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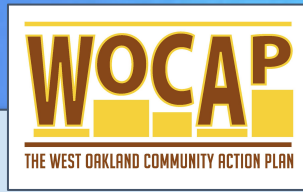


**West Oakland
Environmental
Indicators Project**
know which way the wind blows



Steering Committee

October 4, 2023



Welcome!

Name, Affiliation/Organization

Please sign in/add comments in the sheet:

- **Member Sign In Sheet-**

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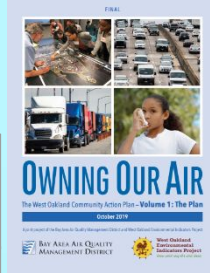
- **Meeting Attendees-**

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Owning Our Air - West Oakland AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 6, 2023 | 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.

Time	Item
6:00-6:05 pm (5 min)	Roll Call
6:05-6:15 pm (10 min)	Welcome and Co-leads Report
6:15-6:25 pm (10 min)	Follow Up from Previous Meeting
6:25-7:45 pm (80 min)	WOCAP Greening Efforts
7:45-7:55 pm (10 min)	Nov 5th Town Hall Updates
7:55-8:00pm (5 min)	Meeting Evaluation Survey





Welcome and Co-Leads Report

New Q&A Protocol

- No questions/comments during presentations
 - (Questions in the chat are okay)
- SC Members FIRST
- Then General Public
- THEN Co-leads

Welcome New Steering Committee Members

Alameda County Public Health Department has a vacant seat.
WELCOME to Tram and Adriana who will be sharing the seat.

Tram Nguyen

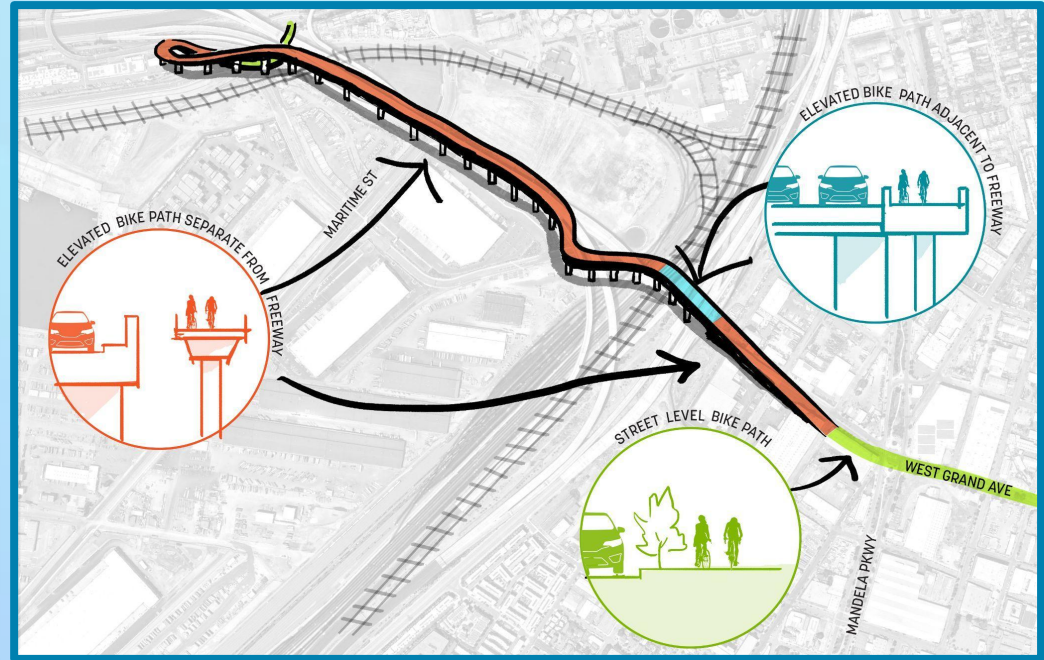
(Deputy Director, Health Equity, Policy & Planning)

Adriana Alvarado

(Interim Director, Asthma Start Program)

West Oakland Link of the Bay Skyway, which is part of the Bay Trail, will provide a safe 15-foot wide connection for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel between West Oakland, the Port of Oakland, and the Bay Bridge Trail.

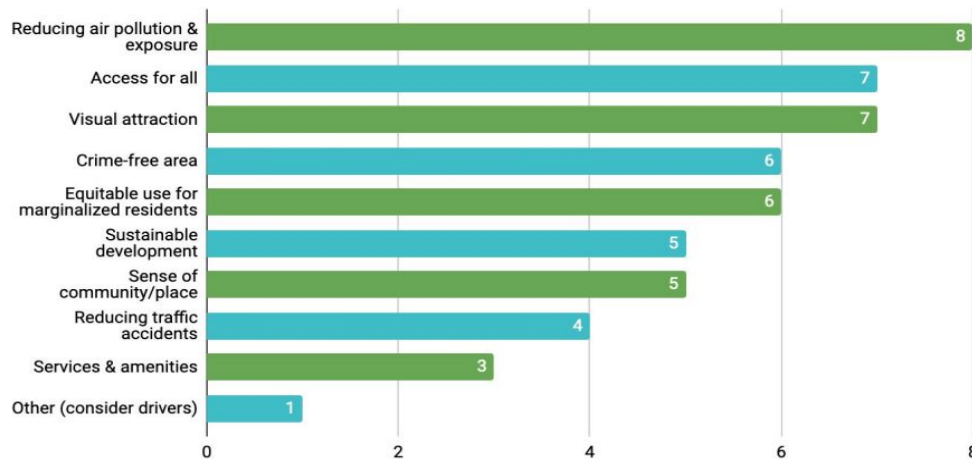
- 1.1 miles of separated, elevated low-stress multi-use path
- Connects with the planned Grand Ave protected bike lane (to downtown) at Mandela/Grand intersection
- Landscaping and community amenities based on community input



