes, food, life support to ecosystem
- Heritage oak trees are very important and not protected adequately
- "Important to plant native trees that are endemic to an area – especially with respect to restoring first people's land"

Beauty/aesthetics

- Native trees are the most beautiful! Time to stop planting invasive species
- Different people have different sense of what is beautiful – I don't find crape myrtle beautiful

Sense of place

- Coast and valley oaks equal native California
- Native/endemic California trees and understory are critical in restoring a natural sense of place

Other

- All benefits presented are related and hard to separate

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Not a problem – leaves and flowers help nourish the soil
- "People are lazy – this should not be a priority"

Maintenance (cost/need)

- No comments

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- Neighbors don't prune trees
- People are afraid of big trees – proper pruning is a mitigation

Power lines (obstructed)

- Obstructed powerlines and fire/safety concern - proper pruning, placement, trimming, and planting should mitigate issue

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- We need to plant the right tree in the right place to prevent this problem
- County/City is slow to repair lifted sidewalks
- There are solutions/techniques that can be used to prevent the sidewalk from lifting when planting large trees such as oaks

Streetlights (blocked)

- Support letting the trees grow to reduce light pollution and encourage owl species

Pipes (broken)

- No comments

Fire risk

- Our forests need (brush) maintenance to prevent fires
- Palm trees turn into huge candles during fires
- I think we're cutting down important foliage for fire protection – this needs to stop

Pests

- Plant trees anyway, hard to protect from pests

Water use

- If people capture stormwater from their roofs these can water trees
- Use water from air conditioning, laundry, and greywater to water trees
- Plant the right tree in the correct habitat

Other safety concerns

- Good design would prevent concerns presented
- Current management for urban trees is risk-based

Other

- Neighbors trees encroaching on others property; laws should protect individuals from damage caused by another person's tree
- Tree equity and follow through in adoption, ensuring the plan is acted upon
- Consideration for native trees
- Biodiversity
- Removal of big trees to fix sidewalk

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Private lands are important to have tree canopy cover or extend environmental services
- Concerned that homeowners and business owners can cut trees at any time and not replace them
- The public needs a lot more education on how/what to plant – too many homeowners rip out plants and trees to replace them with artificial turf and/or zero landscapes

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- None

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Biodiversity, wildlife, healthy watershed, clean air, reduce heat island
- Large semi-trucks can hit low hanging branches and damage the tree
- Trees make street look alive

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Public areas that provide homes for non-human neighbors
- Add places of shade and can support various wildlife
- Foster appreciation through knowledge equals desire to preserve and protect
- Native trees with other native plants are important for safety and birds

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Please take care of existing heritage oaks so we don't lose more

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Places and reasons that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Educate and encourage native trees and landscaping – beneficial for birds and other native wildlife

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Potential to use school lands to plant native shrubs and trees which will encourage students to spend their time in nature!
- Kids LOVE trees and they introduce them to nature, also fun to climb!
- Foster curiosity, encourage citizen science, and inclusion
- Reduce heat island from pavement, clean air, establish connection to place and education early on
- School ground should be 90% living plants

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Pavements
- Near buildings

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Need to plant the right tree – ensure it doesn't grow too big and roots destroy sidewalks/streets
- Trees along street and right of ways creates wildlife bridges
- Street trees/sidewalk trees are needed to expand tree canopy care that can be managed by government agencies

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Parks need trees!

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Take out asphalt and cement parking lots
- Mature trees equal more life
- Every block should have at least half a dozen native trees
- “Lack of trees in poorer communities is shocking and needs to change – figure out how to water with greywater”

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - None
- Learn about trees
 - None
- Care for trees
 - I care for and maintain a native plant and wilderness sanctuary in Malibu on private land
- Speak for trees
 - “I am the lorax whenever appropriate in person and social media”
 - Educator and facilitator of neighborhood community planning and planting projects
- Plant trees
 - Rebuilding after wildfire
 - Planting native trees
 - Propagation for restoration planting projects
- Work with trees

- Certified arborist and landscape architect that is invested in the importance of trees, planting, care, and resilience

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- Education to target children and families

Learn about trees

- Observe and work with local National Parks Service and organizations who care for land

Care for trees

- More workshops/classes/education on pruning, disease, etc.
- Funding, training, permission from municipal entities, and standardized protocols for volunteer community preserving trees
- Reduce concern/liability
- More training opportunities

Speak for trees

- More education about native endemic trees at an early school level and beyond
- More community outreach

Plant trees

- Continue to support SAMO nurseries
- Flexible/dynamic spacing guidelines that take into account the context of the site and aren't changed or applied arbitrarily by people
- Open space that can be used to plant
- More education
- Transparent tree palette that considers habitat and wildlife, readily available at nurseries nearby, and nursery trees being grown according to guidelines

Work with trees

- Gardeners/arborists that understand mature trees
- More funding for establishment, care, regular pruning, dedicated tree permitting team, research and policy advisory team, and trials for new tree species in public right of way and new programs including workforce development
- More education and experience; National Parks Services workshops
- ISA certification

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- More youth involvement
- Proactively incorporating more native trees
- Global planning needs to take place
- Protect private citizens from county policies
- Glad to see County and City being active
- Would like to see state parks involved
- Consider local water sources and soil
- Prioritize biodiversity
- Sense of hope especially for sustainability
- Suggest making it easier to use greywater for trees
- Need for more funding related to workforce
- Highlight need for multi-lingual education related to subject matter
- Interest in a session dedicated to community assets and expertise
- Universal document for County/City – limit contradictory policy by overriding policy
- Suggest putting monetary value on trees to ensure their protection
- Shared USC tree canopy study – upper middle class experiencing loss from buildout which is increasing temperatures

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- How can the community help? What is the next step?
- Federal funding budget increased for work related to urban forestry – are we receiving this money?
- Are there any combined County and City meetings?
- Will the plan be the same for the County and the City?

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...

Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...



Value must include value for natural world, including native plants

The more trees the better! Native/low water

A safe migration path for birds

To save lots of native and historic architecture (row, rail, water) trees

Must native trees! like always

A place where biodiversity thrives

Urban forestry be high school + middle school curriculum

Education is always the best way to get the best results. We need to get the best results for the future.

Old standing trees are important. Make them a priority.

Planted heritage trees - oak, Sycamore, Ayn, Black walnut.

Old standing trees are important. Make them a priority.

Paper planting of trees speeds up the future of our area

That new construction require a tree plan in advance

I prefer American dedicated a planting and having the trees and more other benefits from

Birds, Bees, Butterflies

STEWARDSHIP
2. INTEGRATED POLICIES
3. EDUCATION
+ schools + professionals

Plant species with ecological functions and evolutionary relevance

Trees truly benefit communities

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values

Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

Every time I see a tree (oak, redwood, etc.) I am struck by the "grace" of the tree. It is the quietest of things, but it is the most powerful. This is true for all trees and all life.

I would like to see more trees planted in urban areas so that we can have more green space. Native California plants are especially native. Native California plants.

One of the things I love about the city of Los Angeles is the trees. They are the lifeblood of the city.

Read "Trees" by Melba Spill/1977. That's some of my values.

My father has planted trees since the he first moved to the city. He has a lot of trees in his yard. He has a lot of trees in his yard. He has a lot of trees in his yard.

There are trees in the city. They are the lifeblood of the city. They are the lifeblood of the city. They are the lifeblood of the city.

The loss of our urban forest is a tragedy. We need to plant more trees. We need to plant more trees. We need to plant more trees.

Life of trees is important. We need to plant more trees. We need to plant more trees. We need to plant more trees.

In 2000, I was a tree planter. I was a tree planter. I was a tree planter. I was a tree planter. I was a tree planter.

Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?

¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar

Why?
¿Por qué?

Shade/cooling is important to people because it helps reduce the heat island effect and makes the environment more comfortable.

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Habitat for wildlife Hábitat para la vida silvestre

Why?
¿Por qué?

Habitat for wildlife is important to people because it helps support biodiversity and provides a natural environment for many species.

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Food/fruit Comida/fruta

Why?
¿Por qué?

Food/fruit is important to people because it provides a source of nutrition and can be a fun and healthy snack.

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Clean air Aire puro

Why?
¿Por qué?

Clean air is important to people because it helps improve respiratory health and makes the environment more pleasant.

Clean air is important to people because it helps improve respiratory health and makes the environment more pleasant.

Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales

Why?
¿Por qué?

Stormwater capture is important to people because it helps reduce flooding and improves water quality.

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Mental health Salud mental

Why?
¿Por qué?

Mental health is important to people because it helps reduce stress and improves overall well-being.

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Physical health Salud física

Why?
¿Por qué?

Physical health is important to people because it helps improve cardiovascular health and makes the environment more pleasant.

Physical health is important to people because it helps improve cardiovascular health and makes the environment more pleasant.

Cultural significance/importance Significancia/importancia cultural

Why?
¿Por qué?

Cultural significance/importance is important to people because it helps preserve heritage and provides a sense of community.

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Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética

Why?
¿Por qué?

Beauty/aesthetics is important to people because it helps improve the visual environment and makes the environment more pleasant.

Beauty/aesthetics is important to people because it helps improve the visual environment and makes the environment more pleasant.

Sense of place Sentido de lugar

Why?
¿Por qué?

Sense of place is important to people because it helps create a sense of identity and makes the environment more pleasant.

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Other: Otro:

These are all related to the environment and make the environment more pleasant.

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Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)
Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas) ●

Why?
¿Por qué?

Not a problem -
leaves, flowers
also maroon

People are

Maintenance (cost/need)
Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)
Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Power lines (obstructed)
Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)
Aceras (levantadas/rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

City is slow -

Street lights (blocked)
Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas)

Why?
: Per què?

Pipes (broken)
 tuberías (rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Fire risk
Riesgo de incendio

Why?

Pests

Why?

Water use

Uso del agua

¿Por qué?

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Other safety concerns
Otras preocupaciones de seguridad

Why?
¿Por qué?

Other:
Otro:

other's free damage.

acted by

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Educate & encourage
Maintain Trees
& landscaping
= beneficial for
Bird & other
wildlife

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

The public
needs to learn
more education
on how/when to
plant trees
properly. We need
to make sure that
they are planted
(properly) regularly

Learn the
importance and
the other cars
out there doing
that, not just
either

Private land is
important to have
the City come
to either encourage
them

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Children are
learning about
the environment
and the importance
of trees in the
community

The asphalt
ground is
drying up
School ground
should be 90%
trees & plants
They get to
see it

Kids LOVE
Trees and they
introduce them
to people
in the
community

There has been
from parents
claim the
importance of trees
Education center

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

As an educator
I see so much
potential to use
school days to plant
trees and make
them more visible
to the community
and the kids

Plant native
New buildings

Plant native?
- encourage
Citizen science
to inclusion
Native program
for schools with
small budgets

Students learn
from programs
that they are
a part of the
community
and the
importance of trees
and the environment

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

To make an area
more beautiful with
new trees can be
low hanging branch
and not let the
sun hit the car

Champion
landfill
Project
Planting
landfill
a healthy
ecosystem

Government needs to
plant the right trees
in sidewalks/medians
because the trees don't
fit the space and
not having matured
trees

Trees
Along
Streets
and Roads
creates
wildlife
bridges

Start from sidewalk
the are ready to
plant trees that
can be changed
by government
agencies

Specific locations
Ubicaciones específicas

Trees make
streets live
ALIVE

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

All places of public
use are better
with trees

Public Areas have
the most trees
because they are
open to the public
and the trees are
mature

Public spaces
through
landfill
create a
positive for
people to plant

This is a
No tree zone -
Native trees
w/ other native
plantings is
important to
safety for birds

Specific locations
Ubicaciones específicas

Parks
need
trees!!

Public spaces
can be used
to plant trees
and the
community

Other:

Otro:

PLEASE -
Take care
of existing
Heritage Oaks
So we don't lose
more from the
community

Take at least
a small patch
of land and
make it a
natural area
with trees

More trees
mean life!

Every block
should have
at least 10
trees

Just a
few in the
community
can make a
big difference
to the
community

My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?
Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees

Disfrutar de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Education
&
large classes
& services

Learn about trees

Aprender sobre los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I would like to learn more about trees and how they can help us in the future.

Care for trees

Cuidar de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I am currently a member of a community group that is working on planting trees in the city.

More training opportunities

Speak for trees

Hablar en nombre de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

More education about trees and how they can help us in the future.

yes, I am the voice of the trees and I would like to be part of the decision making process.

MORE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Plant trees

Sembrar árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Rebuilding the urban forest.

Also, having especially native trees.

Restoration planting, propagation for other projects.

Work with trees

Trabajar con los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Education

More training opportunities

More funding for education and training opportunities.

I am a certified arborist and I would like to be part of the decision making process.

I am a member of a community group that is working on planting trees in the city.

Reflections

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



Prioritize biodiversity

USC tree canopy
Study
to upper middle class
experiencing loss
from habitat, ↑ temps

Tree protection
* suggest putting monetary value

Involve
Community

City &
Country
Doing
Something

What free
develop
approach
2/11

Detection
~~Value~~
Value of free
→ Appraisers

EDV
Tree core
H₂O
Sun Soil pore
microbiological

International
planning

gives H_2O
Then H_2O_{max}

Tree 4
Right tree
Sp Replacement

Support
+
wildlife

Universal document for city

- limit contradictory policy

Protocols for private citizens from county govt

City & County are being active

More native trees, proactively

More yachts
inshore

Involve state
parcs
*Wald like to see

More funding
for related
work force

Education
a big need
- multi-lingual

Move here on
Session decided
to communit
o experts

Take into account
local water source
+ soil

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

How can we
community help?
What is our
next step?

Are there any combined city
country meetings?

Will the plan
be the same
for both city
County?

Federal funding
budgets for
work related to
urban forestry
are we receiving this
money?

Biodiversity
1st
save tree 1st
infrass decrease
structure

EQW's
The Poor
Areas

youth
engagement

Polymers for
"Native"
Sp. for
Black "

Professional
"bar-free"
(Erowid)

Alignment
of Cins/
Counay
Partner =
"Steward"

Soil
micro-
organism
Kellomäki

super
~~here~~ local
plans
survive

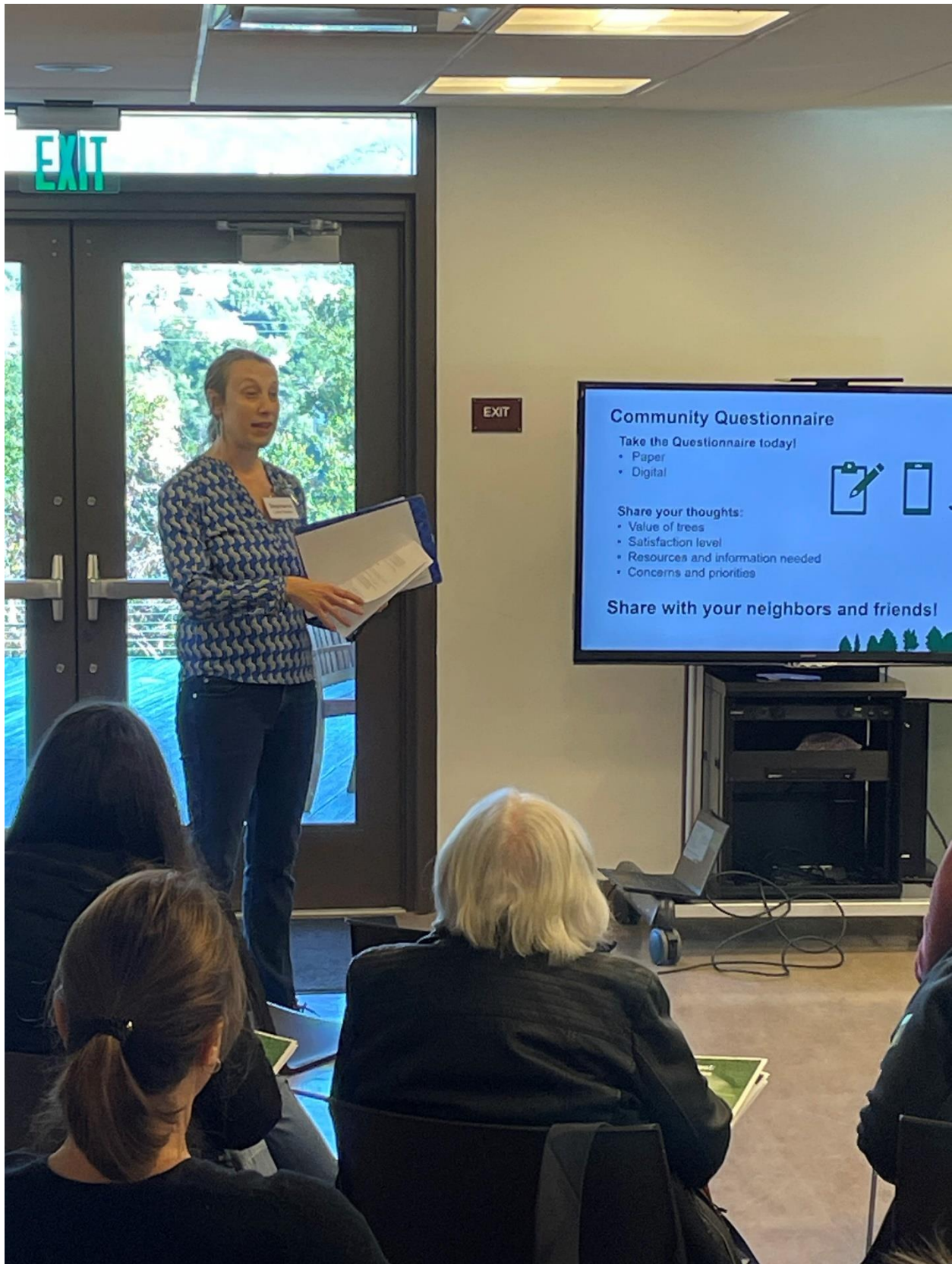
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: past
involvement

USE ↓ can
Mid-class
permitting
↑ temp.

Photos from neighborhood workshop





























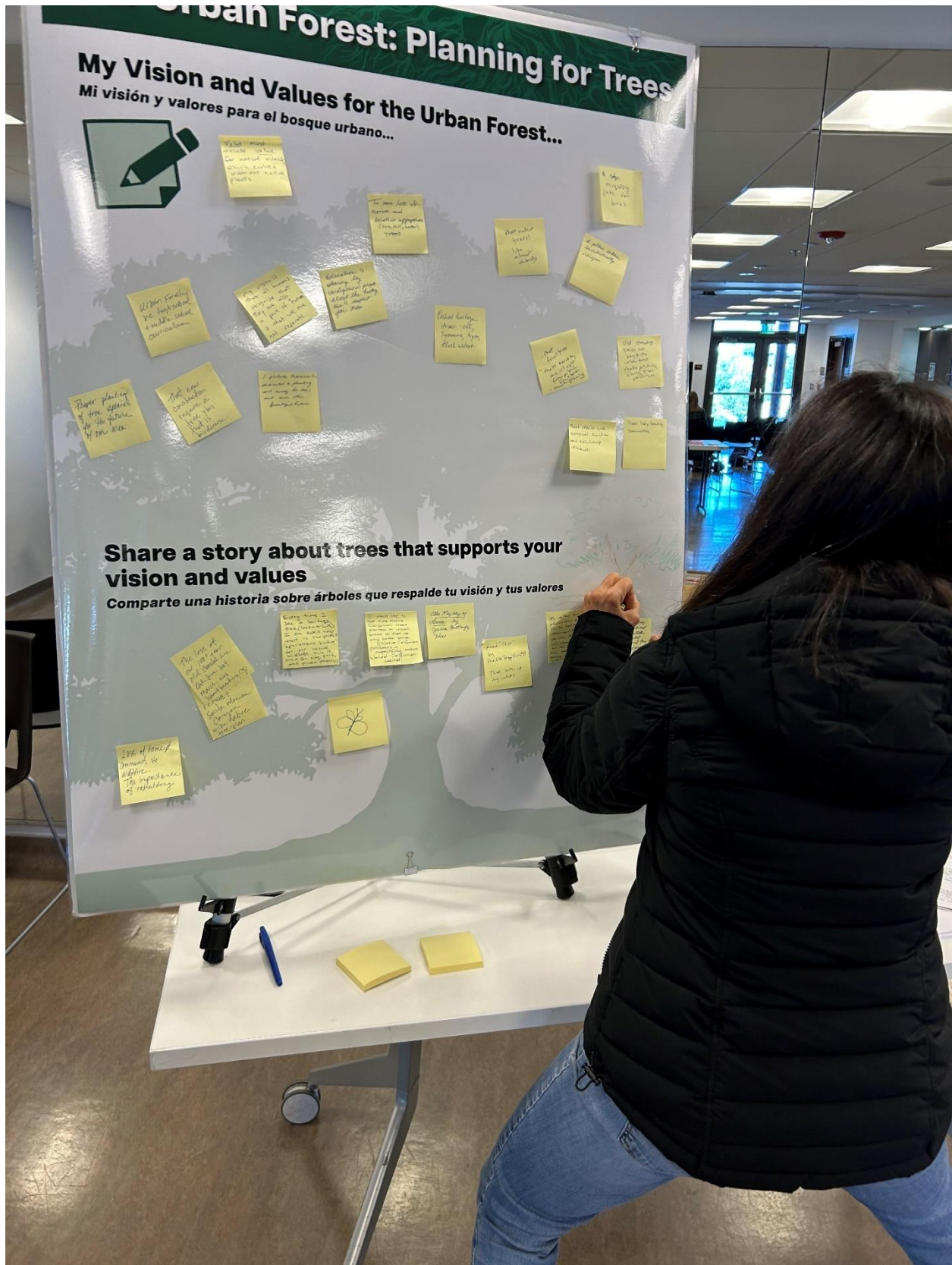












Reflections
Reflexiones
What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

LA County is maybe starting to care?

