

Contra Costa County Urban Forest Management Plan



Presenter: Adam Scarbrough
November 20, 2025



1

1

Why develop the UFMP?

The UFMP builds on 10 years County work

- 2015 - Climate Change Vulnerability in Contra Costa: A Focus on Heat
 - Found that urban heat islands are prevalent in CCC's impacted (AKA CalEnviroscreen Disadvantaged Communities)*
- 2023 - Healthy Lands, Healthy People Study
 - Recommendation to develop a UFMP
- 2024 - General Plan (GP)/Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)
 - GP Health and Safety Element (Ch 9)
 - CAAP Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure (NI)

* <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>

2

2

Funding for the UFMP



Governor's Office
of Land-use and
Climate
Innovation (LCI)



Integrated
Climate
Adaptation and
Community
Resilience
Program (ICARP)



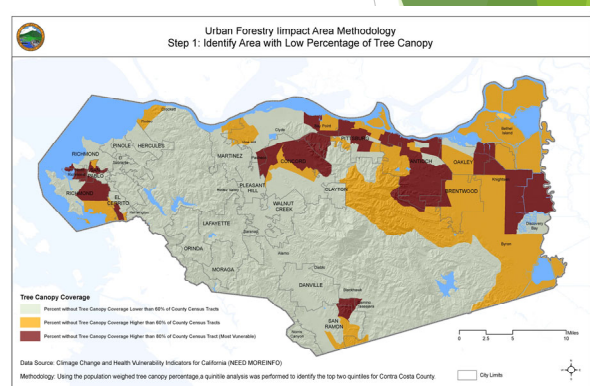
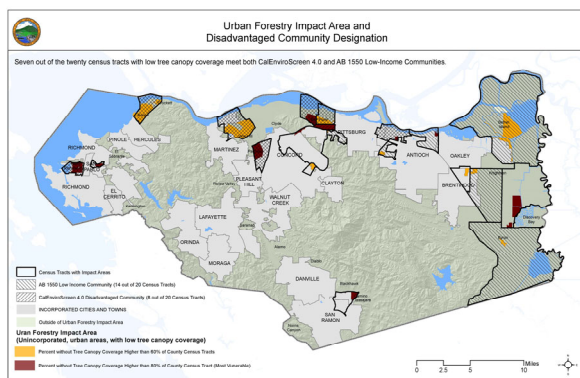
Extreme Heat
and Community
Resilience
Program (EHCRP)

- Large planning grant
- \$750,000
- 2-year project timeline
- For extreme heat mitigation with a focus on impacted communities

3

3

UFMP Target Area



* <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>

4

4

UFMP Grant Partners

Lead Applicant:

Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation and Development (DCD)

Partners:

The Watershed Project (TWP)

Sustainable Contra Costa (SCOCO)

Civicorps

Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa (WDBCCC)

Rincon Consultants

Community Engagement	Workforce Development	UFMP Development	Tree Planting Demonstration Project	Admin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWP • SCOCO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDBCCC • Civicorps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rincon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWP • CCCDCD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCCDCD

5

5

Community Engagement



The Watershed Project & Sustainable Contra Costa will lead our community engagement efforts which include:

- Community Needs Assessment
- Community Science Tree Inventory
- Design and Production of Outreach Collateral
- Tree Stewardship Academy
- Tree Planting Events
- Tabling at Public Events
- Municipal Advisory Committee Meetings
- Leveraging Each Organization's Mailing List



6

6

Workforce Development

Civicorps and the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County will lead our green infrastructure workforce development efforts which include:



- Develop Green Infrastructure Training Curricula
 - 5 trainings/20 corpsmembers per year
 - 2 years
- Host 2 Career Outreach Events for Green Infrastructure Training Graduates
- Proposed Training Curricula:

Training 1	Training 2	Training 3	Training 4	Training 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Exploration • Cover Letter/Resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Tree Care • Tools Certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native and Invasive Species Identification • Principles of Urban Forestry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS • Tree Tracker Platform Field Application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Infrastructure and Public Works Job Applications • Interview Skills

7

7

Urban Forest Management Plan

Rincon Consultants will lead the development of the UFMP with input from CCCDCD staff and the Advisory Working Group.



Urban Forest Management Plan Sections

- I. Analysis of Current Conditions in Unincorporated Contra Costa County
 - Tree Canopy and Urban Heat Assessment
 - Community Science Tree Canopy Assessment
- II. UFMP Policies and Best Practices
 - County specific planting lists
 - Best practices for maintaining trees on public/private property
- III. Financing Strategies
 - For long-term tree maintenance and implementation of the UFMP
- IV. Implementing and Monitoring Plan

8

8

UFMP Advisory Working Group

To provide input and feedback on UFMP draft sections as they are produced



Working group will consist of:

- County Departments (Public Works, Fire Protection District, and More!)
- Community Group Representatives
- Individual Experts

9

9

Tree Demo Project(s)

- 3 demonstration projects
- Approximately 50 trees total
- Volunteers welcome
- Learn about planting and the benefits of trees!
- First planting date set:
 - Date : December 13
 - Time : 9:00 - 12:30
 - Location: Lynbrook Park in Bay Point



the watershed project 

Community Tree Planting Workshop

Join The Watershed Project and Contra Costa County to plant trees and learn how trees help cool down and green our communities!




During this hands-on workshop, volunteers will learn how to plant and maintain urban trees and get their hands dirty helping us add new greenery to Lynbrook Park.

Saturday, December 13
9:30am – 1:00pm
Lynbrook Park, Bay Point, CA

As part of the County's effort to grow new trees and develop a countywide Urban Forest Management Plan, you'll help us plant and care for trees right here in your neighborhood.

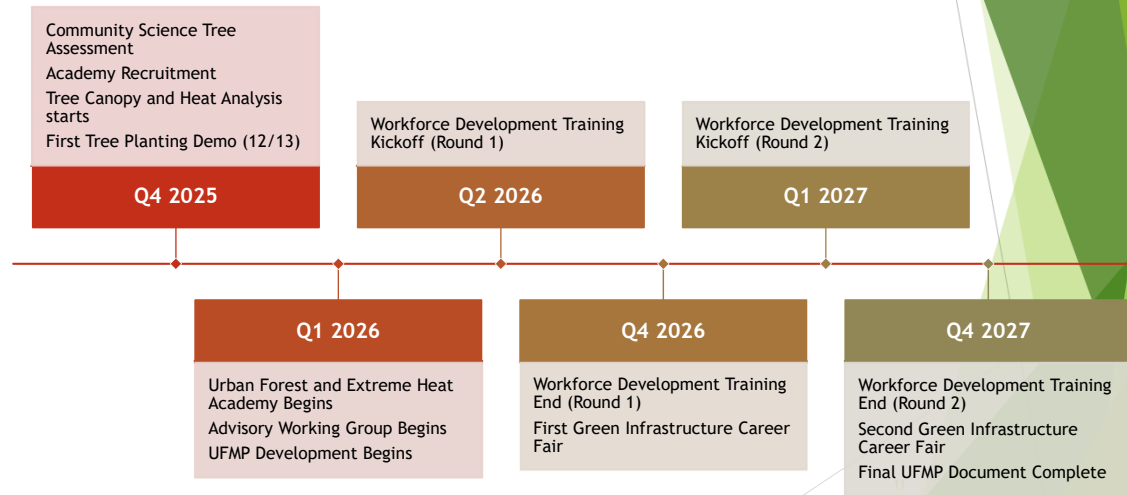
Join us to learn more! [JOIN NOW](#) 



10

10

UFMP Project Timeline



11

Questions?

12

12