

ORDINANCE

702-2020 (AMENDED)

MAY 16, 2022



WHY TREES MATTER

Remove ozone from the air

Store and reduce GHG emissions

Shade and cool streets to mitigate urban heat islands

Reduce stormwater related flooding and CSO's

Improve water quality by filtering pollutants

Increase property values



A blue-tinted photograph of a city skyline, likely Cleveland, with a park and water in the foreground. The skyline includes several prominent skyscrapers, including the Terminal Tower. In the foreground, there is a large park area with many trees and a crowd of people gathered near a body of water. Several boats are visible on the water.

Our tree canopy produces annual environmental benefits in excess of \$11.4 million

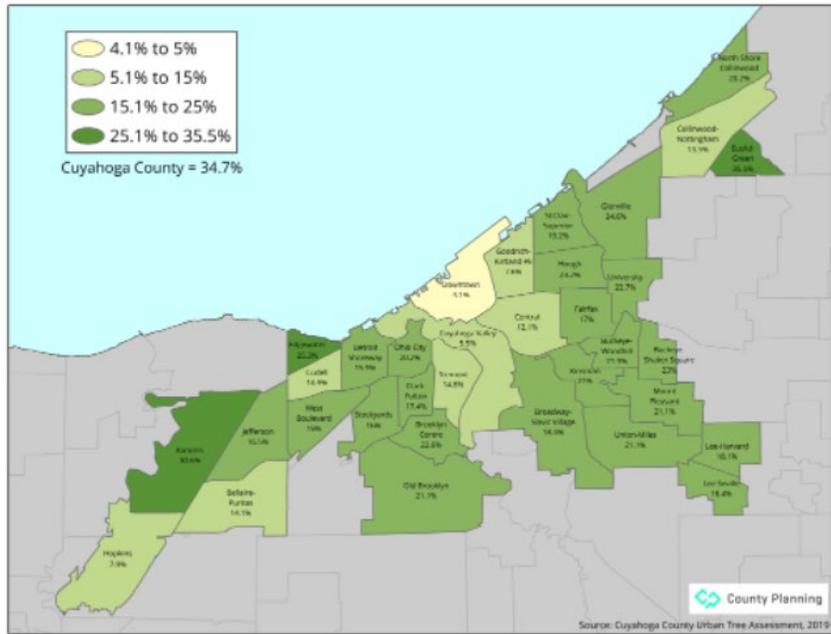
Additionally, our tree canopy produces a lifetime carbon storage benefit of over \$26 million

Finally, our tree canopy contributes nearly \$3.7 million of avoided negative health impacts

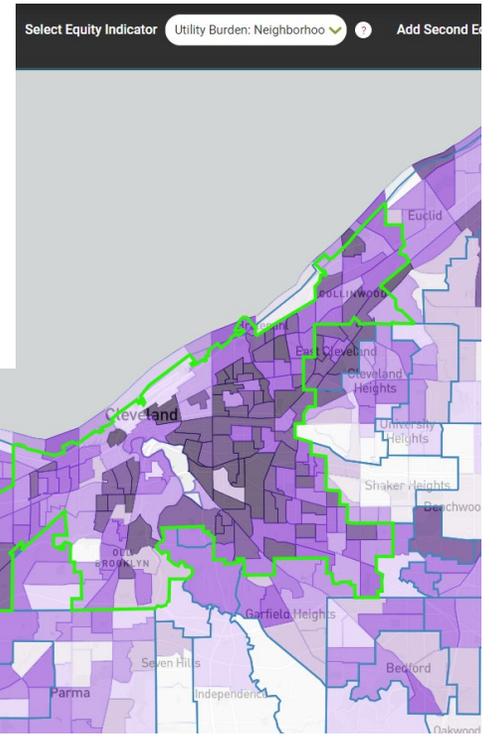
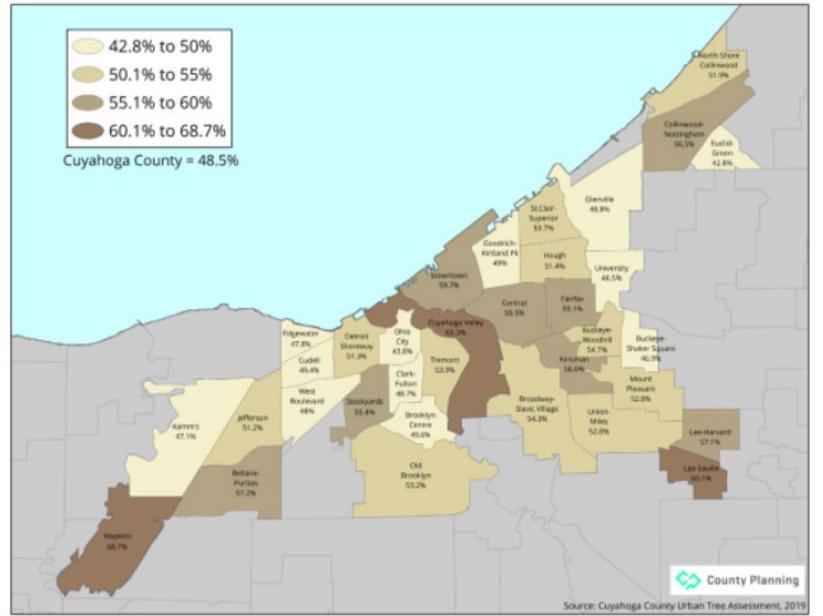
A blue-tinted photograph of a park. In the foreground, a large tree trunk is visible on the left. The middle ground shows a grassy area with several people, some sitting on chairs or benches, and a tennis court in the background. The background is filled with many trees. The overall scene is a peaceful park setting.

URBANTREES HAVE BEEN
THINNED BY DEVELOPMENT,
DISEASE, AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Existing Tree Canopy



Possible Tree Canopy



URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

HISTORY

Tree Commission is outlined in Cleveland CO 163.01-03

- Has been effectively dormant since early 2000's
- In 2020, Councilmembers Kazy and McCormack introduced legislation to repeal the existing ordinance and enact new legislation to re-establish the Tree Commission.
- Sat dormant in City Planning Department and was not moved forward from previous administration.

ISSUES

- Many of the duties outlined were being performed already (education, fundraising, planting)
- Too many voices/organizations already involved



TREE COALITION

Tree Coalition Members

- AECOM
- Alliance for the Great Lakes
- American Forests
- Bartlett Tree Experts
- Campus District
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland
- City of Cleveland Urban Forestry
- Cleveland Cavaliers
- Cleveland City Council
- Cleveland City Planning
- Cleveland Clinic
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- Cuyahoga Landbank
- CMHA
- Cuyahoga River Restoration
- Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District
- Davey Resource Group
- Dominion Energy
- Environmental Design Group
- Forest City Realty Trust
- Green Ribbon Coalition
- KeyBank
- Lake Erie Nature and Science Center
- Lakeview Cemetery
- LAND Studio
- Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
- Mayor's Office of Sustainability
- NOACA
- ODNR
- Ohio Landscape Association
- Ohio State University Extension
- PwC
- University Hospitals
- West Creek Conservancy
- Western Reserve Eco Network



URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Updates to Ord. 702-2020:

- Name of Commission
 - Fostering the Work of Urban Forestry
- Authority
- Members
 - Removed CD & Air Quality
 - Added Developer & Environmental Justice Rep
- Organization & Procedures
- Allow Commission to Advise Mayor and City Council on Policy & Regulations

- Advised that an MOU be signed between Urban Forestry Commission & Cleveland Tree Coalition



QUESTIONS?

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