



# Protect, Invest in, and Grow our Urban Forest for a Healthy, Green, and Just NYC

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## **Trees are a Wise Investment for the Future of New York City**

The New York City urban forest includes more than 7 million trees on public and private property in New York City and the infrastructure (such as roots, soil, and tree caretakers) that supports them.

### **Trees boost our quality of life and improve public health by:**

- Enhancing New York City's neighborhoods by providing places to exercise, relax, play, and socialize.
- Cleaning our air by lowering emissions and storing and absorbing carbon.
- Beautifying our communities with lovely shaded streets producing large tree canopies.
- Providing essential shade, reducing overall air temperatures and heat related illnesses like heat stroke and heat exhaustion.
- Strengthening our shoreline by absorbing stormwater during heavy precipitation events and preventing pollution from reaching our rivers, bays, and harbors.

**Our urban forest serves as vital infrastructure, worth an estimated \$5.7 billion, providing services and benefits to NYC worth over \$250 million per year!**

### ***Did you know?***

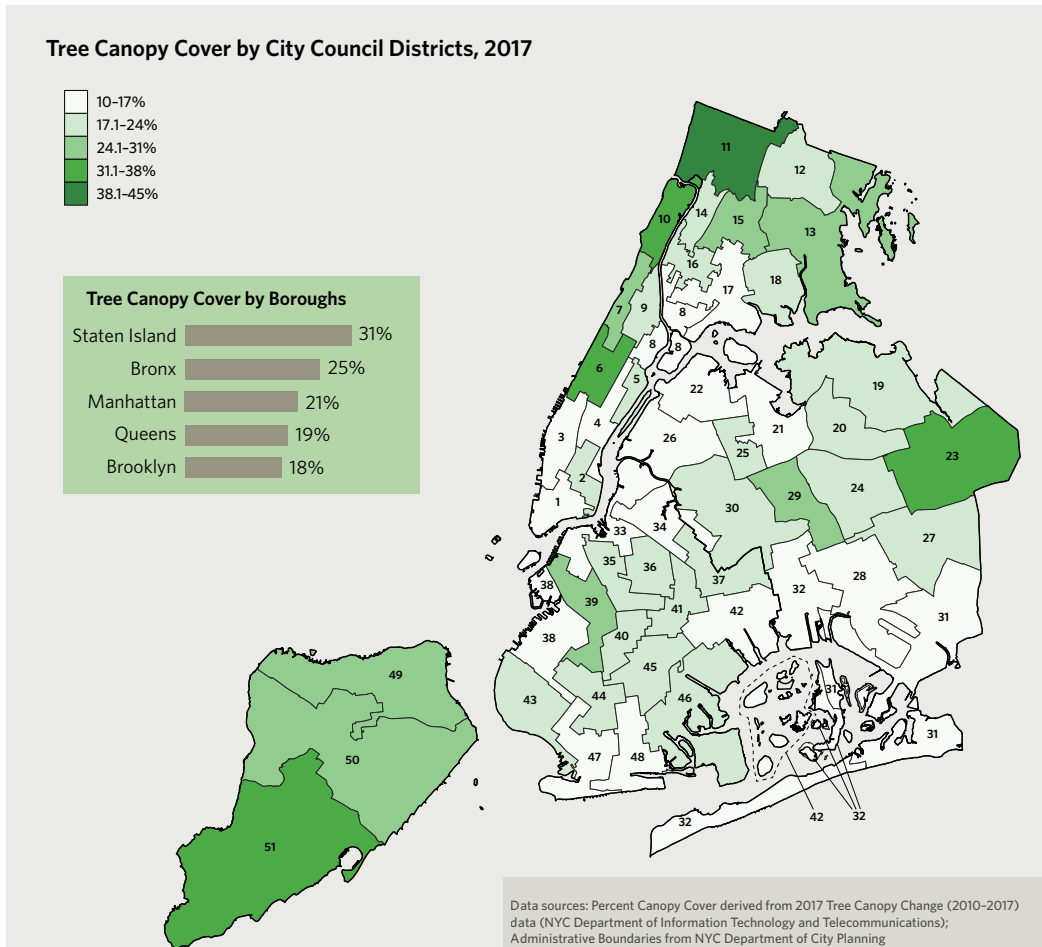
NYC trees reduce emissions by an estimated 1,110 tons of air pollution and 186,000 tons of carbon dioxide from the air each year.

That's equivalent to taking over 36,000 cars off the road every year!

# FOCUS ON EQUITY: Growing our Tree Canopy Across All 5 Boroughs

The **NYC Urban Forest Agenda** is a roadmap to protect, maintain, expand, and promote the New York City urban forest to benefit all New Yorkers in a way that is just and equitable. Among its goals is to increase tree canopy coverage to 30% by 2035 (from 22% as of 2017) and will need vast support to reach this ambitious and achievable goal. The following map shows tree canopy cover across New York City in 2017 (latest available data) and the disparate distribution of the urban forest across boroughs and neighborhoods.

**We must ensure funding and policies enhance the urban forest in every neighborhood.**



## Show Your Support for the NYC Urban Forest!

Forest for All NYC is a broad and diverse coalition of public, nonprofit, and private sector groups dedicated to conserving and expanding the urban forest in New York City.

Our vision is to create a healthy, biodiverse, robust, accessible, well-understood, and resilient urban forest that justly and equitably delivers its multiple benefits to all residents of New York City and helps the city adapt to and mitigate climate change.

You can show your support for our agenda by sharing your voice on social media.

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