West Oakland Link Meeting

Which of the following things are most important to you for a path through West Oakland to the Bay Trail?

Reducing air pollution and exposure was most frequently named one of the top 3 most important factors for respondents, followed by **ensuring access for all** and **creating a visually attractive space**.



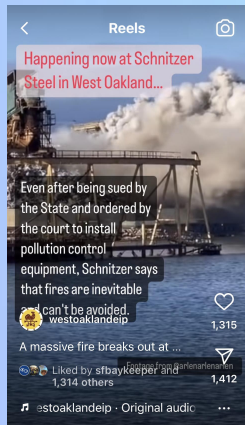


Follow-Up from Past Meetings

Schnitzer Steel Fire Update

woeip.org/schnitzerfire

Paul Grazzini, Supervising Air Quality Specialist • BAAQMD Compliance and Enforcement



Rapid response
Community outrage goes viral on Instagram

60k+ views
1,300 likes
1,400+ shares
160+ comments



Community organizing
Organizers and residents come together.



Emergency Task Force
WOEIP meets with US EPA, CalEPA, BAAQMD, CARB, DTSC, AlCo Attorney Gen., City Attorney & others



Share your experience
woeip.org/fireimpact

Update: Schnitzer Steel

EPA Rapid Response Task Force



US EPA, CalEPA, BAAQMD, CARB, DTSC, ACo Attorney General, City Attorney & others are finally starting to coordinate enforcement efforts.

Next meeting: Oct. 17

woeip.org/schnitzerfire

Community demands:

- Enforce the 2001 settlement requirements
- Increase penalties
- Improve monitoring and reporting
- Implement community warning system
- Provide community restitution

Please complete the monthly SC meeting survey!



How was your WOCAP experience?

Thank you for joining us for the recent WOCAP Steering Committee meeting. Sharing your experience will help us improve our process and make these meetings as useful as possible for participants.

We expect this survey to take about 3-5 minutes to complete. You may choose to remain anonymous; any personal information you provide will be shared with the WOCAP co-leads team, which includes staff from WOEIP, BAAQMD, and WOCAP facilitators. Your personal information will only be used to inform WOCAP planning, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Thank you very much for your time and contribution to the WOCAP process!

Which best describes your experience with the West Oakland Community Action Plan? *

- ☐ I'm a current Steering Committee member
- ☐ I'm a former Steering Committee member
- ☐ I'm not on the Steering Committee but I work for a WOCAP partner
- ☐ I'm an interested member of the public

Do you live or work in West Oakland? *

- ☐ Yes, I live or work in West Oakland
- ☐ No, I do not live or work in West Oakland

Overall, how satisfied were you with your experience at the Steering Committee meeting? *

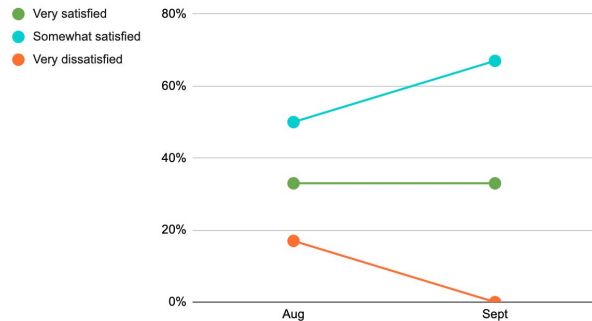
- ☐ 5: Very satisfied
- ☐ 4: Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ 2: Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ 1: Very dissatisfied

woeip.org/wocap-sc-survey

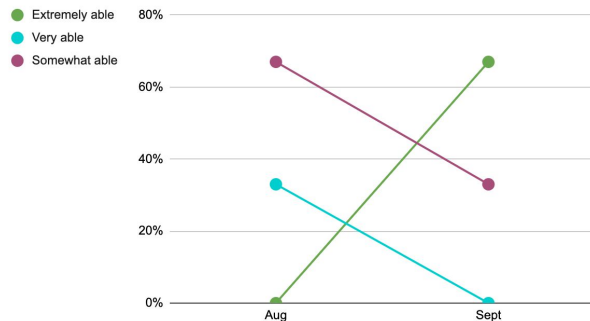
Your input is necessary to help us improve these meetings...

- Open to all meeting attendees.
- Especially critical for Steering Committee members.