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?
¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

How will the City & County protect existing trees + new plantings from destruction?

Additional Comments
Comentarios Adicionales

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling
Visión, valores y narración de historias
My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

*That more trees are planted everywhere
That tree protection are put in place.*

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

- ① Speaking out against different project plans to cut oak trees + removing.
- ② Rostering the oak tree ordinance in D.C. to eliminate the "over planted" oak tree exemption while on the Ad tree Committee.

Benefits of Trees
Beneficios de los árboles
Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Shade, air quality, beautification, wildlife habitat. Living among a sea of green trees makes people happy.

Concerns and Priorities
Preocupaciones y prioridades
What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

My greatest concern is that City trees located in private yards are frequently cut down. There isn't a way to protect them. They are frequently not replaced. They are not valued—put a monetary value on them!

Neighborhood Needs
Necesidades del vecindario
Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

All City trees should be maintained + replaced when they get removed because of disease or other physical issues. Trees should be monitored + enforced when trees are cut down up offroad.

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Plant trees along all thoroughfares + medians. Trees provide beauty and calming effects.

My Role in the Urban Forest
Mi rol en el bosque urbano
What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

Conajo Oak Tree Advocate for years spoke for trees at Council meetings and park district meetings. Since COVID, we mostly grow and plant in open space area restoration projects.

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

*To continue to speak out for trees.
To be involved in additional restoration.
Maybe become a tree officer who can speak to each tree's value based on species, size, age & health. Some trees are worth thousands of dollars. No one talks about this.*



Reflections Reflexiones

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

Awareness of global
county-wide
efforts going on.

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling

Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
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My vision is that all humans recognize that they are also a part of nature + that we are not separate.

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Where do we need to plant trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Trees Along streets + rows create wildlife bridges.



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Trees are beneficial to mental health because they inspire "perspective."



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

I care for + maintain a native plant + wilderness sanctuary in Malibu (on private land)

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?



Concerns and Priorities

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our forests need (brush) maintenance to prevent fires.

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My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

Maintain our trees & Plant Responsibly

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
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Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

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Like Shade. Have fun working on fruit Trees.
Enjoy Canning.

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Neighbors Don't Prune Trees
Plant Pepper Trees AT The fence Lines
Have To Look AT Oak Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Trial Between CHUNASH PARK AND A KAWAN

HAS QUITE A FEW OAK TREES THAT WERE PLANTED
AND WERE NOT TAKEN CARE OF AND ARE ALL
DEAD. ALSO PEPPER TREES SHOULD BE REMOVED.

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What is your current role in the urban forest?
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LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Saturday, February 17, 2024

10AM to 12PM

Topanga Community Center Oak Grove, Topanga

Introduction

On February 17, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. The Topanga Town Council partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Topanga at the Topanga Community Center and had nine community members in attendance.

At this workshop, a few families with small children finishing up a soccer practice stopped by to discuss their vision for the forest in their community and answer the workshop activity questions. Several other families took the community questionnaire flyer to fill out the online survey. Most of the workshop time was spent with a small group of foresters and forest advocates who live in Topanga; some of the notes below reflect their work and experiences.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. Several attendees added their comments and input to other workshop boards before the event began.

Many of the attendees participated in a group discussion centered on the activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Oak trees are really important to the community and those that died due to recent droughts need to be replaced.
- Creating an uneven age forest to allow for its sustainability—continuing to plant new trees
- Greenspace is a lifesaver. It is therapeutic.
- We are connected to the forest.
- We love to climb trees!

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Topanga is a wildland urban intermix rather than interface. We live in the wildlands, in the woodlands.
- When we have removed the non-native trees, the oaks come back on their own. Community members have removed pine trees and eucalyptus and now have oak stands in their place.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- No comments

Habitat for wildlife

- Residents like to watch wildlife
- Removing nonnatives allows natives to repopulate
- Habitat connectivity and patch size is important – it's all about location, location, location!
- Biodiversity of non-native trees is a hierarchy

Food/fruit

- Enjoy eating fruit from own fruit trees, including kumquat, lemon, tangerines, limes
- Collecting acorns

Clean air

- No comments

Stormwater capture

- No comments

Mental health

- No comments

Physical health

- Climbing trees

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- No comments

Sense of place

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- No comments

Maintenance (cost/need)

- No comments

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- No comments

Power lines (obstructed)

- Fire risk related to power lines

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- No comments

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comments

Pipes (broken)

- No comments

Fire risk

- The houses in Topanga are the biggest fire risk for the trees
- It's not "brush clearance" but "vegetation" it's habitat, not fuel
- Plant canopy on south and west for ember catching and home protection
- Prescribed fire in oak woodland is not a good idea
- Concern about fire affecting our trees, having to trim them because of concerns

Pests

- Risks of spreading disease and invasives when mulching trees, or when people sell firewood

Water use

- How drought and lack of water affects the oaks here

Other safety concerns

- “brush clearance” actually an issue for woodlands, and what is allowed to grow in the absence of vegetation

Other

- Insurance companies dropping people, or raising costs
- Species selection—natives are important
- Oak tree ordinance disincentivizes planting oaks

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Oaks can provide mulch onsite—check out RCD program information

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Schools

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Parks

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Other

- None provided

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Places and reasons that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Plant more oaks

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In yards, and along rights of way

Schools

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Focus on spaces for oaks as we remove non-natives like eucalyptus

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Street side along highways and in the community

Parks

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Other

- None provided

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - Residents talked about enjoying the oaks and fruit trees at their homes
- Speak for trees
 - Topanga community members advocate for oaks and native trees
- Plant trees
 - Community members involved in creating spaces for new oak stands and groves to grow
- Work with trees
 - Several participants work with trees through CA State agencies

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- No comments

Learn about trees

- No comments

Care for trees

- Participants talked about getting more people to care for oaks, and understand how they can help with fire resilience in the community

Speak for trees

- No comments

Plant trees

- No comments

Work with trees

- No comments

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Topanga and the woodlands need a different designation
- “Mountain woodlands” as a separate ecological zone, and “eco-tope” vs an “urbantope”
- Connecting to the CA Chaparral institute, chaparral is the “forest without legs”
- Say no to “brush clearance” it is habitat until it is on fire. Vegetation = habitat
- A lot of funding right now re: fire resilience, affecting how agencies are interacting and managing their forests

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- Can we advocate for funding for maintenance?
- Is there money to help people trim their trees, especially seniors?
- Topanga canyon blvd committee: studies on funding maintenance
- How do we train people to properly set up their “defensible space” and plant trees to the south and west?
- How do we partner with cities and jurisdictions around us?
- How do we encourage cities to be partners to sustain the forest?

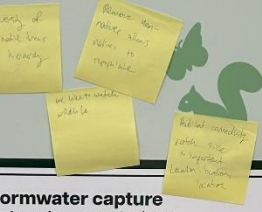
Vision, Values, Storytelling



Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?
¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar  Why? ¿Por qué?	Habitat for wildlife Hábitat para la vida silvestre  Why? ¿Por qué?	Food/fruit Comida/fruta  Why? ¿Por qué?
Clean air Aire puro  Why? ¿Por qué?	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales  Why? ¿Por qué?	Mental health Salud mental  Why? ¿Por qué?
Physical health Salud física  Why? ¿Por qué?	Cultural significance/importance Significado/importancia cultural  Why? ¿Por qué?	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética  Why? ¿Por qué?
Sense of place Sentido de lugar  Why? ¿Por qué?	Other: Otro: 	

Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?
 ¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas) Why? ¿Por qué? 
Power lines (obstructed) Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Aceras (levantadas/rotas) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Street lights (blocked) Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas) Why? ¿Por qué? 
Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio Why? ¿Por qué? 	Pests Plagas Why? ¿Por qué? 
Water use Uso del agua Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other: Otro: Why? ¿Por qué? 

Neighborhood Needs

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

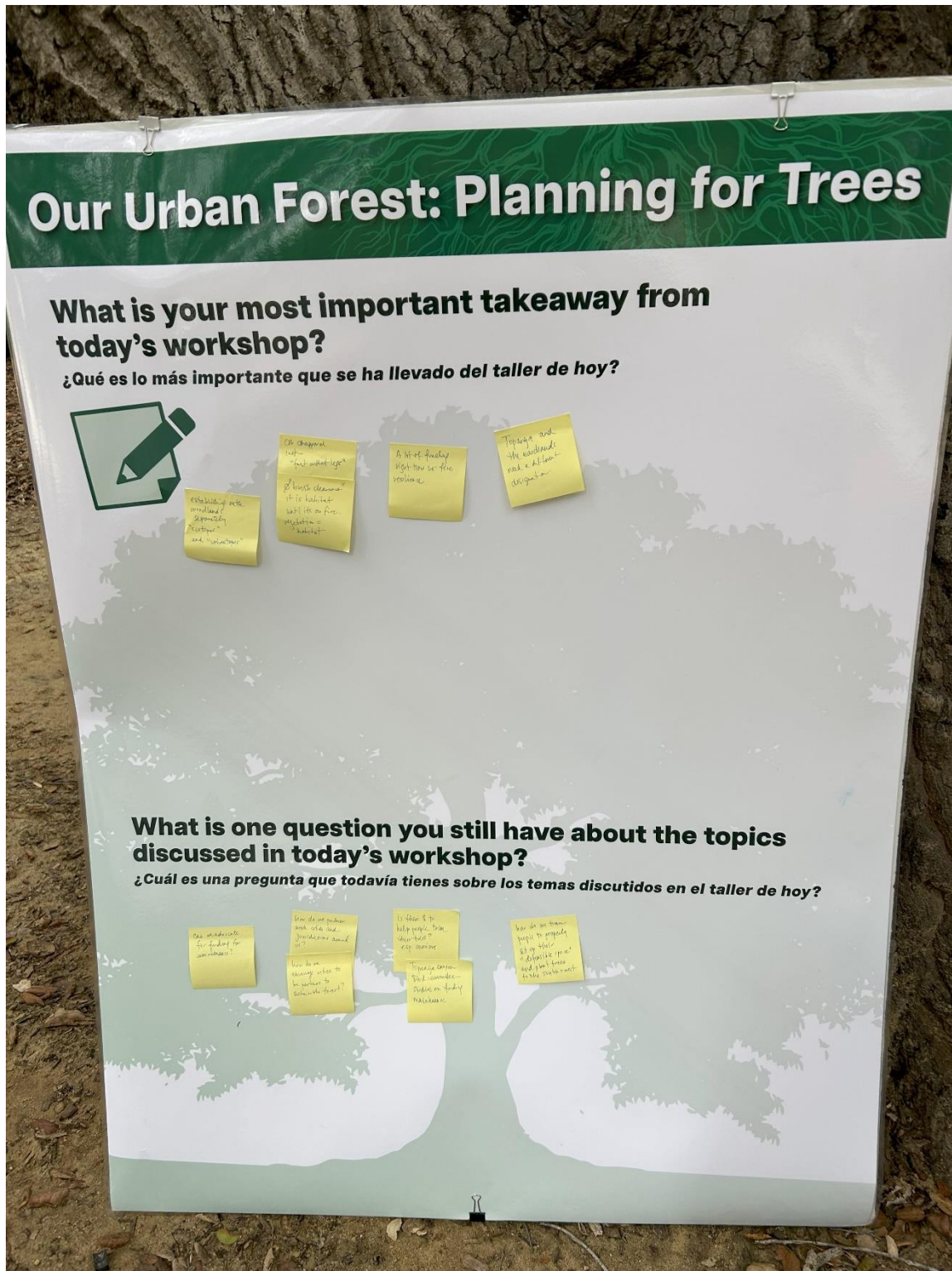
Front and backyards Patio delantero y patios traseros  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Plant new trees</i> <i>Plant in front yard, back yard, patios, etc.</i> Where/specific locations Dónde/ubicaciones específicas	Schools Escuelas  Why? ¿Por qué? Where/specific locations Dónde/ubicaciones específicas
Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way Aceras/camellones/vía pública  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Plant in front of school or at corner, etc. along the sidewalk</i> Where/specific locations Dónde/ubicaciones específicas	Parks Parques  Why? ¿Por qué? Where/specific locations Dónde/ubicaciones específicas
Other: Otro: <i>Plant in front of school or at corner, etc. along the sidewalk</i>	

My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?
Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees Disfrutar de los árboles  <i>we enjoy walk take and take over at over play</i> What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Learn about trees Aprender sobre los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Care for trees Cuidar de los árboles  <i>we need more people to care for trees understand how important trees are to our forest</i> What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?
Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?



LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

January 16, 2024
6:00-7:30pm
City Digital Workshop

Introduction

On January 16, 2024 the LA County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in East Rancho Dominguez at East Rancho Dominguez Park and had four community members in attendance.

At this workshop, several members of the Long Beach Conservation Corps attended and joined in the activities, sharing their perspectives as members of the tree care work force.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. Stephanie Pavon from MIG welcomed the group and started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Trees provide needed shade in the open streets
- Trees provide needed shade and cover from the heat for pedestrians and cyclists, especially during the summer months
- Trees expose children who live in cities to nature play
- Trees help against the effects of climate change including extreme heat and drought
- Trees provide fruits which are healthy alternatives

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media

using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Participants described some of their earliest memories being around trees, like planting a tree at the age of six and sitting under a tree after a day of play.
- Seeing an albino redwood tree and finding excitement in working with trees since then
- Finding natural spaces to appreciate trees like the Sequoia Redwood Park
- Using shade from a tree to read a book
- Finding a deeper appreciation with nature and how preserving trees preserves human life

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

The main ideas that came from this exercise showcased the functionality of trees, from providing shade to the variety of health benefits like clean air, heat reduction, food and medicinal properties.

Shade/cooling

- The shade helps with severe and prolonged heat exposure

Habitat for wildlife

- No comments

Food/fruit

- Provide fruits like apples and oranges

Clean air

- Tree leaves and roots help filter air pollution
- Clean air is important for people's health

Stormwater capture

- No comments

Mental health

- No comments

Physical health

- Trees can help to increase walkability by providing shade.

Cultural significance/importance

- Indigenous people use many products made from native trees for medicine, art and ceremonial practices

Beauty/aesthetics

- No comments

Sense of place

- Trees are one of the oldest beings that have brought a sense to location

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

The discourse around concerns and priorities summarized the importance of tree maintenance and risk reduction when it comes to natural disasters like wildfires and everyday situations like fallen branches and trees.

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- No comments

Maintenance (cost/need)

- No comments

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- These hazards can be costly and dangerous like falling on cars and people.

Power lines (obstructed)

- No comments

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- There is concern that when a tree becomes lifted or broken, it will eventually be removed and unreplaced.

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comments

Pipes (broken)

- No comments

Fire risk

- Trees that are burned down can affect the lives of animals and people in proximity to them.
- The fires can affect the air quality in the area.
- If the trees are not well maintained or maintained in the current climate, the impacts can be devastating for people, nature, and the planet.

Pests

- No comments

Water use

- No comments

Other safety concerns

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Trees need to be trimmed down so that they won't fall.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comments

Schools

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comments

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- These trees are not valued enough and are easily removed or replaced

Specific locations mentioned include:

- A lot of trees in the middle of streets don't really look cared for.

Parks

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comments

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Schools

- Too many school yards are all concrete and lack what makes recess fun and special: nature.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Parks

- Parks need more trees to provide fresh air.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

Other

- No comments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None provided

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Learn about trees
- Care for trees

One community member expressed that they had a personal responsibility to attend trainings to be able to learn more about trees.

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Learn about trees
 - Going to urban forest trainings

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Community members expressed that they didn't know how to express their roles because they felt like they needed more resources to learn about trees and how to care for them.

- Learn about trees
 - Needing workshops, books and other trainings to be able to achieve this role.
- Care for trees
 - Specific tools needed like workshops to start learning how to care for trees.

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

Community members expressed that learning about trees and how to maintain and preserve them is important. Both the value of learning about trees and how to care for them can bring awareness to their importance to people and spaces.

- Trees need so much from us but they also give a lot back. If you care for trees they will care for you.
- The value of being informed from these workshops that is given to the community
- I need to reach other people and discuss how important an urban forestry plan is for communities.
- Trees are important.

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- No questions were asked at the end of the workshop.

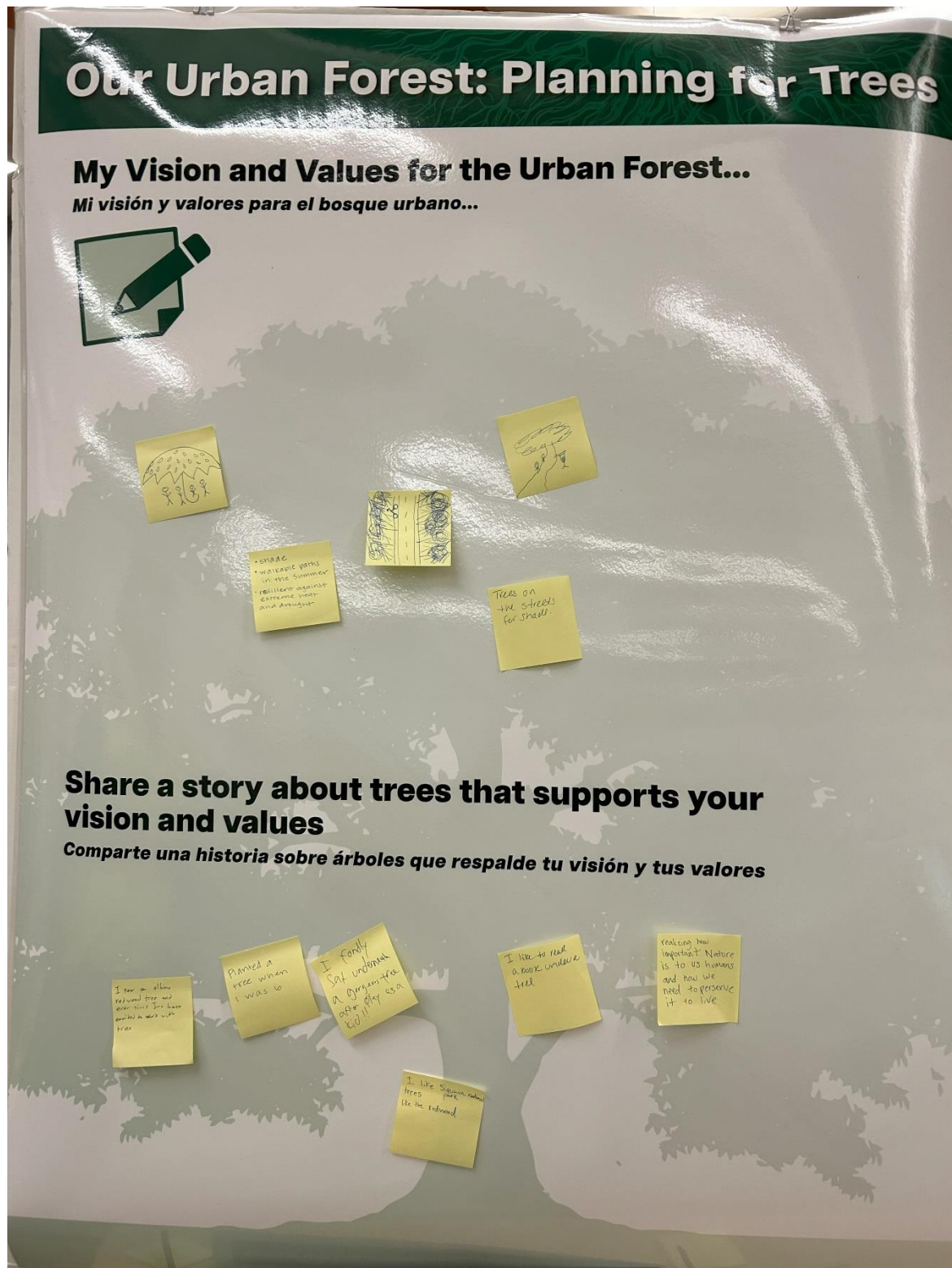
Appendix of Workshop Materials

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...





Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

I saw an old tree removed and when I saw the stump I was sad to see it go.

Planted a tree when I was 6.

I found a tree under a big tree after play as a kid.

I like to read a book under a tree.

Realizing how important Nature is to us humans and how we need to preserve it to live.

I like to see trees like the redwood.

*Shade
• water & park in the summer
• resilient against extreme heat and drought*

Trees on the streets for shade.

Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

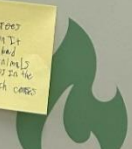
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¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

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Clean air Aire puro  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>More people - costs more - filter air pollution</i> <i>Important for health</i>	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales  Why? ¿Por qué?	Mental health Salud mental  Why? ¿Por qué?
Physical health Salud física  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Increase walkability!</i>	Cultural significance/ importance Significado/importancia cultural  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Indigenous groups use many products from native trees for medicine, art, and ceremonial practices</i>	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética  Why? ¿Por qué?
Sense of place Sentido de lugar  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Since trees are probably the oldest living thing on the Earth</i>	Other: Otro:	

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/ preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Tree need to be taken down so the seed won't fall

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Too many school yards are all concrete and have little shade trees planted and maintained

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Trees like these are much higher quality and are eliminated early

plant of tree in middle of street and I really liked them for

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Parks need more trees so we can have more fresh AIR

Other:

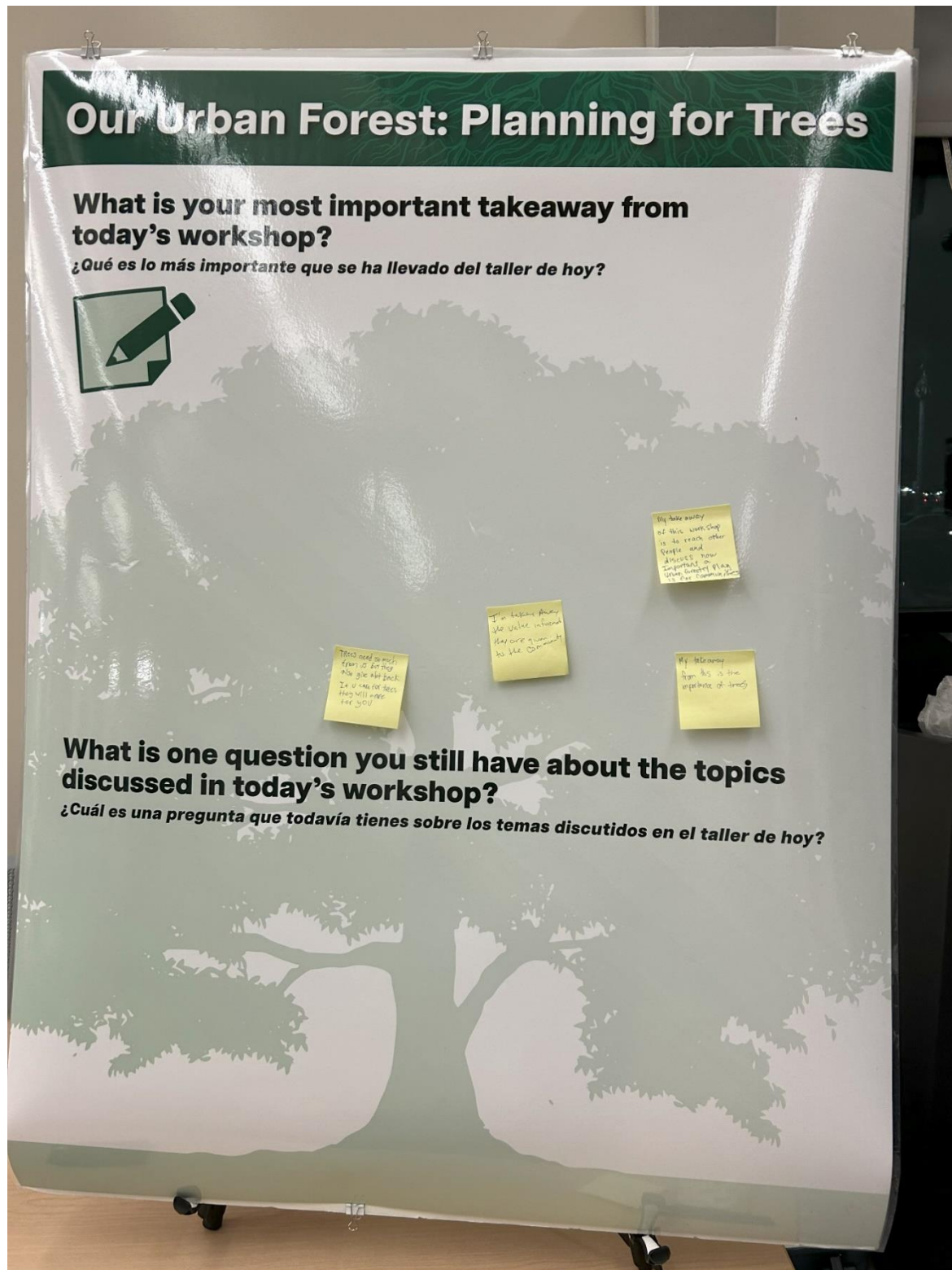
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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?
Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees Disfrutar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Learn about trees Aprender sobre los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? Workshop, table, when training about trees Going to urban forest tour	Care for trees Cuidar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? Specific tools Work Shop to start training from on the role of water
Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Reflections



LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:00PM – 8:00PM

Adventure Park, 10130 Gunn Ave, Whittier, CA 90605

Introduction

On January 23, 2024, the LA County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. Amigos de los Rios partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to do outreach for the neighborhood workshop, and facilitation was provided by MIG. The meeting was held in the East Whittier community and had two community members in attendance.

The project team went out into the park to invite community members to the workshop and shared flyers with the link to the community questionnaire with 20 to 30 people who were attending youth basketball games at the park.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Kanami Otani from Dudek, Esmeralda Garcia started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- "Some of my best friends are trees"
- LA County itself is shaped like a big tree

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet.

- None of the participants shared a story about trees.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Shade saves lives especially amongst vulnerable populations as the number of extreme heat days is increasing

Habitat for wildlife

- Provides protection for certain species
- Our biodiversity is our greatest wealth, every tree is an important habitat

Food/fruit

- Fruit trees give off a sweet aroma and can provide a snack for passersby

Clean air

- Tree systems at scale (forests) are the only system proven to work for carbon capture
- Trees can help clean the air near freeways

Stormwater capture

- Climate change has increased droughts in the region and trees can help capture water

Mental health

- Crease can help calm the nervous system and create joy

Physical health

- No comment

Cultural significance/importance

- Coast live oak is a key heritage tree
- Trees are like grandparents and are revered in Native American culture

Beauty/aesthetics

- People react to how trees look and can be used as a way of promoting tree planting

Sense of place

- No comment

Other

- It's important to have healthy soil for trees

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Mess is not a problem because leaf litter is beautiful

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Trees need love and care is well worth it!

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- County parks need to have more proactive tree care approach rather than reactive
- Ficus trees in Whittier have broken many sidewalks

Power lines (obstructed)

- We can avoid conflict if we choose the right size tree for each location

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Roots can destroy sidewalks causing hazard for students walking, and people pushing strollers, walkers, and on wheelchairs

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comment

Pipes (broken)

- No comment

Fire risk

- Dried out trees due to a hotter climate create the fire danger

Pests

- We need action to address shothole borer infestation at Whittier Narrows, need to overcome bureaucracy

Water use

- Trees do not use a disproportionate amount of water when compared to the benefits they provide
- Need to identify which trees use modest or little water

Other safety concerns

- Not having trees is a health hazard

Other

- No comment

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- No comment

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comment

Schools

- To provide safety through temperature reduction
- Promote mental health through connection with nature

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comment

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Street trees can provide shade, help with traffic calming, and promote beauty

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Along the sidewalks, and medians

Parks

- No comment

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comment

Other

- No comment

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comment

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Trees can help conserve energy and promote energy efficiency

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Trees need to be located adjacent to building's east or west sections for maximum energy

Schools

- More trees on school grounds so kids can stay cool

Specific locations mentioned include:

- On school yards, near playground areas, and near classroom buildings

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No comment

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Many sidewalk trees are poorly maintained, local maintenance services need to be improved

Parks

- Need for native trees to promote biodiversity

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comment

Other

- No comment

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comment

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Plant trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - I walk my dog and walk to restaurants and to run errands all under tree cover

- Taking time to look at trees gives a sense of peace and quiet time specifically in large urban areas
- Plant trees
 - I planted 7 trees in our yard and provide maintenance for them all

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- We need more support from the County to proactively care for our street and park trees

Learn about trees

- We need lessons and programs to teach urban forestry to kids as well as related careers
- We need to know more about tree species that are appropriate for the area

Care for trees

- Water, tools, gloves
- Urgent support from county to contain shothole borer pest

Speak for trees

- Funding for our various Native American tribes to share wisdom, and knowledge about trees

Plant trees

- Would like to have a volunteer group that plants trees
- More grants to local non-profits to plant trees and care for them

Work with trees

- Better training and better wages for tree care workers that work for the county

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- No comments from participants at this workshop

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- No comments from participants at this workshop

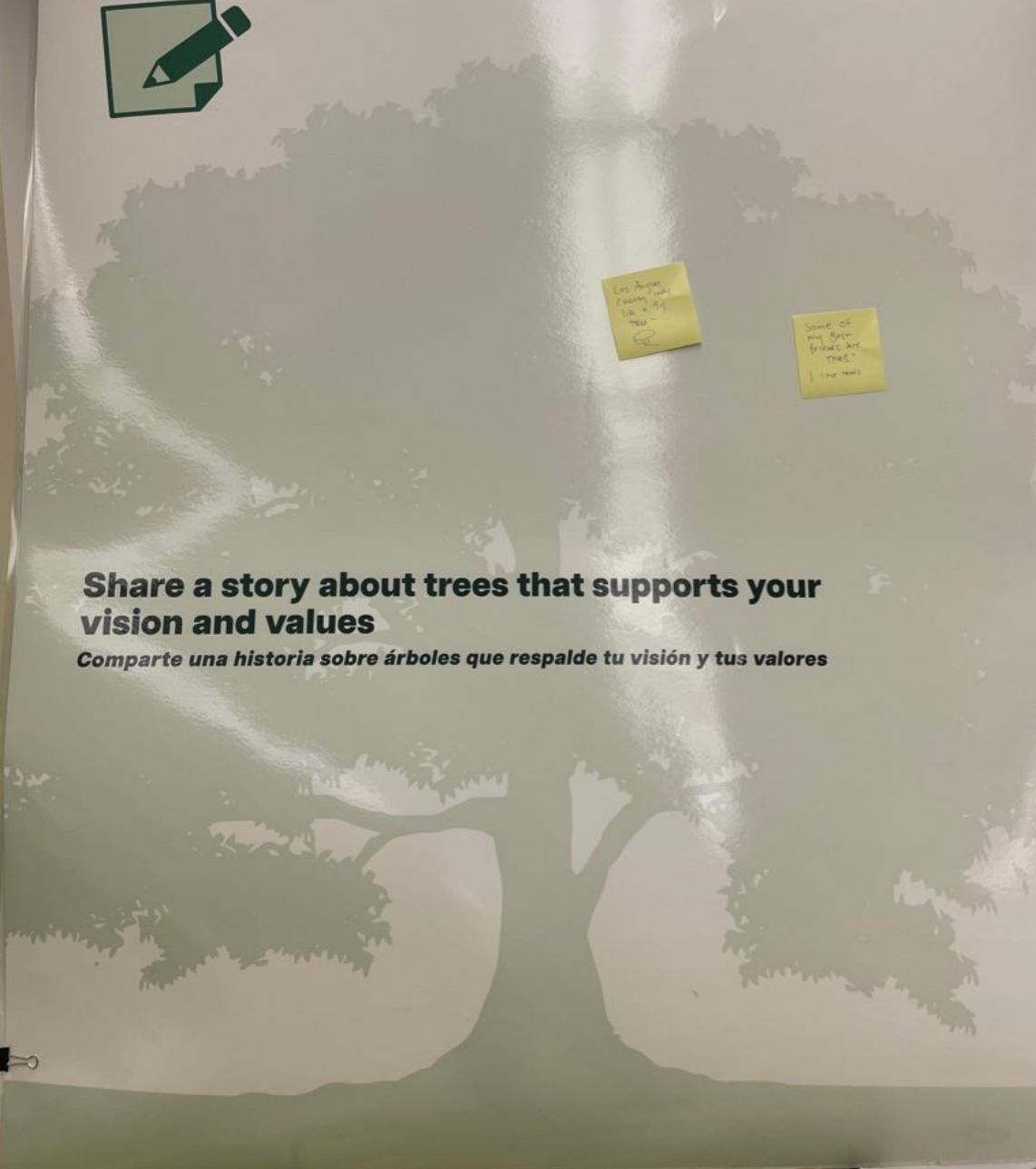
Appendix of Workshop Materials

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...





Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?
¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

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Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

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Neighborhood Needs

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes on sticky notes:
 - "Front yard trees are better than back yard trees"
 - "More trees in front yard"

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes on sticky notes:
 - "School grounds are great for trees"
 - "Schools should be planted with trees"
 - "Schools should be planted with trees"

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes on sticky notes:
 - "Trees on sidewalk are better than trees on median"

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes on sticky notes:
 - "Parks are great for trees"

Other:

Otro:

Handwritten notes on sticky notes:
 - "New Development (new trees)"
 - "More trees in front yard (new trees)"
 - "Front yard trees are better than back yard trees"

My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?
Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

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Reflections

No picture available

Photos from neighborhood workshop

No pictures available

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14. Are you in support of volunteer programs that create opportunities to care for trees in parks?
(Select one)

☒ Yes ☐ No

15. Please use this space to share any additional thoughts. (Describe in a few words)

WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE AND CREATE OPPORTUNITY
FOR LARGE SHADE TREES.
WE NEED GRANT PROGRAMS THAT CAN FUND LARGE
SIZE TREES.

16. What is the name of the organization or community group that shared this survey with you?
(Please describe)

UFMP WORKSHOP

ABOUT YOU

The questions in this next section will help us understand who we have reached through our activities. All responses to the survey will remain anonymous.

17. My age is:

- ☐ Under 18 ☐ 45-54 ☐ Over 85
☐ 18-24 ☒ 55-64 ☐ I prefer not
☐ 25-34 ☐ 65-74 to answer
☐ 35-44 ☐ 75-84

19. I am a: (Select one)

- ☒ Homeowner
☐ Renter
☐ Other (Please describe)

18. Which of the following most accurately describes your race and ethnic identities? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Alaskan Native
☐ Asian or Asian American or South Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ First Nation/American Indian/ Indigenous
☐ Hispanic or Latino/a/x
☐ Middle Eastern/North African
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☒ White/European American
☐ I prefer not to answer
☐ I self-identify as:

20. What is your zip code? (Please write-in)

90291

21. What is the name of the neighborhood or community that you live in (such as Boyle Heights, Watts, Lake Los Angeles, Avocado Heights)? (Please describe)

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This collaborative effort between the County and City of Los Angeles is supported by Proposition 40 and California Climate Investments funding provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

The County and City of Los Angeles are working together on community engagement efforts for their Urban Forest Management Plans (UFMPs). A UFMP creates a community-wide vision for the future of trees in our community and includes recommendations for how we take care of trees and grow our neighborhood forest.

You are an important part of this process. Your thoughts here will help us build the shared vision and community values for the UFMPs, and will help us understand what people know and how people care about trees across LA County and LA City communities.

This questionnaire will take 5 minutes. Please answer all the questions as best you can—responses will remain anonymous. Your input is greatly appreciated!

YOUR VISION FOR THE URBAN FOREST

This first part of the questionnaire is focused on the value of trees and the benefits they provide. Take a moment to think of your experiences with trees and why they may be important to you.

1. Think of the trees in your neighborhood or community. What do you value most about these trees? (Briefly describe in a few words)

SHADE, NATURE
FRUIT

3. Are you satisfied with the trees along the streets and in medians in your neighborhood? (Select one)

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Neutral
☒ Unsatisfied
☐ Very unsatisfied

2. Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you? (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Aesthetics or appearance
☐ Air quality/ cleaner air
☒ Food/ fruit/ nourishment
☒ Habitat for wildlife
☐ Increased property values
☒ Mental health
☐ Physical health
☐ Privacy/ screening
☒ Shading and cooling
☐ Other

4. What are you most satisfied with related to your neighborhood's street trees? (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Amount of shade
☒ Appearance
☐ Condition or health of trees
☐ Number of trees
☐ Sidewalk conditions
☐ Street lighting
☐ Tree age
☒ Tree height or size
☐ Type of trees

☐ Other ON MY STREET
NOT SATISFIED IN
GENERAL

5. What are you least satisfied with related to your neighborhood's street trees? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Amount of shade
☐ Appearance
☒ Condition or health of trees
☒ Number of trees
☐ Sidewalk conditions
☐ Street lighting
☐ Tree age
☐ Tree height or size
☐ Type of trees

☐ Other _____

6. Are you satisfied with the trees in parks that you visit? (Select one)

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☒ Neutral
☐ Unsatisfied
☐ Very unsatisfied

7. What are you most satisfied with related to park trees? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Amount of shade
☐ Appearance
☐ Condition or health of trees
☐ Number of trees
☐ Sidewalk conditions
☐ Street lighting
☐ Tree age
☐ Tree height or size
☐ Type of trees

☐ Other _____

8. What are you least satisfied with related to park trees? (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Amount of shade
☐ Appearance
☒ Condition or health of trees
☐ Number of trees
☐ Sidewalk conditions
☐ Street lighting
☐ Tree age
☐ Tree height or size
☒ Type of trees

☐ Other VARIETY OF SPECIES

YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE URBAN FOREST

The County and City invest in four types of work to help maintain a healthy urban forest. These are planting and watering new trees, care and maintenance of mature trees, preserving and protecting trees, and educating the community about the urban forest. The County and City invests in these elements at different levels, and we want your feedback about which of these are most important to you.

9. Which of the these activities are most important for the County or City to do more of? (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Caring for young, newly planted trees
☒ Keeping and protecting street and park trees during construction
☒ Keeping and protecting trees on private property
☒ Mature tree trimming and care of public trees for MAXIMUM HEALTH + SHADE
☒ Planting trees
☒ Providing public education on trees
☒ Providing support or resources for private property tree care
☐ Other _____

The next few questions focus on trees on private property, including the trees in your or your neighbors' yards, on property connected to schools, businesses, offices, and places of worship. It is estimated that out of every ten trees in our urban forest, eight of those trees are on private property. To maintain and grow our urban forest, we need to know what information, resources and support the community needs to take care of the trees on private property.

10. What keeps you from planting or replacing trees on the private property where you live (i.e., in your yard)? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ I am not allowed to plant trees
☒ I do not have space to plant a tree
☐ I believe it costs too much to plant a tree
☐ I do not know what type or size of tree to plant
☐ I believe trees require too much water
☐ N/A (I plant and/or replace trees on the property where I live)
☐ I do not think trees are important (Please tell us why)

☐ Other _____

11. What keeps you from taking care of trees on the private property where you live (i.e., in your yard)? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ I am not allowed to care for trees
☒ I do not know how to care for trees
☐ I believe it costs too much to take care of trees
☐ N/A (I care for trees on the property where I live)
☐ I believe trees require too much water
☐ I do not think trees are important (Please tell us why)

I NEED A DEPENDABLE AFFORDABLE ARBORIST

☐ Other _____

12. What do you need to care for trees in your yard? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ I need to know how to educate my property owner/ landlord
☒ I need to learn how to take care of trees
☐ I need resources or support to take care of my yard trees

☐ Other I MIGHT NEED A TREE CARE CONTRACTOR WHO WILL NOT HARM MY TREES.

