

# Urban Forest Plan

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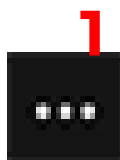
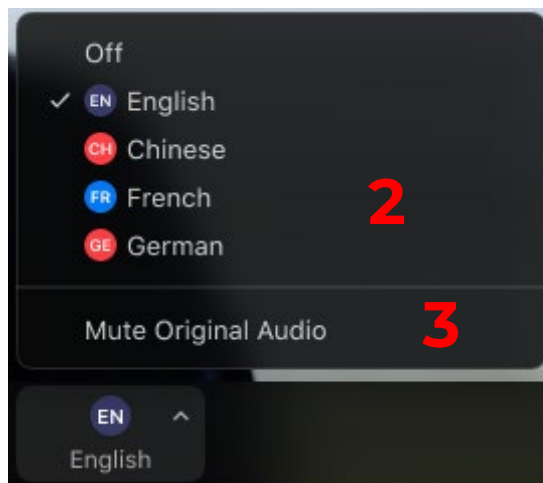
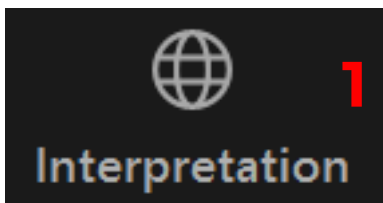
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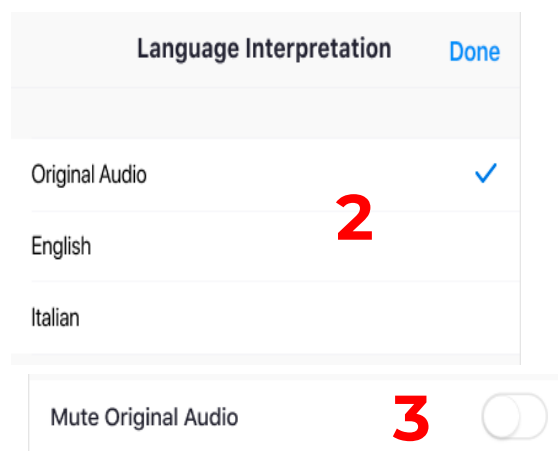
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# Overview

- 1) What is the Urban Forest Plan?
- 2) Plan Outline
- 3) Timeline
- 4) Key Findings
- 5) Key Recommendations
- 6) Funding/Budgets
- 7) How to Provide Public Comment



# What is the Urban Forest Plan?

- For all of Oakland, with Equity focus
- 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





# 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)





# Plan Outline

## 1) Introduction

- Plan process
- Land history
- Oakland history
- Benefits of trees

## 2) An Equity Centered Approach

- Urban forest equity
- Community engagement
- Community vision



Image titled "Oaks of Oakland", dated 1874. Found in the Oakland-Trees Clippings file, Oakland Library, Oakland History Room





# Plan Outline (Continued)

## 4) Oakland's Urban Forest

- Citywide tree inventory
- Tree canopy equity analysis

## 5) Managing Oakland's Urban Forest

- Operational insights
- Management needs

## 6) Implementation

- Goals
- Strategies
- Action items



# Timeline

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 2018      | Cal Fire Grant Application/Award      |
| 2019      | Approved by Council, contract awarded |
| 2020-2021 | Tree inventory                        |
| 2020-2023 | Planting 700 trees                    |
| 2022      | Community Engagement                  |
| 2022-2023 | Plan Development & Community Review   |
| 2024      | Present to Council for Adoption       |





# Key Findings

- 56,000 street trees, 12,000 park trees
- 29,000 potential street tree planting sites
- Oakland overall tree canopy declined from 22.3% in 2014 to 21.5% in 2018