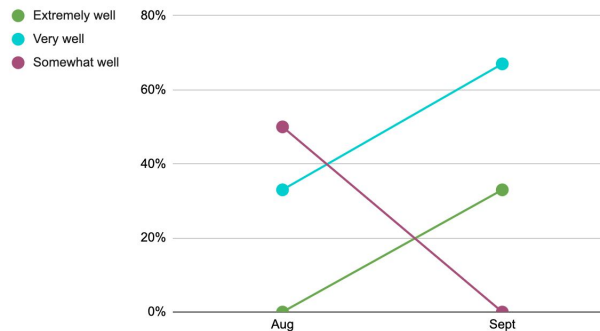
Satisfaction (as a percentage of total respondents)



Ability to participate (as a percentage of total respondents)



Understanding (as a percentage of total respondents)



Enforcement Updates

BAAQMD Notice of Violation Tool is LIVE!

<https://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/compliance-assistance/notices-of-violations/novs-issued>

Notices of Violation

SEARCH & FILTERS ▲ Collapse to hide search or filter options

TABLE INFO

DOWNLOAD CSV

Search ?

Date Range ?

January 2023

September 2023

APPLY

City

Oakland

County

CLEAR SEARCH & FILTERS

Your search for

Oakland x

January 2023 to September 2023 x

returned the following results:

Items per Page: 50 ▼

20 items in 1 page

Enforcement Updates

BAAQMD communicated Steering Committee requested improvements to CalEPA's complaint system: <https://calepa.my.salesforce-sites.com/complaints/Complaint>

Steering Committee & Community Feedback received at the September meeting:

- System needs to be updated for “donuts”, encampment fires, and sideshows
- Need to prioritize Port-Related Truck Enforcement, especially the Port's appointment system waiver which causes trucks to line up for hours
- Need for enforcement of truck idling in community

Next Steps

- Debrief meetings to begin discussing next steps for agency representatives.
 - Coordinated Complaint System (CalEPA/BAAQMD/CARB)
 - Port Appointment System and Truck Enforcement (Port/BAAQMD/CARB)

General Plan Wins for EJ!

Resolution passed on Sept 26th:

- Certifies the Environmental Impact Report for Phase 1 of the Oakland 2045 General Plan Update;
- Adopts the Safety Element;
- **Adopts the new Environmental Justice Element;**
- Adopts associated amendments to other General Plan Elements; and
- **Adopts truck-intensive zoning rules** requiring more stringent rules within 500 feet of residential and **other important industrial zoning updates that were initiated in the WOCAP!!!!**

The Resolution includes an amendment **directing the City Administrator to organize and develop an inter-agency working group, made up of people both within and outside the City of Oakland, including the Port of Oakland, to implement the air quality actions outlined in the Environmental Justice Element.**

This is a DIRECT result of WOCAP advocacy!

[WOCAP comment letter with City Staff responses](#) to our comments in comment bubbles.



WOCAP Greening Efforts

Greening Speakers

David Moore (City of Oakland)	Oakland Urban Forest Plan
Brent Bucknum (Hyphae Design)	Prescott Greening Scope of Work Areas
Wanda Stewart (Common Vision)	On the ground greening challenges and opportunities

Urban Forest Plan

(Preview for WOCAP)



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Overview

- 1) What is the Urban Forest Plan?
- 2) How the Plan connects to WOCAP Strategy 10
- 3) Implementation Examples
- 4) How to Provide Public Comment

WOCAP Strategy 10

“The City of Oakland creates a comprehensive, area-wide urban canopy and vegetation plan that identifies locations that trees can be added and maintained, such as parks and along Caltrans’ right-of-ways and develops a plan to protect existing trees that reduce exposure to air pollution emissions in West Oakland. This includes partnering with local nonprofit groups, encouraging trees on private property, and working with the community on tree maintenance and (as needed) removal. The development of the Oakland Urban Forest Master Plan will inform this work.”

What is the Urban Forest Plan?

- For all of Oakland, with Equity focus
 - Prioritizing tree services and tree canopy equity in Oakland's frontline communities
- Analysis of Oakland's Urban Forest and City operations
- Input from Oakland Community
- Data and Community-Driven Management Recommendations
- "Big Picture" Planning
- Requires Adoption by City Council
- Requires Funding for Implementation



Community Engagement

- What was the community engagement process for this plan?
- How did the engagement shift the plan's content?

What the Urban Forest Plan *is not*?

- Fire Prevention Policy
- Open Space Vegetation Management Policy
(See “Vegetation Management Plan”)
- Sidewalk or Street Policy
- Project-specific Planning
- Automatically implemented if adopted (funding still needs to be secured)



The Urban Forest Plan directly supports the WOCAP

SUPPORTING WEST AND EAST OAKLAND NEIGHBORHOODS

The creation of the Urban Forest Plan supports strategies outlined in the West Oakland Community Action Plan (WOCAP), which calls for a comprehensive urban canopy and vegetation plan. This plan aims to identify suitable areas for planting and maintaining trees, such as parks and Caltrans' rights-of-way, and to protect existing trees that mitigate air pollution exposure in West Oakland. Similarly, the East Oakland Neighborhoods Initiative (EONI) identified urban greening and tree planting as one of its top ten priorities for the region (ECAP, 2020).