These last two questions ask what information, resources and support you might need to take care of trees in public spaces.

13. What would you need to care for young, neighborhood trees? (Select all that apply) PUBLIC OR PRIVATE?

- ☐ I did not know that young trees need care
☒ I need to know how to care of trees
☐ I need access to resources
☐ I think the County/City should be solely responsible for caring for young trees
☐ I need to know what I am allowed to do

☐ Other _____



LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6-8PM

Sorensen Park, 11419 Rose Hedge Dr, Whittier, CA 90606

Introduction

On January 17, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. Conservation Corps of Long Beach partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and do outreach for the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in West Whittier at Sorensen Park and had nine community members in attendance.

At this workshop attendance was the result of combined efforts from Conservation Corps of Long Beach, both in days prior to the event and on the day of the event. One participant that provided some of the most detailed feedback said he heard about the workshop from a flyer his wife found near their home. His input helped inform the importance that large trees have played in the community and convey the loss when they were chopped down.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from youth staff from CCLB, Stephanie Pavon started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Large trees in the community are very important, especially for providing shade.
- Native trees, fruit trees, and trees that provide habitat for wildlife are important
- Concern that the county cuts down large trees purely for liability concerns, especially after a tree branch fell and severely damaged ("tacoed") a truck

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media

using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- A community member reflected on having a tree as their childhood toy
- A drawing advocating for bigger trees

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Area bounded by Whittier, Washington, and Norwalk Boulevards used to be much cooler before large old trees were cut down between 2015-2019 time period
- Trees are essential in making it through the really hot days

Habitat for wildlife

- Wildlife disappeared when all the old trees were cut down in 90606 for liability reasons, you can no longer see owls, sharp skinned hawks, and other predatory birds
- Trees provide habitat for butterflies, squirrels, and birds

Food/fruit

- The 90606 area used to be a citrus growing area and many people's citrus trees in the area are being affected by citrus greening and other pests
- Public fruit trees would be something the community would like to see

Clean air

- Plant more trees that absorb carbon

Stormwater capture

- Adventure Park as a response to the need for more stormwater capture

Mental health

- Trees improve mood and bring peace

Physical health

- No comment

Cultural significance/importance

- Would like to see the community be consulted about the trees that hold significance

Beauty/aesthetics

- No comment

Sense of place

- The large amount of neighborhood trees makes the community feel at home

Other

- No comment

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- No comment

Maintenance (cost/need)

- The cost of watering

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- The county needs to make sure that trees are properly pruned

Power lines (obstructed)

- No comment

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- The county just has to repair the sidewalks, the trees are fine

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comment

Pipes (broken)

- No comment

Fire risk

- No comment

Pests

- Psyllids and citrus greening

Water use

- How do we provide water during drought?

Other safety concerns

- No comment

Other

- Need to pick native trees that work well

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Maintain trees in front and backyards to lower energy bills

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- To provide cooling and boost mood of students

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In the school yards

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- To provide shade during hot days

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Bus stops

Parks

- To provide shelter for wildlife and make it nice for hiking

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Near wildlife

Other

- No comment

Places and reasons that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Lower energy bills

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In the back yard

Schools

- More trees on school grounds so kids could play comfortably in the shade

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In the school yards

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- To provide shade

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Near bus stops

Parks

- Great for wildlife

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Near areas with wildlife

Other

- No comment

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Care for trees
 - Own trees and looks after them
- Speak for trees
 - As a way to show gratitude
- Work with trees
 - No comment

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- Community members generally expressed interest in enjoying trees but did not provide examples of how

Learn about trees

- Community members generally expressed interest in learning about trees but did not provide potential topics

Care for trees

- Community members generally expressed interest in caring for trees
- Importance of educating homeowners on how to take care of trees. Many trees were lost due to drought that caused homeowners not to water them

Speak for trees

- No comments

Plant trees

- No comments

Work with trees

- Community members generally expressed interest in working with trees but did not provide examples of how

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

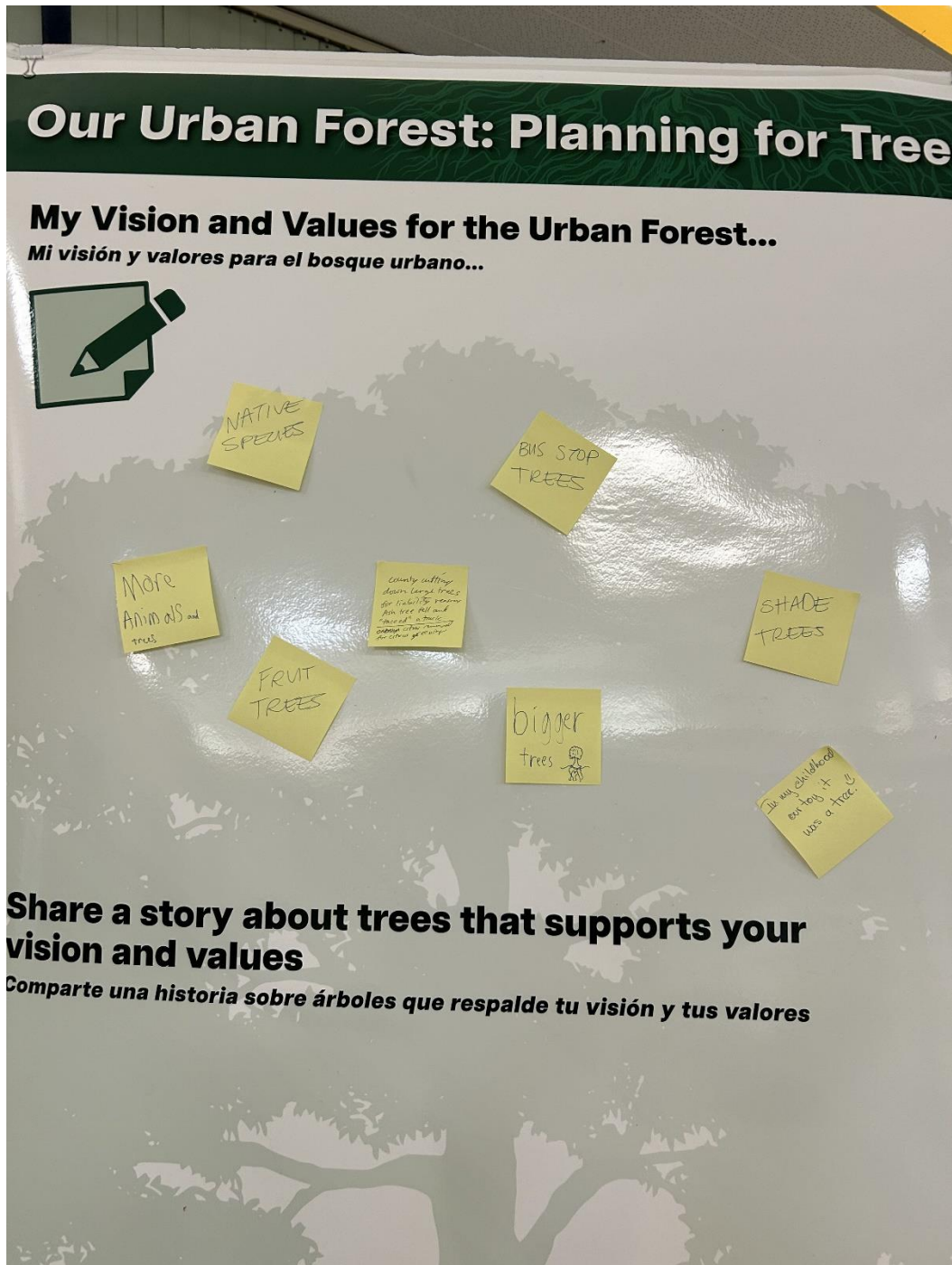
- Many members expressed interest in involving school aged children in the planting and caring of the urban forest
- The important role that trees play in our physical and mental health was emphasized
- Loss of large tree grove in nearby Montebello mall was felt by the community

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- When can we start planting trees?
- How can we get more school aged children involved in planting and education?
- How can the community support the plan and create community awareness?

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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

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Handwritten notes on sticky notes:

- Maintenance:** COST OF WATER USE
- Hazards:** There is a big dead tree. The county needs to keep the trees going properly.
- Sidewalks:** The sidewalk just had to be replaced. The tree is dead. The tree is dead.
- Pests:** psyllids & citrus greening
- Other:** NATIVE TREES. PLEASE DON'T CUT THEM DOWN.

Neighborhood Needs

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards
Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

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Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

UNIVERSITY BILL

Schools
Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

GREEN SANDYARDS
BOOST MOOD?
COOLING

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way
Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

BIKE STOPS

Parks
Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

BREAST FOR WILD LIFE
We love hike in Forest

Other:
Otro:

My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

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Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>CHARTER FOR TREES!</i> <i>THANK YOU!</i>	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>Teach people how to plant trees</i>

Reflections

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



Would like program in schools. Teach the youths trees are values

Trees mean so much

More cut down trees by Montebello Mall

Take away the air and help of pollution

I would like to have program to be in school. I will have poster to my son. I will have trees in my house.

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?
¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

How can we support the plant community around it?

How can we involve schools + students in this project?

Montebello by the mall. Many trees are removed. What will be?

How can we start planting trees?

Photos from neighborhood workshop



LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Carson Library

Introduction

On February 20, 2024, the County of Los Angeles Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Carson at Carson Library and had eight community members in attendance.

At this workshop, participants included West Carson residents who work with the County to advocate for neighborhood beautification and enhancement opportunities, including tree planting. Several participants acknowledged West Carson's history of environmental pollution as a reason for participating in their neighborhoods UFMP workshop.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Stephanie Lane-Pavon from MIG, Stephanie started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Well maintained trees at all stages of their growth.
- Knowledge and transparency of street tree planting policies
- Reduction of concrete in favor of more sidewalk trees.
- Trees provide both shade and home to wildlife.

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media

using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park is a source of inspiration for residents of West Carson in terms of trees and vegetation.
- The Los Angeles Forest provides shade and immerses visitors in nature through tree cover.
- Trees as a fruit forest. Idea inspired by resident with a guava tree in their front yard.
- An attractive Shamel ash in resident's home needed to be cut down due to maintenance and growth concerns.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Shade is needed for West Carson bus stops.

Habitat for wildlife

- Trees attract attractive wildlife like butterflies to resident homes.
- People should replant what has been developed over.

Food/fruit

- Residents have benefited from having fruit trees in their yard.

Clean air

- West Carson is burdened by heavy industry and truck exhaust.

Stormwater capture

- Capture storm water runoff.

Mental health

- Residents would like opportunities to do their work outdoors.

Physical health

- No participants chose this benefit.

Cultural significance/importance

- Trees could demonstrate to residents what the area once looked like before development.

Beauty/aesthetics

- Keeping the neighborhood beautiful is important to residents.

Sense of place

- Shift the story of West Carson from shipping and industry to greenspace.

Other

- Global Warming
- Restoration: In West Carson there is an EPA identified superfund site.

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- At least one participant chose this option but did not provide a comment.

Maintenance (cost/need)

- No participants chose this concern.

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- At least one participant chose this option but did not provide a comment.

Power lines (obstructed)

- No person chose this concern.

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Sidewalks have been lifted by tree roots in West Carson streets.

Streetlights (blocked)

- No person chose this concern.

Pipes (broken)

- There is concern that tree roots could break residential pipes.

Fire risk

- No person chose this concern.

Pests

- There is concern that trees could attract skunks.

Water use

- No person chose this concern.

Other safety concerns

- No person chose this concern.

Other

- There are not many trees in West Carson. Spaces like bus stops are exposed to the sun.

- West Carson has no parks. Trees are needed across the community.
- Would new plantings increase bird droppings in the neighborhood?

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- No response was provided.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No response was provided.

Schools

- No response was provided.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No response was provided.

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- No response was provided.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No response was provided.

Parks

- No response was provided.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No response was provided.

Other

- No response was provided.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No response was provided.

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Only 20 percent of the neighborhood has trees.

Schools

- West Carson does not have schools within its boundaries, though residents expressed that tree cover in schools is important.

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Medians need trees to cover the streets.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Trees are needed across the neighborhood.
- Carson St. at Normandie Ave. near Ritner St. needs trees.

Parks

- Residents expressed a general need for parks in West Carson, which would add to the neighborhood's tree canopy.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Plant trees in private lots.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Speak for trees
 - One resident serves on an advisory board that works with the county to improve West Carson.

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- Residents would love more time to spend in natural settings.

Learn about trees

- Residents would like to learn more about trees to successfully care for them.

Care for trees

- Knowledge of tree care would assist residents in caring for new trees.

Speak for trees

- One resident expressed an interest in searching for more opportunities to bring trees to West Carson

Plant trees

- No person commented on this role.

Work with trees

- No person commented on this role.

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Residents appreciate opportunities to talk about trees and their benefits.
- West Carson needs more trees.
- Residents expressed that not enough is happening to expand tree cover and maintain trees.
- Trees are needed for climate adaptation and pollution.
- Residents expressed appreciation to the government showing interest in issues that matter to residents.
- West Carson is an underserved community with need of trees.

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- How can participants stay involved in the UFMP process? What opportunities exist for residents to advocate for West Carson?
- The community has received funding to work on local projects. Who do advocates need to connect with to collaborate on neighborhood improvement projects?

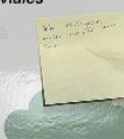
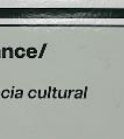
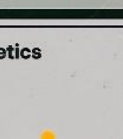
Vision, Values, Storytelling

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Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?
¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar  Why? ¿Por qué? Shade makes it cooler.	Habitat for wildlife Habitat para la vida silvestre  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a natural habitat for birds and other animals. It's a place for people to go to see wildlife.	Food/fruit Comida/fruta  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of food and fruit.
Clean air Aire puro  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of clean air. It's a source of fresh air. It's a source of clean air.	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of water.	Mental health Salud mental  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of mental health.
Physical health Salud física  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of physical health.	Cultural significance/importance Significado/importancia cultural  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of cultural significance.	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of beauty.
Sense of place Sentido de lugar  Why? ¿Por qué? It's a source of sense of place.	Other: Otro: It's a source of other benefits. Other: <i>Other</i>	

Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas) Why? ¿Por qué? 
Power lines (obstructed) Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Aceras (levantadas/rotas) Why? ¿Por qué?  <i>Handwritten note: "sidewalk lifted from curb of street"</i>	Street lights (blocked) Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueado) Why? ¿Por qué? 
Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas) Why? ¿Por qué?  <i>Handwritten note: "tree growing under water line"</i>	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio Why? ¿Por qué? 	Pests Plagas Why? ¿Por qué?  <i>Handwritten note: "are they hurting the ground?"</i>
Water use Uso del agua Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other: Otro: <i>Handwritten notes:</i> - "I would like to see more trees planted along the sidewalks." - "All the children who live in the city. So many." - "More trees." - "500 trees."

Neighborhood Needs

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

big trees in front yard
big trees in back yard

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

for the school building
for the school yard

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

medium sized trees
trees of varying heights
small trees in front of houses
big trees in front of houses

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

big trees in park
medium sized trees in park
small trees in park
big trees in park

Other:

Otro:

big trees in park
medium sized trees in park
small trees in park
big trees in park

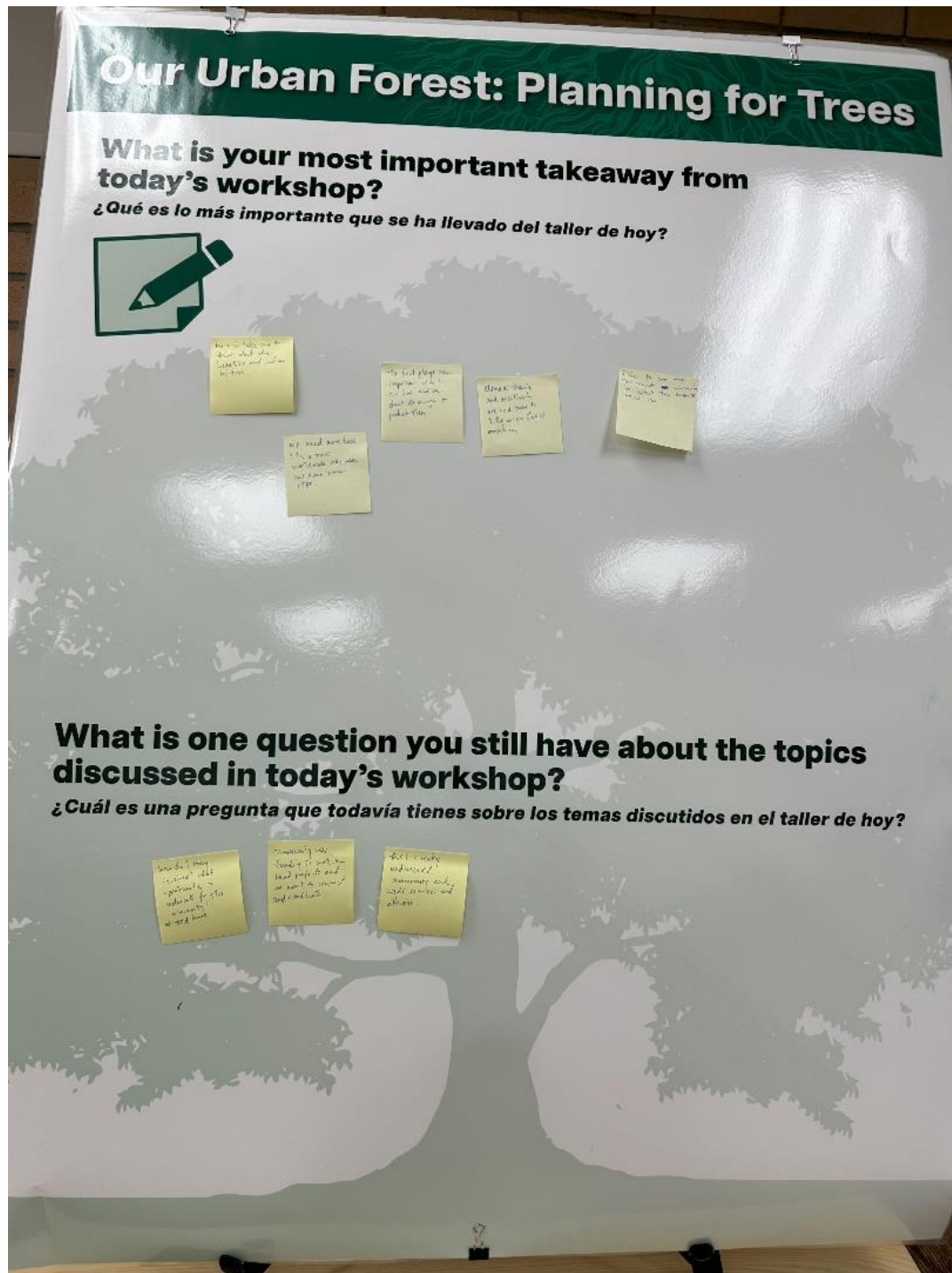
My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?
Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees Disfrutar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>Handwritten note: Need more trees in parks to walk the dog.</i>	Learn about trees Aprender sobre los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>Handwritten note: Need more information about trees.</i>	Care for trees Cuidar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?
Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>Handwritten note: Need to get more people involved in the conversation.</i>	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Reflections



LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Saturday, January 20, 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Loma Alta Park, 3330 N Lincoln Ave, Altadena, CA 91001

Introduction

On January 20, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. ActiveSGV partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan team to co-host and help facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Altadena at Loma Alta Park and had 17 community members in attendance.

