

Contra Costa County Urban Forest Management Plan



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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>

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Funding for the UFMP

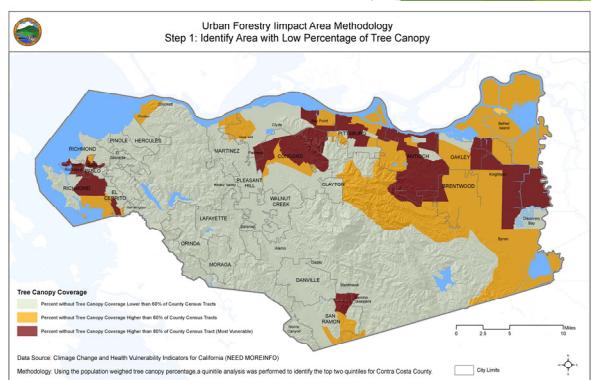
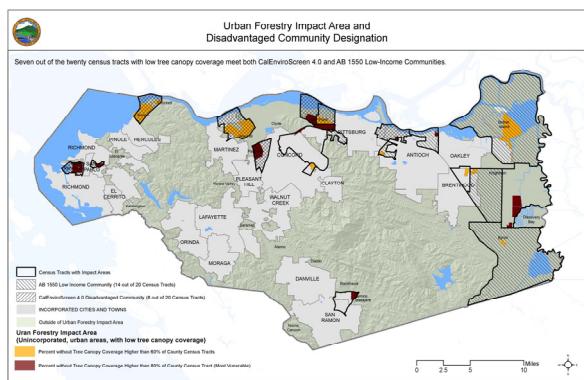


- Large planning grant
- \$750,000
- 2-year project timeline
- For extreme heat mitigation with a focus on impacted communities

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UFMP Target Area



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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

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Community Engagement



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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



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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

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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

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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

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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 **31**: December 13
 - Time **⌚**: 9:00 - 12:30
 - Location: Lynbrook Park in Bay Point

the watershed project  **CONTRA COSTA**
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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

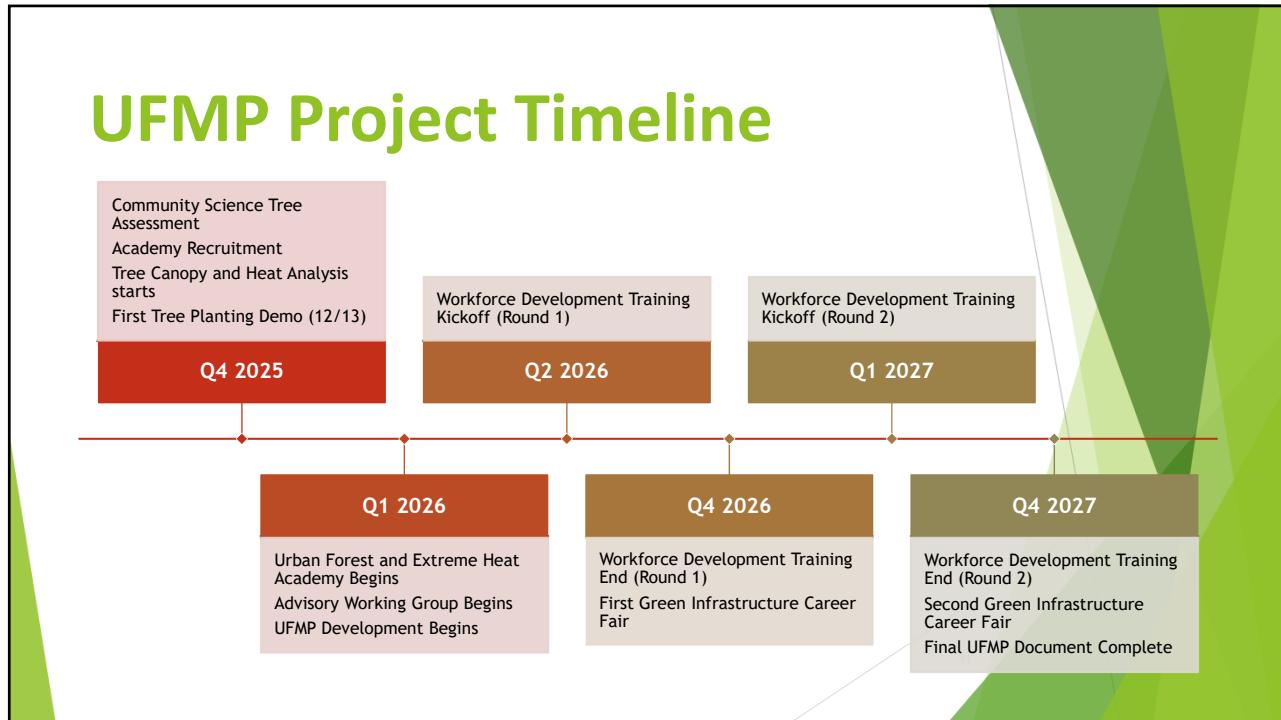
As part of the County's effort to grow new trees and develop a countywide Urban Forest Management Plan, you'll help us plant and care for trees right here in your neighborhood.

Join us to learn more!  

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UFMP Project Timeline



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Questions?

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