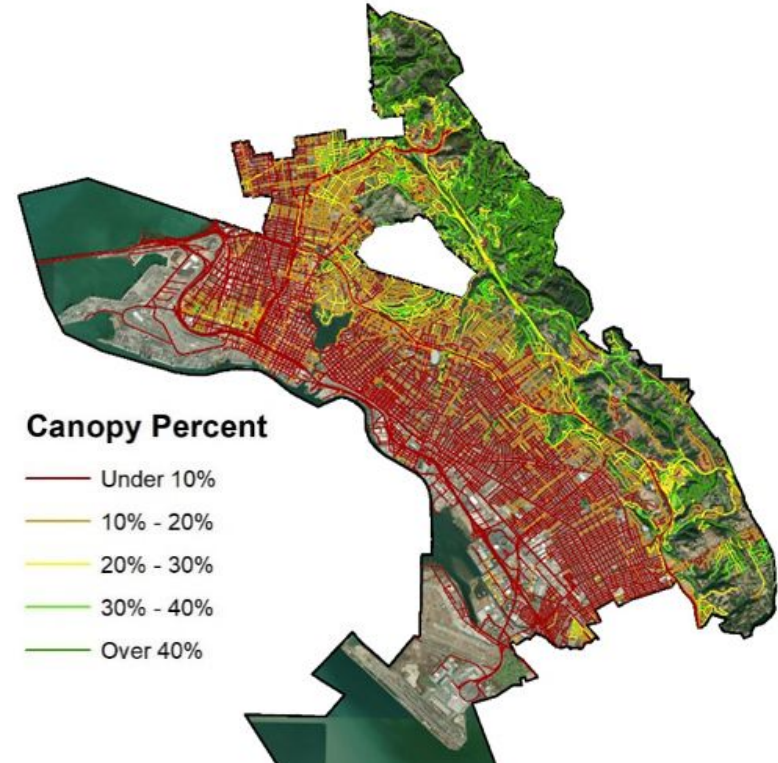
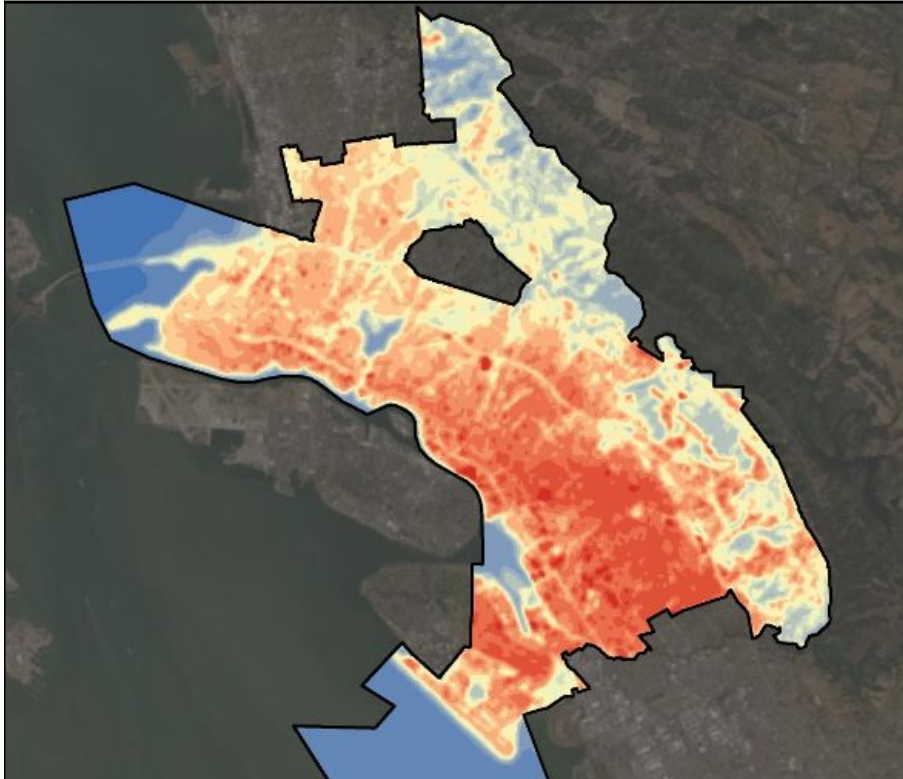
POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project is a resident led, community-based environmental justice organization dedicated to achieving healthy homes, healthy jobs and healthy neighborhoods for all who live, work, learn and play in West Oakland, California.