At this workshop, members of the Altadena community came to express that trees are a priority and to support the urban forest. Attendees were passionate about protecting mature trees and stressed the many benefits that trees provide including cooling, carbon sequestration, habitat for wildlife, and mitigating the climate crisis. Attendees stressed the importance of educating the public about preserving and caring for mature trees as well as creating regulations that prevent new homeowners, investors, and tree trimming companies from cutting down trees.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Stephanie Pavon from MIG, Stephanie started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- To re-establish the Los Angeles basin as a symbol of abundance and have food security by planting fruit trees
- Cool areas by 10 degrees via tree canopies
- Large canopies, healthy trees, better pruning, education in practices - no clear limbing and aggressive pruning

- I would like to see more tree-lined neighborhoods and commercial area streets. Plant now for mature growth in the future.
- Native trees that provide habitat, food, and nesting for animals and birds
- Our hot streets shaded by leafy canopies
- No more new buildings. Utilize empty buildings. Educate people who are new to the hiking/outdoor activities
- More trees in high heat zones in LA
- Every community can enjoy the shade and beauty of healthy trees
- Greater political will and resources to protect and maintain trees in a sustainable way
- Trees provide our beautiful landscapes. They help clean our air
- We're proud of Altadena's Tree City status
- Thriving abundant shade tree canopy
- We'd like to see or make a tree plan for Lake Ave. 1 or 2 species
- Nativescape
- Protect all mature trees. Protect microhabitats. Stop building accessory units.
- Increase tree canopy in Altadena. Make residents value trees enough so that they won't cut trees down.
- I love maple tree leaves

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- I was watching this documentary on YouTube about how people moved to LA because of the pictures of the fruit paradise on the side of the orange boxes. However, then we replaced them with the city.
- Our priority is covered with trees; we encourage their growth, and carefully maintain them with quality feed, experts when needed. Birds and other animals thrive in the nativescape that sequesters an estimated half ton of CO2 a year.
- Streets with tree lined. Streets create a sense of place. Examples: Los Robles - camphor; Del Mar jacaranda; Santa Rosa - deodar
- Collaboration County Community Contractors
- Trees such as oaks are our Heritage and Greatest Asset
- I began an environmental career (3 decades) thanks to attending Humboldt State Univ. in the 80s, as we fought to save the last 2.5% of old-growth redwood trees from corporate raiders buying logging companies!
- When I was in school, I used to climb a giant oak tree when I felt sad or stressed and it always made me feel better.
- We have trees on our street with ancestors that were around the time of the dinosaurs!

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- I wrote an article on the urban heat island effect in Altadena and how trees are an inexpensive way to help combat the heat (the other being cool roofs, cool pavements).
Altadena Heritage Newsletter
- I want to walk more in my neighborhood (not drive) but it's too hot in the summer months without shade on many streets
- needed for summertime.
- Climate protection is LIFE!
- shade/cooling especially at school campuses, for health and equity.
- especially for low-income communities who are impacted by stressors - heat aggravates hypertension.

Habitat for wildlife

- There is an owl in our neighborhood. Love to hear the mating calls at night.
- Important for wildlife, love to see different varieties of birds and other wildlife

Food/fruit

- Re-establish LA as symbol of health with fresh fruit.
- Bring back the American chestnut. Food stuff for many!
- Could potentially be self-funding if the fruit is sold in communities. Would incentivize people to care for them

Clean air

- Protect against LA smog and compounding disease / illness
- I wrote an article on pollution, focusing on Pm 2.5.

Stormwater capture

- A way to improve stormwater capture that largely gets uncollected

Mental health

- No comments

Physical health

- reduce urban temps = easier to walk and be healthy!
- Having healthy food that is accessible i.e. "food security"

Cultural significance/importance

- Indigenous people harvested acorns for grinding to flour, medical benefits

Beauty/aesthetics

- No comments

Sense of place

- Community identity, beauty, legacy

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Oak trees very messy. Neighbors don't maintain their trees.
- Red bulbs drop and make the ground sticky. Sticky stuff gets on my plants.

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Santa Monica has a great policy to get more funding for tree maintenance
- Responsible long term financial plan to ensure best practices
- Neighbors oak trees broke my driveway and went into my basement

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- Support Angel City Lumber, they make use of fallen tree wood
- Neighbor concerns regarding tree limbs falling onto their property - care and education for trees and which trees to plant

Power lines (obstructed)

- Worried about safety (fire hazard)
- Ensure all power companies understand how to trim trees impacting powerlines

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- How can it be prevented?
- Lack of tree watering-- create curb cut-outs so rainwater goes to street tree not down storm drain

Streetlights (blocked)

- Need more strategy with community mobility needs

Pipes (broken)

- Concerned about roots growing and breaking pipes. How can it be prevented?

Fire risk

- No comments

Pests

- No comments

Water use

- Conservation
- Newly planted trees need consistent watering!!
- Trees help to stabilize the ground and prevent run off of water (valuable sources)

Other safety concerns

- Plant trees that will survive our rising temps
- irresponsible cutting spreads disease/bugs
- Coordinating with urban forest plans of cities and county. we need one coordinated effort

Other

- Mature trees will be cut down or injured seriously to make room for growth thus losing all the benefits they provide.
- Tree protection citizen hotline 24/7!
- Need a 24-hour hotline for illegal oak cutting
- Poor pruning practices lead to poor tree health and associated hazards
- house flippers take out a lot of trees
- Dealing with neighbors and trees on private property. Neighbors need to maintain their trees.
- Improper pruning of trees leads makes vulnerable to disease and death
- SoCal Edison butchering our trees

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important (Note some of the location recommendations are listed twice since it was unclear if the comment was related to maintain or plant):

Front and backyards

- House flippers are a threat to mature trees. How about a law forbidding a new homeowner from cutting down any mature trees for 1 year. Put in sales contract.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- More greening of our urban schoolyards
- Group class sessions could be held under trees. Enough of wood chips and gravel. They perpetuate heat
- Children can be taught about trees and how the fruit trees grow, etc.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- mitigate urban heat island and climate cooling protection
- would like to see/work on a tree plan for Lake Ave, NY Dr to Altadena Dr
- Why? beauty, wildlife habitat, cooling canopy, real estate value.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Lake Ave, NY Dr to Altadena Dr
- all N/S avenues
- More in DAC 4610 and 4603

Parks

- Need accessible pathways for all ages. places to sit in the shade

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- 1st protect mature trees! We won't live long enough to see "replacement" stick saplings grow as large as trees we are losing along with all the benefits old, big trees provide from air pollution reduction, shade, carbon sequestration, beauty, bird/wildlife habitat, etc. etc. Protect large trees!
- All of the above are needed!
- 24/7 Tree Protection Hotline - not a recording, but a live person who can take action to stop tree removal/damage. Establish a County-wide, effective, 24 hr/7 day per week emergency hotline for trees; somewhere the public can call when they see a tree in peril...being cut down. Someone across all the County Depts that manage trees who can evaluate - and intervene - to stop destruction of old, mature trees. Even the oak protection ordinances are poorly enforced. Once a large, old tree is cut down or mutilated illicitly, all its benefits are lost...for century or more. In 10 minutes a chainsaw can destroy a 200 year old tree. That is an emergency, but no one knows who to call to have a tree removal evaluated, and stopped. Developers see and others know this and destroy many irreplaceable big trees.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Grocery Outlet on Lake

When sharing where trees need to be **planted**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Planting trees in our front/back yards help us as communities to support the environment. Which trees to plant?

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Schools

- Too much blacktop and no shade at my school
- Schools need more trees in them for the children to enjoy and sit under.
- Green schoolyards! Shade campuses and create environments more comfortable and conducive to learning

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Multi use trails (pedestrian, sidewalks, equestrian)
- Deodars planted on Altadena Dr are dying
- Curb cut aways
- More in transit corridors pedestrians multi-benefit solutions storm drains are minimal curb cuts to water trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Lake Ave, NY Dr to Altadena Dr
- Lake Ave
- all N/S avenues
- More in DAC 4610 and 4603

Parks

- People come to the park for shade. We need more big trees there.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- Parking lots
- All of the above for maintained and planted

- Altadena Heritage gives trees away annually, about 40 plus. educate on care

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Grocery Outlet on Lake

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - I enjoy trees a lot for the shade they give us when we hike or walk.
- Speak for trees
 - Advocacy for all trees
 - I'm chair of Altadena Heritage tree committee. I give away trees and have made 3 YouTube videos on selecting, planting, and care for trees
 - Part of Tree Committee of Altadena Heritage. We give away 40 trees per year, we have workshop on planting, caring for trees, and with selecting trees
- Plant trees
 - Altadena Heritage Tree Committee. Tree City USA liaison
- Work with trees
 - educate/promote "highest/best use" for downed urban trees - portable sawmills
lumber NOT firewood
 - Train the trainer for City staff and volunteers
 - tree maintenance and education workshops

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- I would like to know more about trees and how to trim and know when a tree is dead
- Education, Events, Walks, Workshops, Benefits, Right Trees, Right Place

Learn about trees

- Would like to learn more about three car and become involved with trees in my front/back yard

Plant trees

- Administrative support: (County, etc)

Work with trees

- Communities could potentially sell their fresh produce as trees get big. Similar to Food Forward but for profit

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- I am very happy that the city cares about this subject and is looking for feedback
- I wish there was more outreach to involve younger adults. They hike Echo and often times are all cutting through trails and ruining what already exists
- Think about warming climate. Planning identifying more trees that will acclimate
- Community involvement to protect the environment of which trees are essential source
- like the coordination
- education from community members
- There is an organized effort to coordinate resources - Develop UFMP
- Concerns of plans not being implemented. Suggestion: incentivizing/funding opportunity
- A listserv where folks can sign up for plan updates would be helpful if there isn't one already
- Working groups - CBO's, collaboration, intergenerational, schools
- Delighted that this project is underway. That resources will be available e to increase canopy. Multiple County Depts seem to be working together.
- It's good to have one entity overseeing the different County Depts. involved with trees
- Educate people to protect healthy trees and regulate the tree trimming industry.

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- What are agencies doing to educate tree trimmers?
- How are you coordinating with others who are planning UFMPS?
- How can we give feedback on the implementation?
- Who are the county agencies who take care of trees?
- Who do we contact to remove trees obstructing power lines? City, County, Utility?
- What is the follow up process for this plan actions and implementation happen?
- How does this connect with the budget process? We need resources!

- How will the plan focus on the need for funding?
- Altadena is wildland urban interface zone. We need more native trees to support wildlife
- Increase outreach for youth input
- What is Board of Supervisors position on this, reallocating resources for hopefully approval of plan?
- Are you reviewing policies at the cities in the county related to trees?
- When trees fall or die - harvest for use-able, valuable lumber, not just firewood/mulch!
- Is there a hotline to call when I see a tree going down?
- How do we make sure we use urban lumber to highest and best use?
- Guidebook for tree trimmers on responsible tree management multi-lingual, mandatory to obtain business license
- Business license for tree trimmers issued only after completing extensive training and fines for violators!

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

My Vision Values for the Urban Forest...

Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values

Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

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Shade/cool
Sombra/refresca

Why?
¿Por qué?

Habitat for wildlife
Hábitat para la vida silvestre

Why?
¿Por qué?

Food/fruit
Comida/fruta

Why?
¿Por qué?

Clean air
Aire puro

Why?
¿Por qué?

Stormwater capture
Captura de aguas pluviales

Why?
¿Por qué?

Mental health
Salud mental

Why?
¿Por qué?

Physical health
Salud física

Why?
¿Por qué?

Cultural significance/importance
Significado/importancia cultural

Why?
¿Por qué?

Beauty/aesthetics
Belleza/estética

Why?
¿Por qué?

Sense of place
Sentido de lugar

Why?
¿Por qué?

Other:
Otro:

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Out there they
get everywhere
they are.

That is the dog
and make the
ground sticky.
They get sticky
on my pants.

Maintenance (cost/need)

Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Long-term maintenance
is a huge cost
factor.

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is a huge cost
factor.

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is a huge cost
factor.

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Support -
all of the
tree limbs
around city
streets.

Tree limbs
falling on
people, cars,
buildings, etc.
are a huge
problem.

Power lines (obstructed)

Lineas eléctricas (obstruidas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Power lines
are a big
problem.

Power lines
are a big
problem.

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

Aceras (levantadas/rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Tree roots
lift the sidewalk
and make it
unsafe.

Tree roots
lift the sidewalk
and make it
unsafe.

Street lights (blocked)

Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Tree limbs
block the
street lights
and make
the street
unsafe.

Tree limbs
block the
street lights
and make
the street
unsafe.

Pipes (broken)

Tuberías (rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?

Tree roots
break the
pipes and
make the
ground
unsafe.

Tree roots
break the
pipes and
make the
ground
unsafe.

Fire risk

Riesgo de incendio

Why?
¿Por qué?

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Pests

Plagas

Why?
¿Por qué?

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Water use

Uso del agua

Why?
¿Por qué?

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Other safety concerns

Otras preocupaciones de seguridad

Why?
¿Por qué?

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Other:

Otro:

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Tree limbs
fall on the
ground and
start a fire.

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes:
- House owners are a threat to mature trees. How about a few residents from every house to have a tree? (one person from every house?)
- Planting trees in front yards is a good idea. It's a good idea to have a tree in front of a house.
- Planting trees in backyards is a good idea. It's a good idea to have a tree in back of a house.

Schools

Escuelas



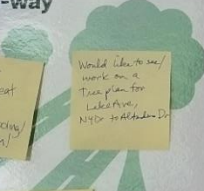
Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes:
- The schoolyard is a great place to plant trees. It's a good idea to have a tree in front of a school.
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Sidewalks/median/right-of-way

Aceras/medianas/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes:
- Would like to see work on a tree plan for Lakeview, NY to add more trees.
- Planting trees on sidewalks is a good idea. It's a good idea to have a tree on a sidewalk.
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Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Handwritten notes:
- People come to the park to shade. It's a good idea to have a tree in a park.
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Other:

Otro:

Handwritten notes:
- Protect mature trees. We want to see "replacement" trees. We want to see "replacement" trees.
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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees

Disfrutar de los árboles

I enjoy that walk for the school. The children are happy to walk to school every day. I would like to have more trees and walk to school. I would like to have a tree in front of my house.

done.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

*Education
Signs
Urban
Walkways
Bikes
Tree Trunk
from Race*

Learn about trees

Aprender sobre los árboles

Would like to learn more about the trees in my neighborhood. I would like to know more about the trees in my neighborhood.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Care for trees

Cuidar de los árboles

Would like to know more about the trees in my neighborhood. I would like to know more about the trees in my neighborhood.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Speak for trees

Hablar en nombre de los árboles

I'm chair of the Urban Forest Committee. I would like to have more trees in my neighborhood. I would like to have more trees in my neighborhood.

Part of the team of the Urban Forest Committee. I would like to have more trees in my neighborhood. I would like to have more trees in my neighborhood.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Plant trees

Sembrar árboles

Would like to know more about the trees in my neighborhood. I would like to know more about the trees in my neighborhood.

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Work with trees

Trabajar con los árboles

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What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

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¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



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¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

What are agencies doing to educate the business?

How do we make
Sue we use
value. transfer to

can
to we contact
to contact HHS
concerning public law

what is the
fill in up

How does that connect with the budgeting process?

How will the plan flow in the future?

increase water
or growth

Altadena
is a wildland
interface zone
We need more
native trees
to support wildlife

When trees fall,
die - harvest
for use-able, wood
LUMBER, not
just biomass.

Guidebook for
tree trimmers or
removalists

Business licenses
for tree trimmer
issued only
after complete
examination

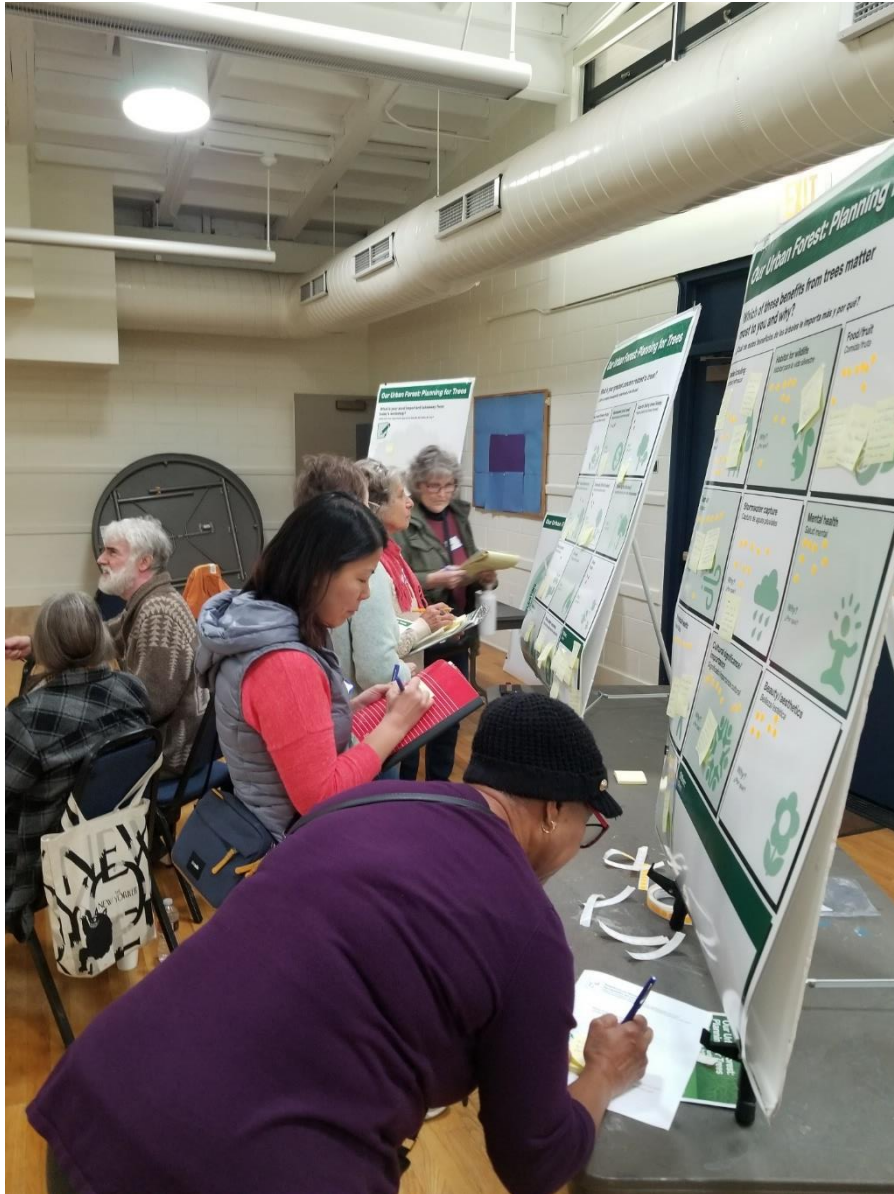
What is Board of
Superior position
on this re allocation

Multi-lingual
mandate

Photos from neighborhood workshop







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really glad to see these workshops
& additional efforts
♥ trees

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 My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
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Vibrant communities with shade trees
 which create cooling, habitat and
 food and shelter ♥

healthy, protected

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
 Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

I was ~~was~~ involved in fighting to protect
 the last old-growth (2000+ yb) redwood trees
 in Humboldt County, while attending college in
 the 80s. It launched my 3+ decades' environmental career!



Benefits of Trees
Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
 ¿Qué beneficios de los árboles te importan más y por qué?

all of them - habitat, shade, water
 retention, beauty, food, shelter.



Concerns and Priorities
Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
 ¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Concerned about un-informed tree crews
 cutting & processing trees inappropriately
 irresponsibly.



Neighborhood Needs
Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
 ¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

everywhere!

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
 ¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

everywhere!
 more fruit trees for urban dwellers' health



My Role in the Urban Forest
Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
 ¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

advocate, amplifier
 strong environmental background,
 writing & public speaking experience

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need
 to achieve this?
 ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para
 lograr esto?

public speaking.

Reflections
Reflexiones

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling
Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

que planten árboles pero que les den mantenimiento

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

Neighborhood Needs
Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/ preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

en todas partes es bueno plantar árboles siempre que no perjudiquen y nos hagan bajar de mas

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

en donde quiera siempre y cuando pidiendo opinión si no causan daño

Benefits of Trees
Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

ayudan a mantener la temperatura en el verano

My Role in the Urban Forest
Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

Mantengo mis árboles que no molesten al vecino y no causar mal en los alambres electricos

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Compartir con personas nuestras experiencias para plantar árboles que nos beneficien

Concerns and Priorities
Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

me preocupacion es de las raices que arminen las propiedades

Reflections
Reflexiones
What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

This presentation was speaking to the choir. We need to educate the greater public, and developers and contractors.

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?
¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

I question the need for a management plan. County already has a lot of management.