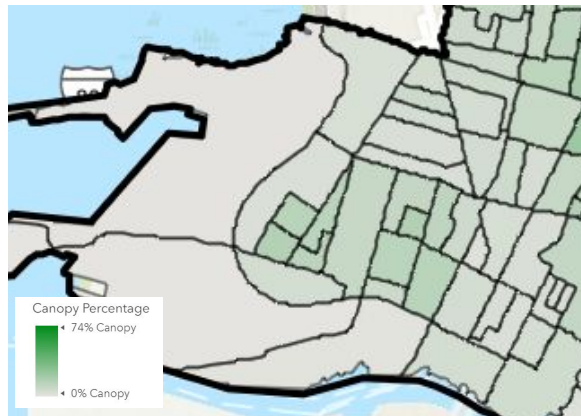
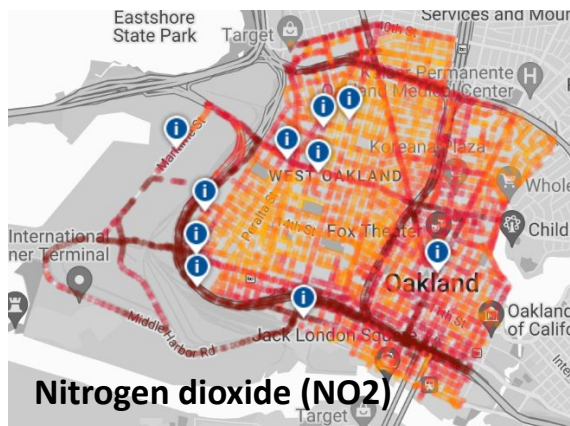
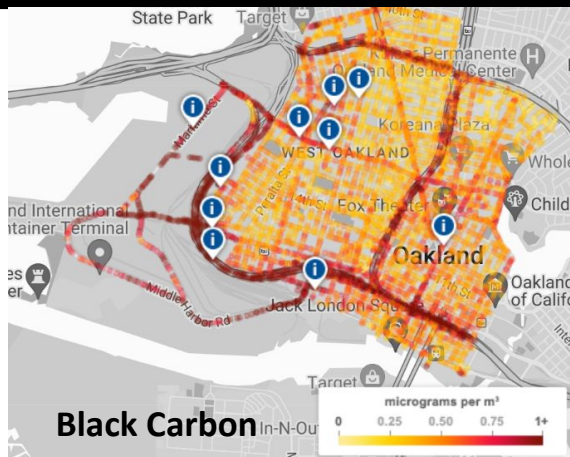
Common Vision is a local non-profit organization that works with low-income schools and neighborhoods to build community gardens and plant fruit tree orchards. Common Vision served as a partner for the community engagement and outreach efforts for the Urban Forest Plan.

Caltrans (Landscape Architecture) manages the roadside of California Highways in Bay Area counties. Requests for tree planting to serve as buffers from freeways are common, but funding is limited.

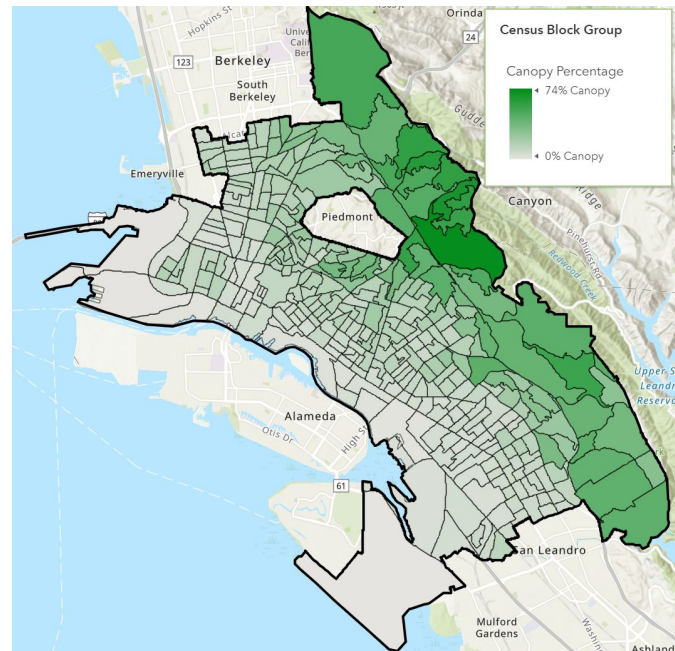
Land Surface Temp + Tree Canopy



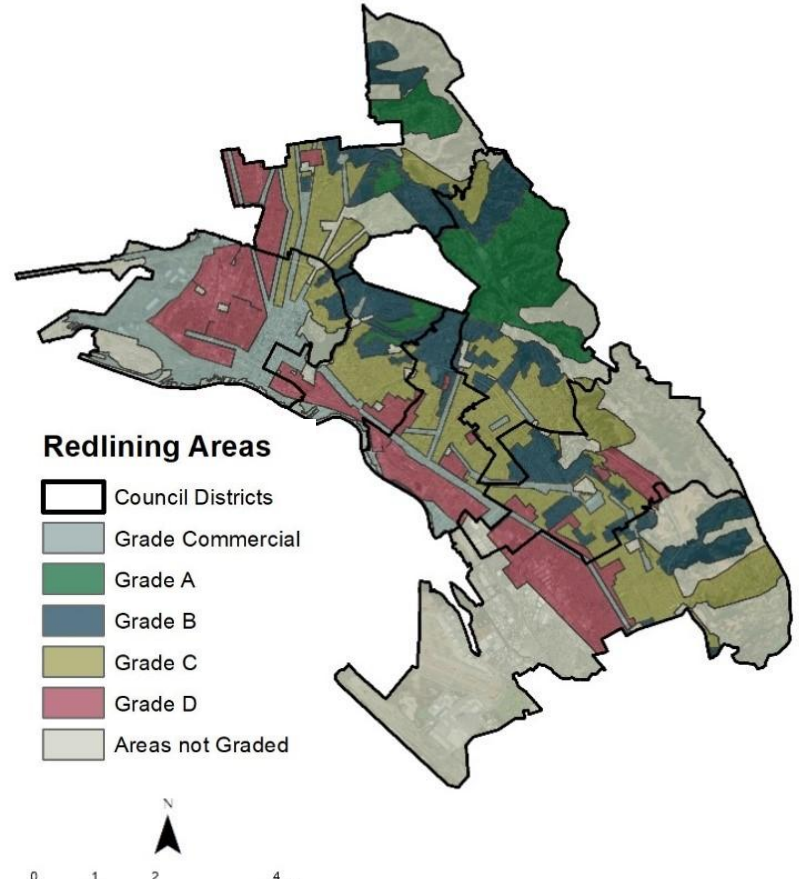
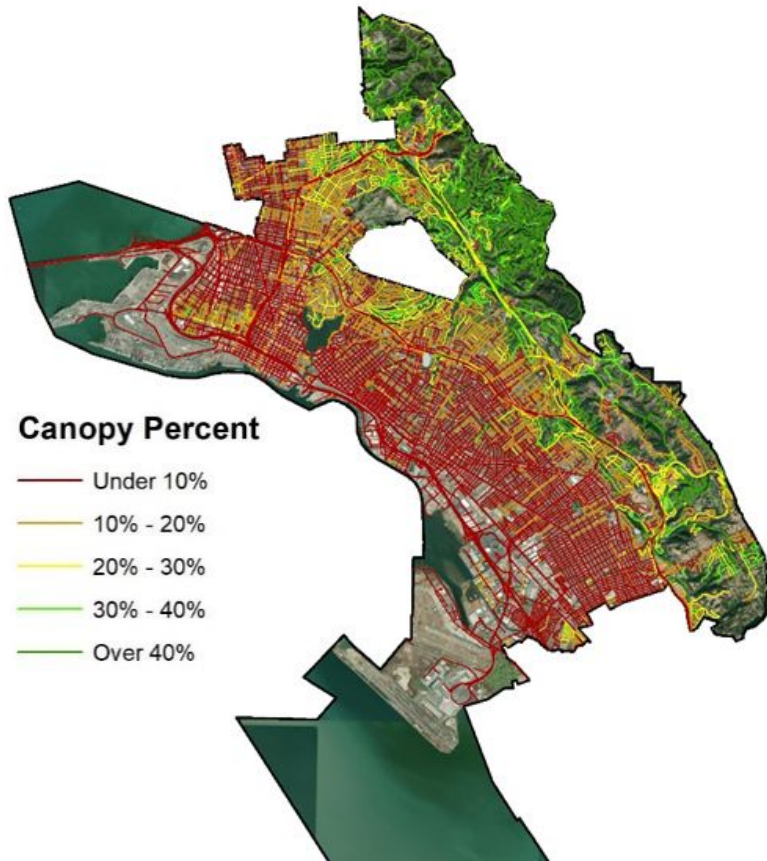
Air Quality (Aclima) + Tree Canopy



**Tree Canopy % by
Census Block Group**



Street Tree Canopy & Redlining



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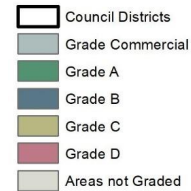
Canopy Percent



Source: Oakland Urban Forest Plan



Redlining Areas



Source: Homeowner's Loan Corporation

Current Inequitable Tree Policies and New Restorative/Equitable Solutions

Current Policy/Practice	New Policy/Practice
No Citywide Tree Maintenance or Planting	Restore these services, focus on frontline communities (such as West Oakland)
Tree Services provided by service request only	Proactive services, focus on frontline communities
Extremely limited community engagement/interface with community groups	City staff to continue ongoing community engagement, supporting local programs

Goals and Strategies Relevant to WOCAP

1. Foster collaborative public-private partnerships to drive and support the implementation of the Urban Forest Plan
2. Support urban forestry initiatives led by partners
3. Provide opportunities for community participation in the urban forest and pathways for green jobs
4. Manage all public trees as green infrastructure
5. Maintain and expand tree canopy with a focus on historically underserved neighborhoods

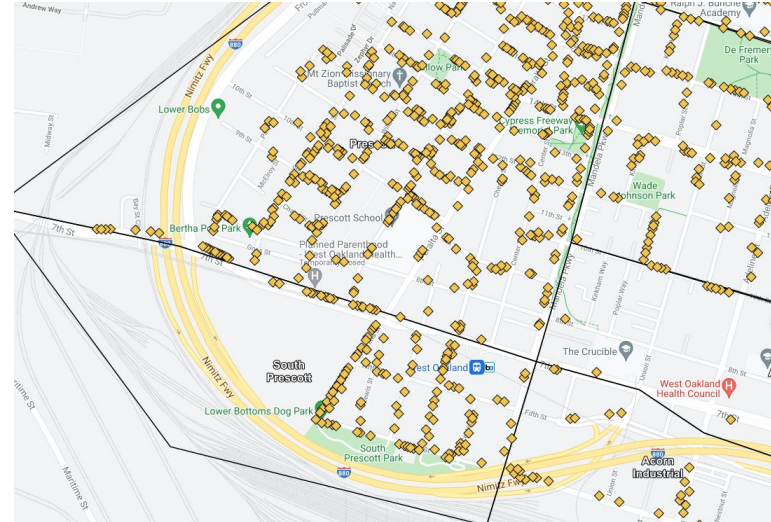
Implementation Examples in West Oakland

South Prescott Park/880 “vegetative buffer”