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Anne Chomyn

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My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

*Increase tree canopy in Altadena.
Make residents value trees enough so as they won't cut down trees.*

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

A recent candidate on Altadena Heritage board member. She was concerned about trees being butchered and trees being cut down. The AH Tree Committee grew out of that meeting. I am still Chair of that committee.

Benefits of Trees
Beneficios de los árboles
Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Cooling Altadena. Cleaning the air in combatting Urban Heat Island effect.

Concerns and Priorities
Preocupaciones y prioridades
What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

House flipper's are perhaps the worst offenders regarding trees being cut down. Suggest law that new owners may not down mature trees for a year.

Neighborhood Needs
Necesidades del vecindario
Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Home recently changed hands. Parking lots, Street trees.

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Parking lots, Commercial Streets: Lake Ave, Fair Lakes, Lincoln, Washington.

Bug Streets: Washington, New York, Breaño near Cemetery.

My Role in the Urban Forest
Mi rol en el bosque urbano
What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

Chair of Altadena Heritage Tree Committee. We've given away 340 trees per year, but 4 years. So far have given away 163 trees.

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Would like to see more trees given to residents on West side. It's hard to reach them or just reach them. I would like to participate in tree plan for N. Lake Ave.



Reflections Reflexiones

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Tree Hot line

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our thoughts on saving our trees

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Community Engagement - Timeline
we need to add Evaluation of the entire plan - success/failure of actions taken

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling

Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
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- Fruit trees
- Trimming abundant shade trees in all downtown areas & schools

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

Currently my city is taking down over 100 Aleppo Trees that are over 100 years old because city lawyers are concerned about age tree liability. We need to change our mindset on what older trees offer besides liability



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?

¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Shade, air quality, beauty, prevention of erosion, local habitat restoration



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

- ongoing continued care & maintenance of trees by trained arborists following national standards guided by
- poor care results in damaged trees



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

using municipal tree GPS & tree assessment identify age, identify care needs & create a ongoing maintenance plan

Where do we need to plant trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

any tree we plant now needs to be chosen for its ability to withstand increasing temperature 30 yrs into the future. Street trees need to have local water through curb cutting allowing rain water run off to water the trees & going into storm drains



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?

¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

- Advocate for ongoing care/maintenance of our urban forest
- identify ways to engage community residents in caring for private & public trees

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

ongoing funding of local train the trainer efforts - growing residents expertise in tree advocacy/care

Reflections

Reflexiones

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

Need for effective Tree Ordinance & associated enforcement

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?
¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

How to make all this visioning and planning measurable, and reportably effective, as opposed to "shelfware" as just another "study" and unimplemented "plan."

Additional Comments

Comentarios Adicionales

Created a small (~10-20) citizen experts team to include real accomplishments and plans can be quantitatively reported quarterly. You can reach me, Robert Staehle, at gaboso@calglobal.net 824.798.2234

Thank you for your participation in our workshop!
Please hand in this sheet at the Reflections station to enter the raffle.
¡Gracias por tu participación en nuestro taller! Por favor entrega esta hoja en la estación de Reflexiones para participar en el sorteo.



This collaborative effort between the County and City of Los Angeles is supported by Proposition 40 and California Climate Investments funding provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Urban and Community Forestry Program.
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Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Nuestro bosque urbano: planeando para árboles

Staphanie just said it!
useful - local now moved to here
Return Forward
WELCOME
Thank you for coming to a neighborhood workshop!
The County and City of Los Angeles are partnering to create Urban Forest Management Plans, or UFMPs, to develop strategies and best practices to use across the region to support a healthy, sustainable tree canopy that benefits all residents. Today you can share what the tree priorities and needs are in your community to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs.
Use this sheet to write down any questions or comments about the information shared at each station. Visit each station in any order you choose—everyone will do the Reflections station last. A member of the project team will stamp your sheet after each station you visit. This sheet will be collected at the Reflections station and used to enter you in the raffle.
trees are part of infrastructure; their value grows as cities

- AGENDA**
Sign-in, Refreshments, and Visioning Activity
- Welcome and Agenda Overview
 - Presentation and Review Exhibits
 - Open House Activities
 - Prize Drawing and Conclusion

BIENVENIDO
¡Gracias por venir a un taller de vecindario! El condado y la ciudad de Los Angeles están colaborando para crear Planes de Manejo de Bosques Urbanos, o UFMP (por sus siglas en inglés), para desarrollar estrategias y mejores prácticas para usar en toda la región para apoyar una capa arbórea saludable y sostenible que beneficie a todos los residentes. Hoy puedes compartir cuáles son las prioridades y necesidades de los árboles en tu comunidad para ayudar a dar forma a las prioridades desarrolladas en los UFMPs.
Utilice esta hoja para anotar cualquier pregunta o comentario sobre la información compartida en cada estación. Visite cada estación en el orden que elija; todos visitarán la estación de Reflexiones al final. Un miembro del equipo de proyecto sellará su hoja después de cada estación que visite. Esta hoja será recogida en la estación de Reflexiones y será utilizada para participar en el sorteo.

- AGENDA**
Registro, merienda y actividad de visualización
- Bienvenida y descripción general de la agenda
 - Presentación y repasar exposiciones
 - Actividades de puertas abiertas
 - Sorteo del premio y conclusión

Vision, Values, and Storytelling

Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

We need a financial incentive for tree planting, growth + protection. See email exchange between Robert Staehle and Mi Kim Regional Planning. Only with a financial incentive can property development, water use, solar panel installation and other benefits be effective to preserve and increase tree cover.

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

My priority, telling a local in Altadena, sequesters ~500 kg/yr of CO₂. Across ~100,000 acres at unincorporated LA County, the County and property owners could earn ~\$3-8M/yr on the carbon sequestration market. The result could be redistributing across LA County increased property values and all the benefits that come with a more natural environment.

Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles te importan más y por qué?

shade, reduced urban heat island effects, support of wildlife, reduced Air costs, improved mental health, carbon sequestration, happier + better-educated children, healthier people, better air, abundant birds + other wildlife

Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

See post in "Other" box on "Concerns" board

Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

We need to maintain and protect existing trees everywhere they are. The only exceptions should be only when truly essential, and with mandatory 15% carbon sequestration replacement, paid for by the property owner taking the exceptions.

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Wherever they would be useful, because they will produce valuable canopy + CO₂ sequestration in 10-20 yrs.

Low income housing areas, esp. most of western + southern Altadena, need trees the most; just look for the mostly-treeless residential streets. But homeowners need a financial incentive! Right now they cut trees, worried about hazards, liability, and cleanup.

My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

steward of trees on my property, encourage of others to do more to protect trees, advocate and opportunity sponsor for urban lumber producers

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Catalyze the County to obtain money for carbon sequestration by our urban forest and its expansion.

Access

LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Wednesday, January 24th & 31st, 2024

6pm – 8pm

Castaic Public Library

Introduction

On both January 24 and January 31, 2024, the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. TreePeople partnered with the County and City of LA's Urban Forest Management Plan project team to host and facilitate the neighborhood workshop. The meetings were held in Castaic at the Castaic Public Library and had a combined 32 community members in attendance.

Castaic lies at the nexus of the wildland-urban interface and the community experiences a variety of environmental issues. Interstate 5 runs through the heart of Castaic and pollution from the highway is a major concern amongst local stakeholders. A confluence of vegetation, fuel/ignition sources, topography, and weather make Castaic a high risk of wildfires.

This unincorporated community is also home to a State Recreation park that covers over 11,000 acres along with the largest state water reservoir project in Southern California. TreePeople has fostered deep connections with residents of Castaic through our local restoration projects and community outreach and engagement efforts. Both of the workshops benefited from the support of staff members at the Castaic Public Library. Their team provided technical assistance on the day and helped with ushering attendees into the space.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed in, they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Hannah Lester from TreePeople, Mario Dagonel started with a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- A strong desire to see more fruit trees planted “that would provide the community with sustainable and healthy food”
- Wildfire resilience and habitat restoration
- Increasing tree Canopy coverage while navigating the potential hazardous risk to public/private infrastructure

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that support their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Nurturing a struggling lime tree back to health was a great comfort to one of the participants. They were caring for a parent who was in hospice at the time.
- Climbing trees behind their childhood home
- “My avocado tree brought the community together”
- Neighbors even used the leaves from the tree in their turkey recipes.
- A love of mature trees. “We bought our house solely for the two Oaks.”

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Lower energy costs
- Cooler neighborhoods during the Spring/Summer Months

Habitat for wildlife

- Trees provide a place to live for insects, birds, and other fauna
- Increases in population continue to infringe on the habitat for local wildlife species

Food/fruit

- The rising price of food
- Food Deserts
- Food insecurity

Clean air

- Proximity to major highways

- Rates of respiratory illness

Stormwater capture

- Water Waste
- Cost of Water as a resource

Mental health

- Therapy may not be accessible to everyone, however access to green spaces is free and “provides everyone with a place of peace”
- “There is nothing like sitting under a tree, seeking shade enjoying the beauty from under, watching the life within”
- Green spaces tend to reduce stress

Physical health

- Trees help to trap pollution and produce oxygen
- Mental health benefits connected to green spaces

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- Communities with more trees have higher property values
- Mature and healthy trees help to create a “soothing dynamic” in neighborhoods that have them

Sense of place

- Local connection to Oak Tree Species (*Quercus agrifolia*) native to the region

Other

- No comments

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Deciduous tree species leaving “sappy” leaves on sidewalks, walkways, and vehicles
- Clean up of fallen leaves.

Maintenance (cost/need)

- The lack of maintenance provided by public entities
- A desire to have more “ownership” over the processes related to maintenance of trees on private property

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- Annual maintenance in certain neighborhoods leaves trees vulnerable to issues like overgrown limbs.
- High winds in many cases equate to fallen limbs and damage to local infrastructure

Power lines (obstructed)

- Irregular tree trimming schedules can result in trees growing too large and thereby obstructing power lines

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Improper species planted in parkways/areas that aren't suitable for the density of the root system
- "Wrong tree in the Wrong place"

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comments

Pipes (broken)

- Tree root systems can harm below-ground infrastructure
- Monospecies ("Junk Pines") tree selection in certain areas has led to damaged sewage pipes

Fire risk

- Dying trees increase the threat of spreading wildfire
- Safety concerns related to planting new trees in "high-risk" fire regions

Pests

- Locally Oaks are subject to infestation from a highly invasive species of beetle (Gold Spotted Oak Borer)
- Certain tree species are more susceptible to pests and can potentially cost homeowners money in pest control spraying/extermination.

Water use

- Planting Trees during drought periods is a potential concern

Other safety concerns

- No comments

Other

- No comments

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Future Food (Fruit Trees)
- Shade/Cooling
- Prevention of infrastructure damage

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Private residential properties within the Castaic City limits (Several cited instances landowners aren't permitted to prune or remove trees on their property)
- Neighborhoods who have their tree care needs met by city/publicly funded entities

Schools

- Protect shade areas for students
- Creating more climate-resilient learning environments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Castaic Elementary

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Tree Trimming of unwieldy branches
- Aesthetics/Beautification
- Maintaining Healthy Tree Canopies

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Aesthetics/Beautification
- Shade
- Replanting Trees lost to previous wildfire(s)

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Castaic Lake State Recreation Park

Other

- None

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Places and reasons that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Food (Fruit Trees)
- Shade/Cooling
- Mental Health Benefits

Specific locations mentioned include:

- On private residential properties within the Castaic City limits
- Newly constructed homes within the Castaic City Limits

Schools

- Provide shade for students
- Creating more climate-resilient learning environments

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Castaic High School

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- Shade/Cooling
- Aesthetics/Beautification

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Parks

- Aesthetics/Beautification
- Shade
- Replanting Trees lost to previous wildfire
- Maximizing the potential of protected areas

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Castaic Lake State Recreation Park

Other

- Undesignated properties owned by the city/county

Specific locations mentioned include:

- off ramps adjacent to the I-5

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for Trees
- Speak for Trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - Attendees expressed a preference for neighborhoods with higher concentrations of trees.
 - Sitting/reading beneath the shade of a tree was isolated as a source of enjoyment for various participants
- Learn about trees
 - A genuine interest in pursuing more avenues of knowledge related to trees and tree care
 - More in-depth information about trees can empower residents to avoid costly mistakes (e.g. Infrastructure Damage, Wrong Tree Species Planted in an inappropriate area)
- Care for trees
 - Maintain Healthy Tree Canopies
 - Fill in the gaps left by Publicly funded Entities responsible for tree care/maintenance
 - Middle and High School students need to complete “service learning” hours to comply with graduation requirements
- Speak for trees
 - Attendees expressed an interest in participating in the process of discussing and developing concepts for the future of forestry in Castaic
 - Participants noted an appreciation for the methods used to engage the community in the UFMP process.
- Plant trees
 - Participants described caring for trees and plants on their property(s) as “relaxing”
 - Certain participants self-identified as “Environmentalists”

- Middle and High School students need to complete “service learning” hours to comply with graduation requirements
- Work with trees
 - No comments

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- More Trees Planted in Public Use Green Spaces
- Programs for fruit/shade tree adoptions

Learn about trees

- Provide more resources related to trees, native plants, and local ecology for educators to pass along to students
- Workshops/Listening sessions devoted to the subject of trees & native plants

Care for trees

- An increase in educational tools and opportunities related to tree pruning
- More funding for public employees assigned to tree care

Speak for trees

- Information about opportunities for activation (Public Comments, Civic Action)
- Opportunities for training in coalition building & grassroots organizing

Plant trees

- Funding/Grants related to community Greening
- Installation of new Fruit Tree Groves

Work with trees

- More educational opportunities and resources related to jobs in the “urban greening” space

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaways from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- Planting the “right tree species in the right place”
- The approach taken toward forestry management includes a “diversity” of variables and opinions
- A desire to see more educational opportunities that involve trees (e.g. Tree Species, Tree Care)
- Knowledge of plans and processes can help communities have a voice on these issues

- More funding is being invested in Green Initiatives & Infrastructure.
- Annual Tree Trimming isn't working effectively for the community
- A sense of "surprise" that Castaic was involved in this process. Its incorporated status oftentimes excludes the city from opportunities of this nature.

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- Will The Public Works Department get involved with taking care of Trees?
- How does an individual provide more input throughout this process?
- How do community members express their opinions on the tree species selected for future planting?
- Will there be future considerations for planting a fruit tree grove in Castaic?
- How does one find out where/when to provide a public comment on the matter?

Vision, Values, Storytelling



Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?

¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling
Sombra/refrescar



Why?
¿Por qué?

Caliente es una ciudad muy caliente en verano y necesito más sombra de árboles.



Habitat for wildlife
Hábitat para la vida silvestre



Sometimes the animals get frightened.



Food/fruit
Comida/fruta



Why?
¿Por qué?



Clean air
Aire puro



Why?
¿Por qué?



Stormwater capture
Captura de aguas pluviales



Why?
¿Por qué?

Erosion



Mental health
Salud mental



Why?
¿Por qué?



Physical health
Salud física



Why?
¿Por qué?



Cultural significance/importance
Significado/importancia cultural



Why?
¿Por qué?



Beauty/aesthetics
Belleza/estética



Why?
¿Por qué?



Sense of place
Sentido de lugar

Why?
¿Por qué?



Other:
Otro:

Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas)  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Handwritten note: I don't want to see leaves on my car</i>	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)  Why? ¿Por qué?	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas)  Why? ¿Por qué?
Power lines (obstructed) Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas)  Why? ¿Por qué?	Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Aceras (levantadas/rotas)  Why? ¿Por qué?	Street lights (blocked) Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas)  Why? ¿Por qué?
Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas)  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Handwritten notes: County/City need to take care of pipes damaged on my property; Bill Ag. Insurance not to make property</i>	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Handwritten notes: There is a lot of trees need to be fire resistant and need to be maintained; I've seen trees that are dead, dying, or have pests, etc.</i>	Pests Plagas  Why? ¿Por qué? <i>Handwritten note: GSBs and yellow ones</i>
Water use Uso del agua  Why? ¿Por qué?	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad  Why? ¿Por qué?	Other: Otro: <i>Handwritten notes: Allergies; non-native; Aqueducts; Right-of-Way; Right place; Hardscape; Shade</i>

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards
Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Essential trees that provide shade and improve air quality

Planting more trees in neighborhoods

Schools
Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Even small trees can provide shade and improve air quality

By planting trees around schools, we can help reduce the heat island effect and improve the environment for students

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way
Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Large amount of shade trees needed, plus greenery can help improve air quality of the corridor

Appropriate tree for space

Parks
Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Provide shade for recreation and physical activity, as well as create natural habitats

Other:
Otro:

Streets in Inglewood, Gardena, Watts

New Development: Need lots of shade trees to help cool down the area and create natural habitats

Planting trees in public spaces

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

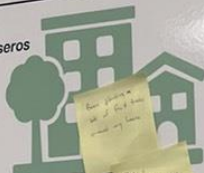
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Front and backyards
Patio delantero y patios traseros



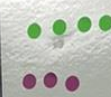
Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas



Handwritten notes on yellow sticky notes:
- "New Projects Fair Share"
- "Preservation of new trees in neighborhood"

Schools
Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas



Handwritten notes on yellow sticky notes:
- "Each school should have trees around it"
- "We believe that planting trees around schools will help children learn and grow"

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way
Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas



Handwritten notes on yellow sticky notes:
- "Large amount of trees along medians and sidewalks will help reduce air pollution"

Parks
Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas



Handwritten note on yellow sticky note:
- "Provide space for mental & physical health as well as create natural habitats"

Other:
Otro:

Handwritten note on yellow sticky note:
- "On ramps of I-5, San Diego City/VA Hwy 125"

Handwritten note on yellow sticky note:
- "New Development: Need lots of trees & greenery (not just at entrance) and some back pockets"

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- "New development should be required to put trees"

My Role in the Urban Forest

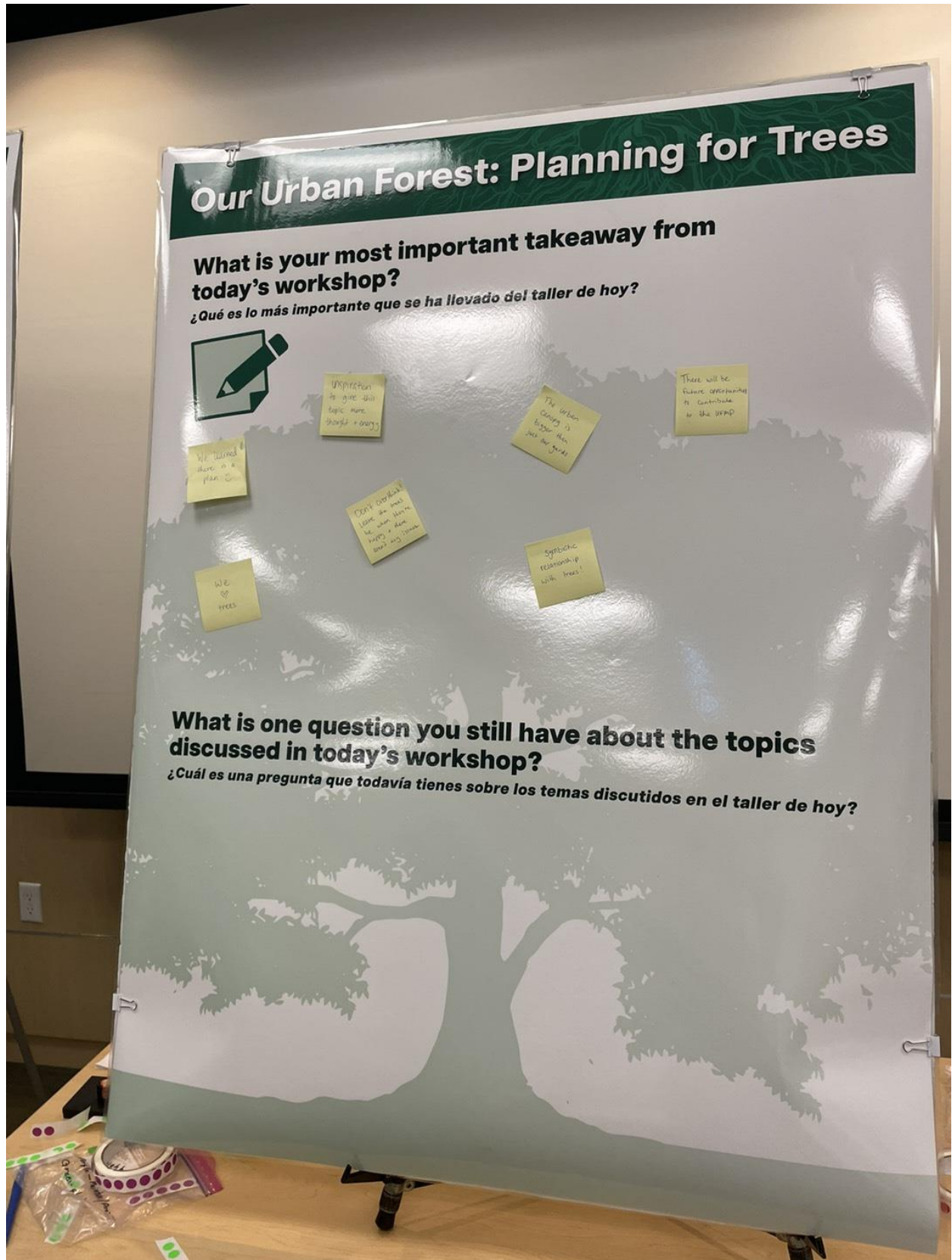
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We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees Disfrutar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Learn about trees Aprender sobre los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Care for trees Cuidar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?
Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Reflections



Our Urban Forest: Planning for T

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...

la visión y valores para el bosque urbano...