Implementation Examples in West Oakland

POTENTIAL “vacant” street tree planting locations



How to Provide Public Comment

Estimated Public Comment Period: October 23-November 30

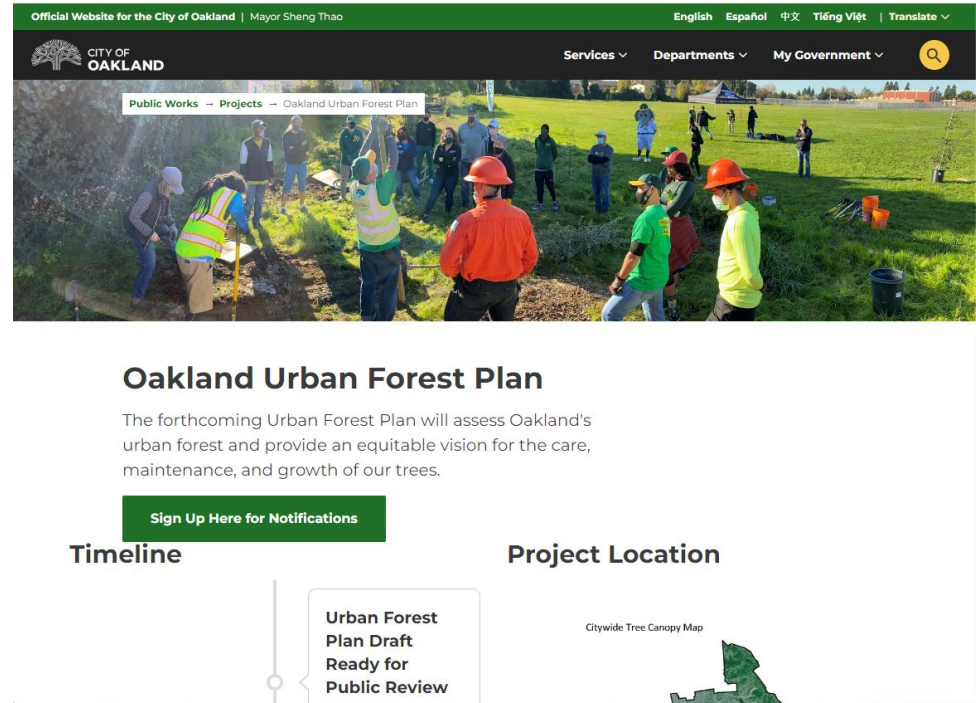
Further Details TBA

- Write comment letter
- As a community / neighborhood id specifics about how you want the plan implemented in West Oakland
 - Types of community priorities for services (maintenance, planting, green collar workforce development)
 - Types of greening - trees, green roofs, green buffers, non-tree plants, food-producing plants
 - Locations - where is more greening needed (on the street, other public spaces, and private property?)
 - Comment on what you LIKE and DON'T like in the plan

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/oakland-urban-forest-plan>

Stay Updated

*Website include
urban canopy data
and mapping tool
and story map*



The screenshot shows the official website for the City of Oakland's Urban Forest Plan. The header includes the city logo, navigation links for Services, Departments, and My Government, and a language selector. The main banner features a photo of a community tree-planting event with the breadcrumb 'Public Works -> Projects -> Oakland Urban Forest Plan'. Below the banner, the title 'Oakland Urban Forest Plan' is followed by a description: 'The forthcoming Urban Forest Plan will assess Oakland's urban forest and provide an equitable vision for the care, maintenance, and growth of our trees.' A green button labeled 'Sign Up Here for Notifications' is positioned below the text. At the bottom, a 'Timeline' section shows a milestone: 'Urban Forest Plan Draft Ready for Public Review'. To the right, a 'Project Location' section includes a 'Citywide Tree Canopy Map' with a map of Oakland.

Official Website for the City of Oakland | Mayor Sheng Thao

English Español 中文 Tiếng Việt | Translate

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Services Departments My Government

Public Works -> Projects -> Oakland Urban Forest Plan

Oakland Urban Forest Plan

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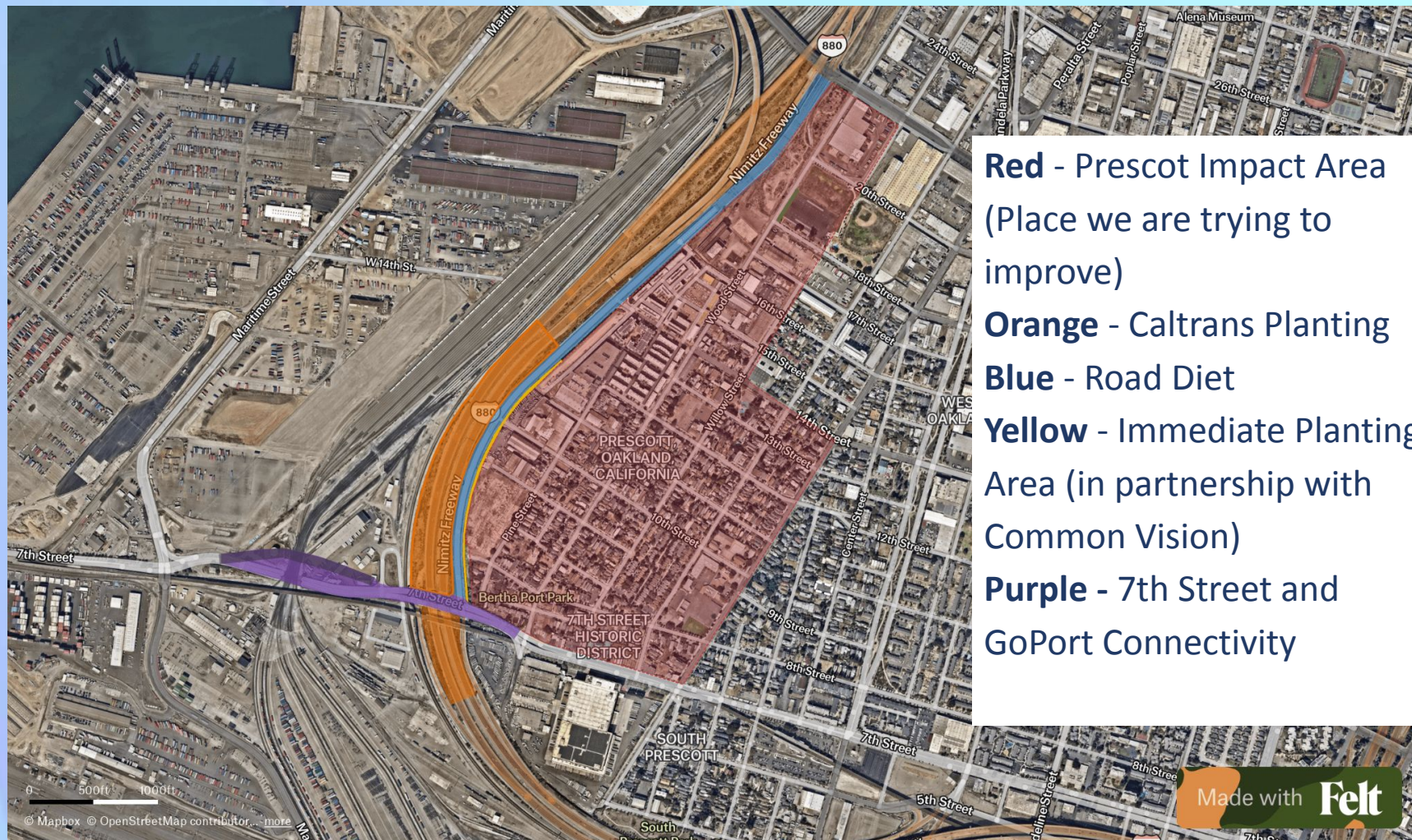
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Project Location

Citywide Tree Canopy Map

Prescott Greening Scope of Work







***Planting Trees, Cultivating
Community...***

(and saving the world)

Wanda Stewart

Common Vision, Executive Director

wanda@commonvision.org

www.commonvision.org



The Partnerships

- ***City of Oakland***
- ***Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation***
- ***Oakland Urban Forestry Forum***
- ***Trees for Oakland***
- ***West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project***
- ***Community-based organizations, et al***



The People

- ***Oakland residents***
- ***Volunteers***
- ***Workforce development programs***
- ***Black/BIPOC enviro–entrepreneurship***





***Our Schools...
Our Youth...
Their Future***

Plants in Place

- *Funding resources*
- *Site identification*
- *Coordination & collaboration*
- *Tree list development*
- *Tools & Technology*
- *Maintenance & Watering*





**“Our thoughts
are the roots”**



Discussion about the Urban Forest Plan



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WOCAP Town Hall Planning and Direction

Owning Our Air Community Fair

WOCAP Town Hall -

- [Volunteer Sign up Form](#)

- Mark Your Calendars:

- November 5th 2023, 12-3pm

DeFermery Park

1651 Adeline St, Oakland, CA 94607

- Eventbrite Page to register will be up the coming week.



Evaluation

Monthly Post-Meeting Evaluation Survey

- You have time now to complete the survey
 - www.woeip.org/wocap-sc-survey
- We will also email the link after the meeting

Adjourn



New Business

(new standing agenda item)

- No content here this month
- This is a placeholder where every month
 - the Co-Leads can offer information about new items in response to a Steering Committee request
 - Co-Leads can solicit Steering Committee feedback on or assess interest in new items.
 - Be a space for SC to request future agenda items



APPENDIX

(just in case slides)