My role is to
get the next
generation involved.
My adult children

I'm envisioning a
fire-resilient
future in my community.
How can we plant trees
while making sure we reduce
fire risk and infrastructure
hazards?

my vision includes next that
we can provide the community
with food and health assistance
those teaching the community how
to care for the urban forego
and how to spread the word
of of course for ngs with
land and families.

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values

Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

Plant an apricot
tree in honor of
my grandmother --
whose tree I grew
up under, eating
apricot jam

My cascade the
brought my community
together, neighbors
and the leaves
in air ~~the~~ rustled
hanging water.

I loved climbing
the trees I
had behind my
childhood home

When my dad was in hospital
and he had medical aid
in the workroom, I was the
one to go to the doctor
and make sure that in
my time with him that
was the moment when I
was making a point
of my life and I was
not to be able to go to the
doctor.

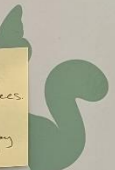
Love the old
oak trees!
We bought our
house solely
for the two
oaks.

Love to eat fresh
fruit from trees.
Memory of Aunt's
Apricot Tree.

Our Urban Forest: Planning for T

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?

¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar Why? ¿Por qué? 	Habitat for wildlife Hábitat para la vida silvestre Why? ¿Por qué? More native trees. Wildlife is supported by nature. 	Food/fruit Comida/fruta Why? ¿Por qué? Food (citrus) are becoming a bigger problem in the city and trees (citrus trees) can and make problem. 
Clean air Aire puro Why? ¿Por qué? 	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales Why? ¿Por qué? 	Mental health Salud mental Why? ¿Por qué? There is NOTHING like sitting under a tree, listening to birds, enjoying the beauty, getting under, watching the life within. There is an amazing connection between trees and mental health. I've seen it with a pair of eyes. 
Physical health Salud física Why? ¿Por qué? 	Cultural significance/ importance Significado/importancia cultural Why? ¿Por qué? 	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética Why? ¿Por qué? 
Sense of place Sentido de lugar Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other: Otro:	

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Tr

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Leaves (leaves/flowers/fruits) Orden (hojas/flores/frutas)  Why? ¿Por qué?	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad) More public education on proper tree pruning. Eter among city employees Root Systems: From County-placed trees, that the County will not address County Maintenance is slow and does not seem to be done correctly 	Hazards (falling trees/branches) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas)  Why? ¿Por qué?
Power lines (obstructed) Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas)  Why? ¿Por qué?	Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Aceras (levantadas/rotas)  Why? ¿Por qué?	Street lights (blocked) Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueado)  Why? ¿Por qué?
Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas) Roots sewer pipe damage Builder junk pines (dead)  Why? ¿Por qué?	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio  Why? ¿Por qué?	Pests Plagas  Why? ¿Por qué?
Water use Uso del agua  Why? ¿Por qué?	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad  Why? ¿Por qué?	Other: Otro:

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles.

Front and backyards

Delantera y patios traseros



Why?

¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations

Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Schools

Escuelas

Why?

¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations

Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

It is important for kids to have trees in their schools. It can help them learn about the environment and the importance of trees. *The education on (educational) Environment; Nature.

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way
Aceras/camellones/vía pública

Why?

¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations

Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

There were more trees in the past. They were cut down for the road. The trees were cut down for the road. The trees were cut down for the road.

Parks
Parques

Why?

¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations

Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Del Valle has great huge trees! Other parks need more trees.

more native trees

Other:
Otro:

My Role in the Urban Forest

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your role? What would you like your role to be in the future?
¿Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría ser tu rol en el futuro?

My trees Cuidar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Learn about trees Aprender sobre los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>I want to get more information about the urban forest and how I can help. I want to know more about the different types of trees and how they can help the environment. I want to know more about the different ways we can take care of the trees and the environment.</i>	Care for trees Cuidar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?
Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Reflections

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



LA County
actually cares
about Castaic!
Honestly surprised.

How much \$ is
being thrown at this?
Tracking accomplishment
& presenting them to
communities makes it
easier to stay
involved. Thank

Right tree,
right place!
Developers need to
take this into
consideration

Realization that
there's a ton of
money being thrown
at this effort.
I wasn't aware of

Annual tree
trimmers are
not maintaining
trees well.

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

Would you
consider a
community garden
area in Casac
w/ a fruit tree
grove?

What is being
done w/ the
old Hillcrest? Was
going to be hybrid?
but is not.

How do we find
out what/where
to provide
public comment?

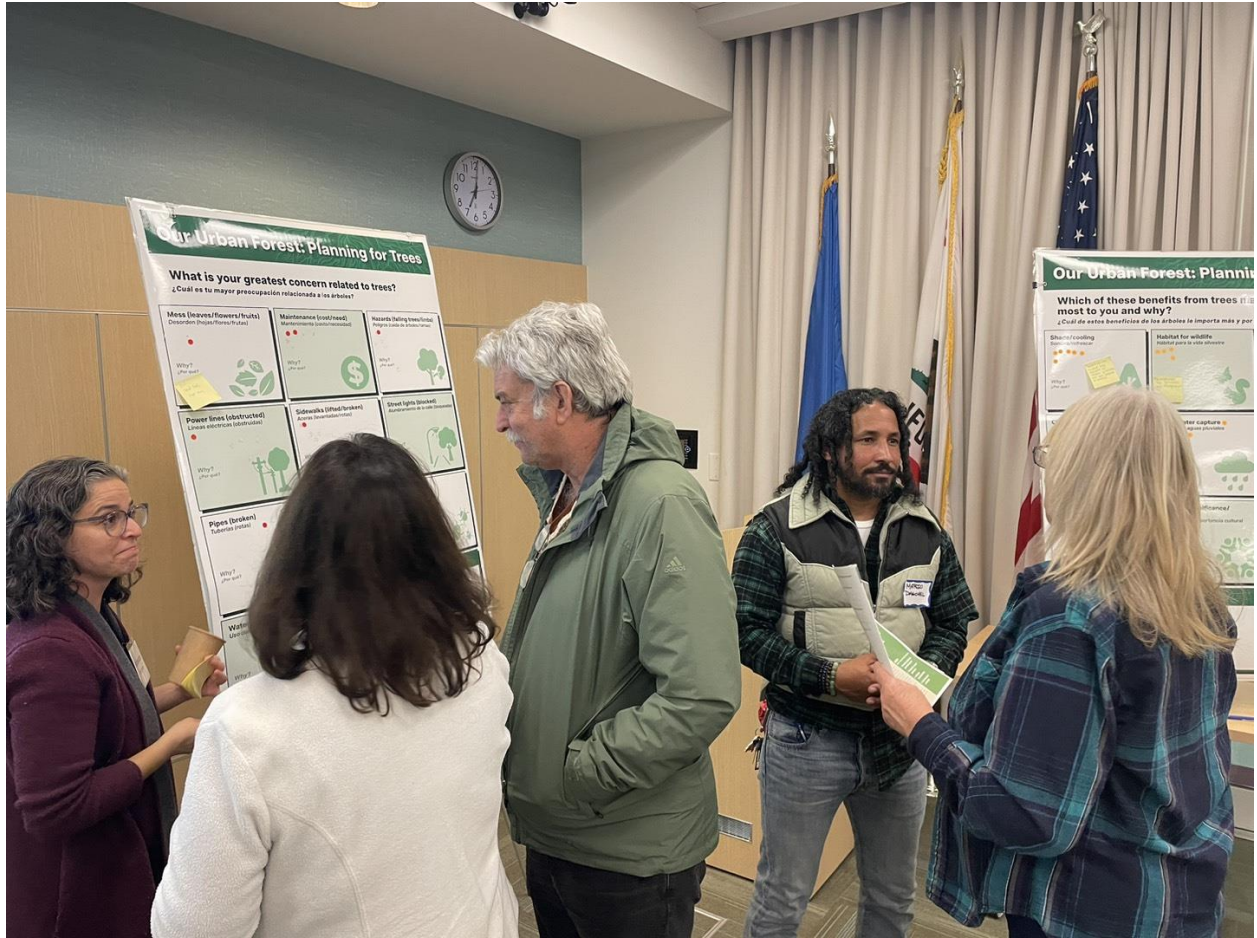
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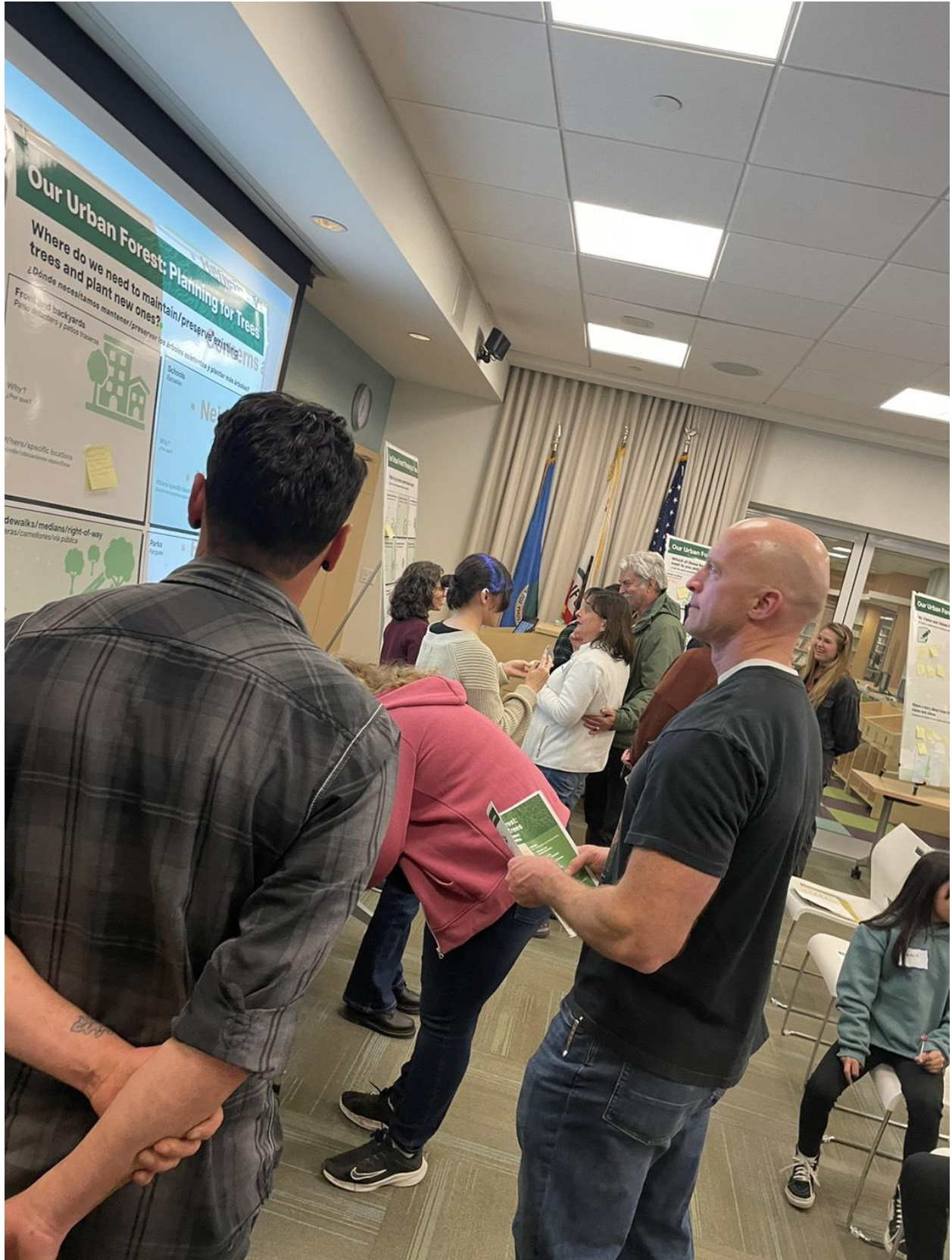
















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Additional Comments
Comentarios Adicionales

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IV. Sorteo del premio y conclusión

Concerns and Priorities
Preocupaciones y prioridades
What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Reflections
Reflexiones
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Tree People will be
planting in Ceresita
within the next
3 months

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How Public works
become involved with
taking care of trees

Additional Comments
Comentarios Adicionales
Nick Hann

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Plant a tree for
Each family member
Born since 1989.

Benefits of Trees
Beneficios de los árboles
Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Air Quality
Being able to relax under a tree

Concerns and Priorities
Preocupaciones y prioridades
What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Public works maintain our trees, they have told me cannot maintain because of budget

Neighborhood Needs
Necesidades del vecindario
Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Local area, Public works
don't have budget to maintain

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

off ramp Hwy and Parker.

My Role in the Urban Forest
Mi rol en el bosque urbano
What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

Little
clean-up leaves.

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Happy to help the environment

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Reflections Reflexiones

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¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

Right tree for right spot

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Neighborhood Needs Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?



Benefits of Trees Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Air quality
Shade
Beauty



My Role in the Urban Forest Mi rol en el bosque urbano

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¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?



Concerns and Priorities Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?



Reflections Reflexiones

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More trees can be incorporated into our community.

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Neighborhood Needs Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Schools, parks

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Schools, parks, medians



Benefits of Trees Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

*Improving our air quality
Improving the look of our community*



My Role in the Urban Forest Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

My role is to learn more about trees.

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

*Learning more about trees.
Planting more trees.*



Concerns and Priorities Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Planting trees to degree that it causes insurance companies to say that we have increased our chances of causing fires and not wanting to insure our home any longer



Reflections Reflexiones

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¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

*There's a plan in place to improve
our urban forest area. We all can
get involved specifically for areas we're
interested in.*

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

*How much money is earmarked specifically
for the Caribou area?*

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Lord Tree People's presentation

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*More attention to the trees we already
have -- in building streets, have lotta
more trees planted in medians. There
should be more drought tolerant in our areas.*

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

*I couldn't wait to plant an apricot
tree, to hold the same place in my
heart as my grand mother's tree. My
dream to make apricot pie & jam redyed.*



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

*Shade, Oxygenation, habitat provisiona
bleaty*



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

*Pipes being compromised YEARS from
now. I want County responsibility for
tree damage on personal property. I
want trees maintained properly.*



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

*Large pine trees need to be really
trimmed along The Old Road and in
Del Valle Park. They actually should be
removed and more appropriate trees planted.*

Where do we need to plant trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

*Trees in medians, and more large
specimen trees at the elementary
schools for shade.*



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

*Being a good mother of my own
trees - maintaining properly. Notifying
County when there's a tree problem.*

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?



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I'd like to learn more about
trees in general like their particular
specifics on care per type of tree

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling

Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

I'd like to see more trees
that provide shade and publicly
available produce as well as
replace the native trees

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

I've always found comfort in
the shade of mighty oaks that
I grew up with



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/ preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

I believe there we should preserve the
older trees in the smaller communities
such as Val Verde

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

I believe we need to plant
more native trees as well as nut
trees in the parks closer to the
freeway such as Del Valle park



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

The benefits of trees that matter most
to me is the supply of food and
shade from the heat



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

My current role is providing the
state of forestry I desire on my own
property by having planted over 10
different variety of fruit bearing trees, 5 shade
trees, and 6 native trees

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need
to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para
lograr esto?

by 20



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

My greatest concern would be the
lack of maintenance as well as
the lack of proper tree education
of trees



Reflections

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?

plant more trees
right tree right place
help I need
builders need to plant more responsibly
they planted the wrong trees

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oak tree preservation

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

grew up climbing trees, sitting in the shade, eating apricots from the tree



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

we have fruit trees
need more shade trees, worried about fire



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

mature tree roots damage to my home
trees in business, commercial areas
medians, freeway exits, intersections
small trees in newly built communities



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

"builders" grade trees, mature tree root damage to structures and plumbing
foundation destroyed by the street tree

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

commercial areas, freeway corridors, in the cement desert
water runoff, too much concrete



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

I plant and care for my fruit orchard, trim & clear for fire control
trying to get the neighbors to fire trim their trees

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?



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Castro is known as the "Tree Shop" town. I would like to see more done to help improve the overall look of the Public and provide education to the community why trees are important.

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

We had a tree in our front yard that eventually had to be removed because of damage to pipes. We would like to replace the tree but want some shade and provide for birds.



Benefits of Trees Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?



Concerns and Priorities Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?



Neighborhood Needs Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?



My Role in the Urban Forest Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?
¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?



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LA County cares about Castaic

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How can we improve air quality

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Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

Mitigate Air Pollution from Val Verde based dump.
Provide fresh fruit
Provide Shade

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

We make frequent trips to fill more to the orchards to re-connect with the nature around us



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Air Quality
Shade
Produce (fruit)



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Fire Danger
Wind - can they get blown down



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/ preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Castaic - Our air is getting very polluted

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Right here in CASTAIC



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?
¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

I would be joining the effort

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I'd love to help if time permits



Reflections Reflexiones

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there is a diversity of opinions and concerns regarding urban trees. Some people were more concerned about trees than being concerned about the lack of trees

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My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...

Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

That every community has dedicated space for large trees. In Cerritos, the native oaks. Trees planted along streets providing shade.

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

We purchased our home because of the two very large old tree (coast oaks)



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Parks

street medians



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?

¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Shade

Wild life habitat



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Public control of invasive tree species

Specifically The Tree of Heaven which

is spreading throughout Cerritos



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Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?

¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?



Reflections Reflexiones

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?
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Planting wrong trees in the right spot, or planting right trees in the wrong place. Right tree Right place.

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

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My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...

Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

More National Forests. A garden forest. Adding fruit trees to the community, not just female. male fruit trees

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

It communities plant female fruit trees, there will be "free" food provided.



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?

¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Shade, fruit, mental wellness, & clean air



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

If the roots pull up the sidewalk



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Parks, National Forests, Schools

Where do we need to plant trees and why?

¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

More schools & parks



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

What is your current role in the urban forest?

¿Cuál es su rol actual en el bosque urbano?

Enjoying trees & caring for them

What would you like your role to be in the future and what do you need to achieve this?

¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro y qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Learn more about trees & planting them



Reflections Reflexiones

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right tree right place
understand trees tree goal

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how can I provide more input?

Additional Comments Comentarios Adicionales

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling

Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

Shade & food = immediate needs, but wildlife safety & water usage are long term. Is it sustainable to irrigate & plant trees in these areas? Are there safer native trees or non-native ornamentals? How can we balance shade & activities with water & fire safety?
Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.
trees are the focal point of landscapes.
even on my commute along the 4th Freeway.
I love fruit trees I visit like old friends
and I want their leaves when we get down.



Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/ preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

Parks, schools
parkways

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

Parks, yards
schools need more shade & natural landscape



Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles le importan más y por qué?

Shade, fruit trees (mostly under on public lands),
wildlife habitats, and sense of place



My Role in the Urban Forest

Mi rol en el bosque urbano

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Enjoying & planting trees

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learning more about trees, caring for them



Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Fire risk / safety

Reflections

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Vision, Values, and Storytelling

Visión, valores y narración de historias

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...
Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...

I believe that urban forest should also be a source of access to food for the community where the community can give their time, respect, and effort into the forest and they can take what they need.

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values.
Comparta una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y valores.

Neighborhood Needs

Necesidades del vecindario

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y por qué?

In areas that can be a danger to the community such as powerlines, hot spots for haitiwanes

Where do we need to plant trees and why?
¿Dónde necesitamos plantar árboles y por qué?

In communities that are lacking shade.

Benefits of Trees

Beneficios de los árboles

Which benefits of trees matter most to you and why?
¿Qué beneficios de los árboles te importan más y por qué?

- They have an incredible ability to provide people w/ nutritious food!
- Protect biodiversity (especially native biodiversity)

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Concerns and Priorities

Preocupaciones y prioridades

What is your greatest concern related to trees? Why?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionado con los árboles? ¿Por qué?

Is the tree native to the soil and land?
Will there be a problem with powerlines?

LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:00PM – 8:00PM

Location Stephen Sorensen Park, Lake Los Angeles

Introduction

On January 11, 2024 the LA County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. The meeting was held in the Lake Los Angeles community and had 8 community members in attendance.

The project team partnered with Strength Based Community Change (SBCC) to outreach and publicize the workshop to their members and the broader Lake Los Angeles community. Community members in attendance ranged in age from children to seniors. This workshop reached one of the most isolated regions of LA County and community members were excited to make their voices heard.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed in, they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. After a welcome from Rebecca Ferdman from the LA County Sustainability Office, Stephanie Pavon gave a presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Large trees that provide shade during the summer and habitat for local wildlife
- Fruit bearing trees that can help address food insecurity
- Native and climate adapted trees that don't require too much water

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- The longevity of a particular tree as a way to measure the amount of time living in one particular place.
- Memories of relying on trees to stay cool or to connect with nature and local wildlife.
- Trees as a way to bring back memories of camping trips to more wooded areas
- The importance of the Joshua Tree to the ecosystem and to the identity of the high desert communities.

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Given the extreme temperatures during the summer and high winds during the winter, shade was very important to the community.

Habitat for wildlife

- Community members recognized the importance of trees in providing a home for wildlife

Food/fruit

- Fruit trees as a way to fight food insecurity and food deserts

Clean air

- Community recognized clear connection between clean air and healthy lungs

Stormwater capture

- Community would like to see the underground aquifers in the area be better managed

Mental health

- Trees bring an inner peace and help relax the body and mind

Physical health

- No comments

Cultural significance/importance

- No comments

Beauty/aesthetics

- Trees make a place look better, promote local pride, and a better a better local economy

Sense of place

- No comments

Other

- Trees can serve as wind breakers to strong winds in the high desert
- Trees can provide privacy

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- Trees that have a lot of leaves or flowers that can create a mess or cause damage take away from aesthetic benefits

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Maintenance costs derived from watering and caring for the trees
- Maintenance costs derived from damage from trees growing in the wrong places

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- Strong winds in the high desert make it necessary for trees with strong roots

Power lines (obstructed)

- SCE does not maintain power lines very well

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Roots can destroy sidewalks causing hazard for students walking, and people pushing strollers, walkers, and on wheelchairs

Streetlights (blocked)

- No comments

Pipes (broken)

- No comments

Fire risk

- The cost of fire insurance as the main concern

Pests

- Some trees can attract pests that can cause problems for homeowners

Water use

- Need for trees that require very little water due to drought and high cost of water

Other safety concerns

- No comments

Other

- Trade off between food for the community and the mess generated

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Trees on the property can provide shade, food, and bring up the value of a property

Specific locations mentioned include:

- North section of property to protect from north winds

Schools

- To help kids stay cool, to help with mental health, to beautify the campus, and to establish a connection with nature

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In the playground area, anywhere there is black top including parking lots

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- To provide shade for people walking in the street, to provide a home for wildlife, and to beautify the neighborhood

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Along the sidewalks, empty lots, and medians

Parks

- To encourage more families to spend time outdoors and to provide recreational opportunities for them
- To provide shared for residents walking pets and kids playing
- Not all parks have nice big trees

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In the playgrounds, near picnic tables, more parks in the rural avenues

Other

- Businesses that lose trees in their property need to replace them

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Private property

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- Trees can be a refuge for kids and wildlife

Specific locations mentioned include:

- North section of the property to protect against northern winds, and in front of the property

Schools

- More trees on school grounds so kids could play comfortably in the shade, and so they can better connect with nature

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Playgrounds, and all blacktop areas including parking lots

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- To provide shade for people walking down the street

Specific locations mentioned include:

- Sidewalks, medians, empty lots, and even on streets without sidewalks

Parks

- To provide more outdoor recreational opportunities for families, to have shade so people can walk their pets, to provide shade for kids playing

Specific locations mentioned include:

- In playgrounds, near picnic areas, and in parks with not a lot of big trees

Other

- In private property
- Some property owners don't care about trees and let the ones in their property die.

Specific locations mentioned include:

- No comments

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Enjoy trees
- Learn about trees
- Care for trees
- Speak for trees
- Plant trees
- Work with trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Enjoy trees
 - Spending time in nature and showing respect for them
- Learn about trees
 - Going to workshops about trees
- Care for trees
 - No comments
- Speak for trees
 - Defending trees against people who don't understand the importance of climate change
- Plant trees
 - No comments
- Work with trees
 - No comments

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these roles include:

Enjoy Trees

- The need to be more intentional about caring for trees and better understand the connection between nature and well being
- They need more resources available for the care and maintenance of trees so they know who to contact when a tree needs help

Learn about trees

- Need for more accessible information at the individual and community level

Care for trees

- More public meetings and courses available to the community

Speak for trees

- Learn to talk about trees in respect to climate change

Plant trees

- Learn planting techniques and identify trees that are native, can provide shade and are drought resistant
- Need to plan for water costs

Work with trees

- Classes and workshops on maintenance and care of trees

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- The way trees impact our daily lives and our mental health
- The urban forest can be part of the high desert
- The urban forest in the high desert will look different than the rest of LA County
- The financial importance and benefits of trees

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- How will the data collected be evaluated?
- How will we plan for dryer climate in the future?
- Can we start local economies with the food grown from the urban forest?
- How do you analyze each meeting separately?
- Who takes responsibility in the ROW and for providing the water to maintain the trees?
- How do we ensure the process is equitable?

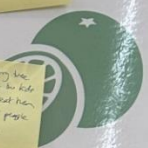
Vision, Values, Storytelling



Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?
¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling Sombra/refrescar  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with heat Cools the air Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health	Habitat for wildlife Hábitat para la vida silvestre  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with wildlife Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health	Food/fruit Comida/fruta  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with food Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health
Clean air Aire puro  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with clean air Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health	Stormwater capture Captura de aguas pluviales  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with stormwater capture Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health	Mental health Salud mental  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with mental health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health
Physical health Salud física  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with physical health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health	Cultural significance/importance Significado/importancia cultural  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with cultural significance Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health	Beauty/aesthetics Belleza/estética  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with beauty/aesthetics Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health
Sense of place Sentido de lugar  Why? ¿Por qué? Helps with sense of place Shade is important for health Shade is important for health Shade is important for health	Other: Otro: WIND BREAK PRIVACY Economic value of street trees	

Concerns and Priorities

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?
¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits) Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas) Why? ¿Por qué? Properties that have lots of leaves, flowers, fruits can be a nuisance to people walking past them. 	Maintenance (cost/need) Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad) Why? ¿Por qué? Watering is maintenance. Having to be involved in maintenance costs can be a burden for some people. 	Hazards (falling trees/limbs) Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas) Why? ¿Por qué? Wind conditions are hard to predict and there are other safety concerns. 
Power lines (obstructed) Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas) Why? ¿Por qué? Some power lines are too close to trees. 	Sidewalks (lifted/broken) Aceras (levantadas/rotas) Why? ¿Por qué? Subsidence with trees is a problem. Also, if the sidewalk is broken, it can be a hazard for people walking. 	Street lights (blocked) Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas) Why? ¿Por qué? 
Pipes (broken) Tuberías (rotas) Why? ¿Por qué? 	Fire risk Riesgo de incendio Why? ¿Por qué? Fire risk is a concern, but it's not always preventable. 	Pests Plagas Why? ¿Por qué? Some trees attract pests that can become a nuisance to people. 
Water use Uso del agua Why? ¿Por qué? Lower water bills. Using a lot of water can be a problem, especially in areas with drought restrictions. 	Other safety concerns Otras preocupaciones de seguridad Why? ¿Por qué? 	Other: Otro: Mess vs food contamination.

Neighborhood Needs

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Should be preserved because it's a beautiful sight, it's a natural element of the neighborhood, it's a natural element of the neighborhood, it's a natural element of the neighborhood.

North, trees around property line, the north wind.

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Trees in front yards, along the street, & in the backyards, trees in the backyards, trees in the backyards.

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Children from all schools will enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area.

More trees in the area, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area.

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

School grounds, school grounds, school grounds, school grounds.

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

More trees in medians, sidewalks, and right-of-way, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area.

Tree-lined sidewalks, trees along the sidewalk, trees along the sidewalk, trees along the sidewalk.

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Along the sidewalk, along the sidewalk, along the sidewalk, along the sidewalk.

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

More trees in the park, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area, they will be able to enjoy the area.

More shade for children at play, more shade for children at play, more shade for children at play, more shade for children at play.

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Along the sidewalk, along the sidewalk, along the sidewalk, along the sidewalk.

Other:

Otro:

Businesses need to replace trees they lose - they have been notified the city should require them to replace.

Don't think can be integrated into the area.

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees

Disfrutar de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

As an adult, to enjoy trees it used to be more educational. Sometimes when you realize that trees are important, using expert and reliable sources helps. There are more and more people who are interested in trees.

Started the tree to the tree of them, starting as a teacher or teacher, then to show the young people the importance of trees.

Learn about trees

Aprender sobre los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Advocacy with residents on learning about trees.

Shared workshops for me but also advocated to spread in my community. Advocacy.

Care for trees

Cuidar de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I'd like to learn how to care for various species of trees. Courses would help.

We can help people learn more about trees with workshops.

Have some meetings with residents.

Speak for trees

Hablar en nombre de los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

I think I would like to speak for trees because its important for trees to be in our community.

Prepare for people who don't understand the importance of climate change.

We have to declare the trees, land and respect them.

Plant trees

Sembrar árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Learn a how to plant them.

plan for water cost.

Not understand first step & next.

Learn about trees that thrive in desert spaces and that can grow in shade, water conservation and drought resistant, my ability to properly care for a tree.

Work with trees

Trabajar con los árboles

What do you need to achieve this?
¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?

Courses/workshops on the importance of maintaining trees.

Classes on how to take care of them and trim them.

Reflections

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your most important takeaway from today's workshop?

¿Qué es lo más importante que se ha llevado del taller de hoy?



Trees clean
the air

Very engaging &
reflective
questions.

Gave me excited &
thinking about
the future of
JES in our
community.

I learned the
direct imports of
beer. I realized the
places I live do
not add the one place,
with great beer.

Tree throughs
Commercial,
Medians →
Concrete +
Grass

Proactive approach
to make people see
how they are also in
charge of what
any political

Good evening
x long time
about it.

Planning for home
here is difficult.
None in Santa
Clarita or LA -
we live in a dry desert!

Trees - what's the
big deal? And if
IS - big deal!

of those opportunities

Recognizing
these impacts
of trees

I'm from EE, it was
not very turbulent. We
were not carrying
loaders, along street.
We by the way were yellow.
It was considered to put
up stress - physical and
mental.

EDU Workshops
allow to let
politics aside
for appreciation
of trees

Regional
of limitations
& perceptions
(climate action
tree)

CURBS
Appeal
to previous
value

Renter
control
of tree
care

This is better
than I
expected.

mental health
five kids at
school

effects &
impact of
Daily life
(shopping, shade
climate)

thinking of
Beverly Areas
as urban
forests

What is one question you still have about the topics discussed in today's workshop?

¿Cuál es una pregunta que todavía tienes sobre los temas discutidos en el taller de hoy?

As we move forward and
plan all the time, we are going
to help plant the
new street.

Can we help people
from the transfer of
homes, such as selling
but, it is not in
the budget.

People needed in
some cases,
MID
"employment oppo
unities"

How does the
drought figure
into this? Can't
you stand it with
the people that pay
will be left with
a dead tree or
lower down to
look at
education
for the state

How will the data be collected?
He don't have a lot of gear
saves

How do you
analyse each
meeting separately?

Larger issues
than
Env't'l issues

ROW H₂O
of EOW of
hot weather

Maintenance
responsibility
(Raw H₂O)
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Env't Justice

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LA County and LA City UFMP Neighborhood Workshop Summary

Thursday January 25, 2024
6PM to 7:30PM
George Lane Park, Quartz Hill

Introduction

On January 25, 2024 the County Urban Forest Management Plan team hosted a neighborhood workshop to gather community input to help shape the priorities developed in the UFMPs. MIG hosted and facilitated the neighborhood workshop. The meeting was held in Quartz Hill at George Lane Park and had ten community members in attendance.

It was a cold and blustery evening at the park, and MIG and Dudek staff encouraged park visitors to come inside the community room and join the workshop. A group of high school students at the park participated in the workshop activities and one took home a coast live oak to plant in her yard.

Workshop

As community members arrived and signed-in they were encouraged to participate in a visioning activity. Stephanie Lane Pavon from MIG welcomed folks in the room and gave a short presentation that provided a brief overview, shared how the community can stay involved in the process, and explained the format for the workshop.

Once the presentation concluded, attendees participated in a series of activities at six stations set up around the meeting space. Below is a summary of the input gathered during the neighborhood workshop.

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Attendees were asked to share their vision and values for the urban forest using post-it notes. Their vision and values include:

- Having more trees to enjoy in their neighborhood and in the broader community
- Flowering trees
- Having trees to be with and enjoy, to climb and rest

Community members were also encouraged to share a story about trees that supports their vision and values. Stories could be shared through a video recording posted to social media using the hashtag #UrbanForestLA, using a post-it, drawing a picture, or writing their story in their agenda/comment sheet. These stories mentioned:

- Beautiful flowering trees near their school

- Spaces on the walk to school where there could be more trees and shade
- Sharing seedlings grown in elementary school with mom for mother's day

Benefits of Trees

Community members were asked to indicate which benefits from trees mattered most to them. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Shade/cooling

- Trees give shade on walk to school

Habitat for wildlife

- Attracts insects like ladybugs

Food/fruit

- Enjoying eating fruit from trees

Clean air

- Trees help us breathe

Stormwater capture

- (chosen as important but no comments)

Mental health

- Trees are calming

Physical health

- Trees are medicine

Cultural significance/importance

- (chosen as important but no comments)

Beauty/aesthetics

- Beautiful willow trees
- Enjoy decoration and light on trees in their yard

Sense of place

- They are fun to climb
- Space for tree houses

Concerns and Priorities

Attendees were asked to share what their greatest concerns are related to trees. These are the major themes among the choices and comments from participants:

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)

- No participants chose this benefit

Maintenance (cost/need)

- Maintenance, water and care for trees

Hazards (falling trees/limbs)

- No participants chose this benefit

Power lines (obstructed)

- (chosen as important but no comments)

Sidewalks (lifted/broken)

- Trees lifting the sidewalks

Streetlights (blocked)

- No participants chose this benefit

Pipes (broken)

- No participants chose this benefit

Fire risk

- (chosen as important but no comments)

Pests

- No participants chose this benefit

Water use

- We don't have a lot of water here to care for trees

Other safety concerns

- No participants chose this benefit

Neighborhood Needs

When sharing where trees need to be **maintained or preserved**, community members shared reasons why the following places are important:

Front and backyards

- Trees are not being taken care of and need water

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Schools

- none

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- This was chosen as a location but without a comment

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Parks

- none

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Other

- none

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Places that were noted by attendees that **need planted trees** include:

Front and backyards

- none

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Schools

- Kids needs shade to play outside

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

- none

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

Parks

- More habitat for animals

Specific locations mentioned include:

- None

Other

- none

Specific locations mentioned include:

- none

My Role in the Urban Forest

These are the roles community members currently hold in the urban forest:

- Learn about trees

Attendees mentioned currently participating in certain roles for various reasons. A summary of these comments is below:

- Learn about trees
 - Participants talked about learning about trees and their benefits at school

Roles community members would like to have in the future and what they need to fulfill these

Enjoy Trees

- No comments provided

Plant trees

- How do I plant a tree? I need to learn how

Work with trees

- Tools, equipment, learn how to climb, learning about trees

Reflections

Attendees shared their most important takeaway from the workshop. Below is a summary of key ideas:

- There is a lot of open space in Quartz Hill to plant trees, but a lot of hot weather
- Connecting the learning from earth science class

Questions community members in attendance still have about the workshop topics include:

- How do I know if I'm watering my tree enough or too much?
- How do I learn to take care of trees?

Appendix of Workshop Materials

Vision, Values, Storytelling

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

My Vision and Values for the Urban Forest...

Mi visión y valores para el bosque urbano...



PRETTY
FLOWERS

Flourish forest

I want to sit
under a big tree

I want a tree
that I can
wake up and look
at

Share a story about trees that supports your vision and values

Comparte una historia sobre árboles que respalde tu visión y tus valores

I used to live and
walk near a
bridge that would
have been nice with
trees

There's a tree
outside my school
that would drop
whole flowers like it
was raining

Benefits of Trees

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Which of these benefits from trees matter most to you and why?

¿Cuál de estos beneficios de los árboles le importa más y por qué?

Shade/cooling
Sombra/refrescar

Why?
¿Por qué?



Habitat for wildlife
Hábitat para la vida silvestre

Why?
¿Por qué?

attract birds



Food/fruit
Comida/fruta

Why?
¿Por qué?



Clean air
Aire puro

Why?
¿Por qué?

Trees help
me breathe



Stormwater capture
Captura de aguas pluviales

Why?
¿Por qué?



Mental health
Salud mental

Why?
¿Por qué?

relaxing



Physical health
Salud física

Why?
¿Por qué?

tree can
reduce



**Cultural significance/
importance**
Significado/importancia cultural

Why?
¿Por qué?



Beauty/aesthetics
Belleza/estética

Why?
¿Por qué?

deciduous
and light
in my yard



Sense of place
Sentido de lugar

Why?
¿Por qué?

climb
trees

Tree
House



Other:
Otro:

change
tree
vs
solar

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

What is your greatest concern related to trees?

¿Cuál es tu mayor preocupación relacionada a los árboles?

Mess (leaves/flowers/fruits)
Desorden (hojas/flores/frutas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Maintenance (cost/need)
Mantenimiento (costo/necesidad)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Hazards (falling trees/limbs)
Peligros (caída de árboles/ramas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



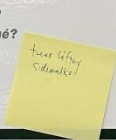
Power lines (obstructed)
Líneas eléctricas (obstruidas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Sidewalks (lifted/broken)
Aceras (levantadas/rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Street lights (blocked)
Alumbramiento de la calle (bloqueadas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Pipes (broken)
Tuberías (rotas)

Why?
¿Por qué?



Fire risk
Riesgo de incendio

Why?
¿Por qué?



Pests
Plagas

Why?
¿Por qué?



Water use
Uso del agua

Why?
¿Por qué?



Other safety concerns
Otras preocupaciones de seguridad

Why?
¿Por qué?



Other:
Otro:

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

Where do we need to maintain/preserve existing trees and plant new ones?

¿Dónde necesitamos mantener/preservar los árboles existentes y plantar más árboles?

Front and backyards

Patio delantero y patios traseros



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Trees are not being taken care of and water

Schools

Escuelas



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Kids need place to play outside

Sidewalks/medians/right-of-way

Aceras/camellones/vía pública



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

Parks

Parques



Why?
¿Por qué?

Where/specific locations
Dónde/ubicaciones específicas

needed for exercise

Other:
Otro:

My Role in the Urban Forest

Our Urban Forest: Planning for Trees

We all have a role in the urban forest. What is your current role? What would you like your role to be in the future?

Todos tenemos un rol en el bosque urbano. ¿Cuál es tu rol actual? ¿Cuál te gustaría que fuera tu rol en el futuro?

Enjoy trees Disfrutar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Learn about trees Aprender sobre los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Care for trees Cuidar de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?
Speak for trees Hablar en nombre de los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto?	Plant trees Sembrar árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>How do I plant a tree?</i>	Work with trees Trabajar con los árboles  What do you need to achieve this? ¿Qué necesitas para lograr esto? <i>What equipment can we use to work with trees?</i>

Reflections

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