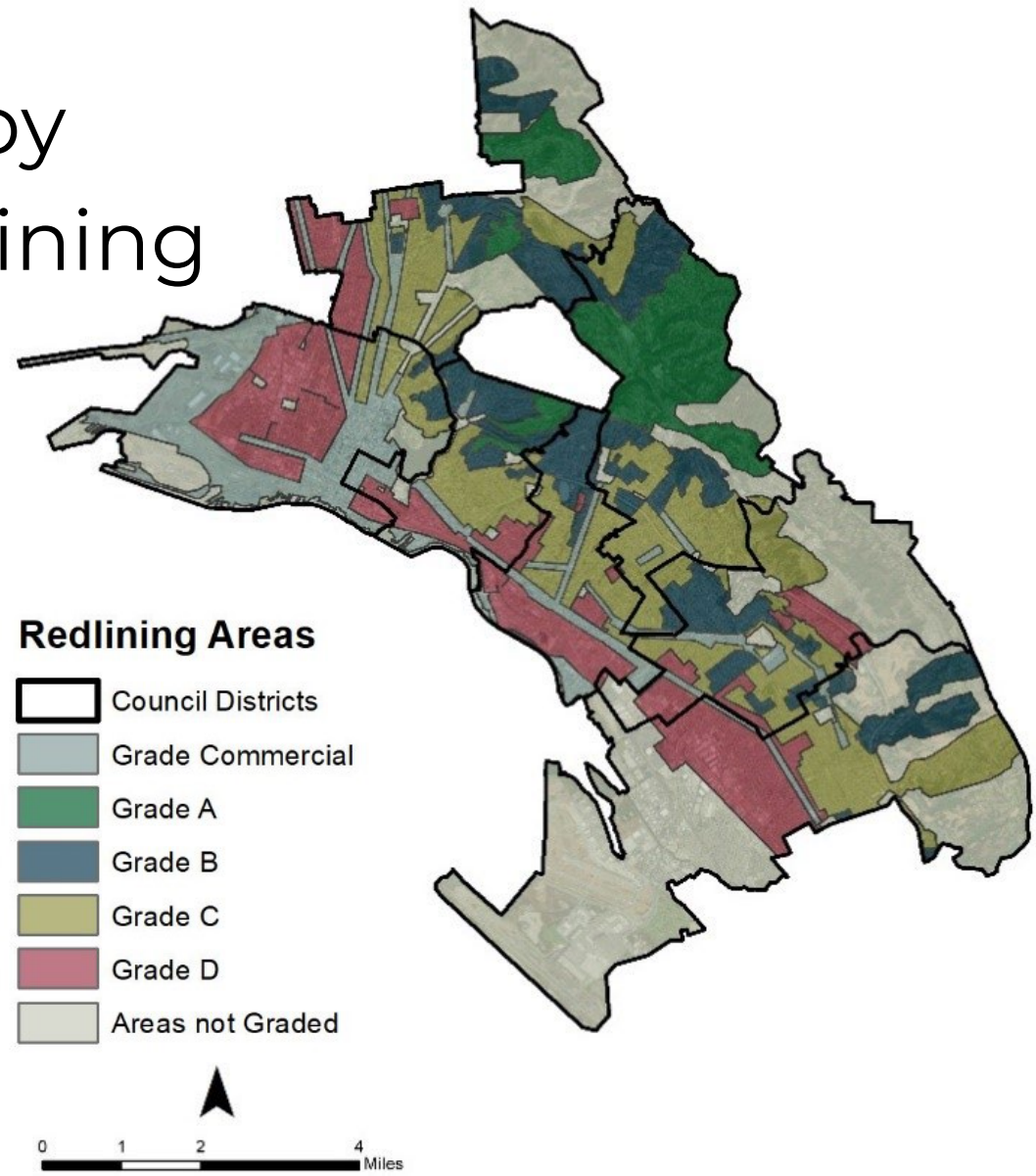
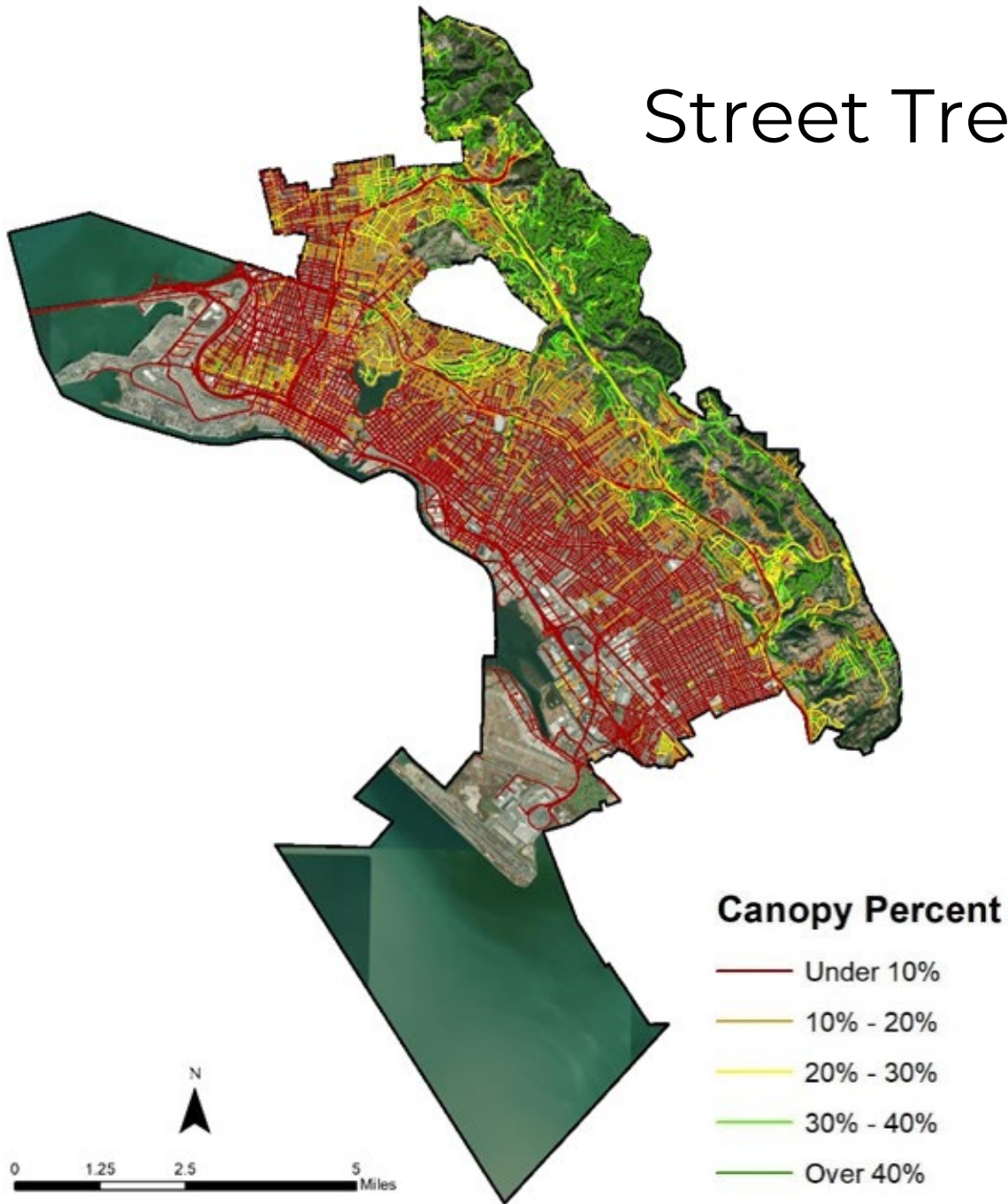
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- Tree canopy distribution and access is inequitable
- Many community members appreciate trees but are dissatisfied with City tree services
- Significant City investment is needed





# Street Tree Canopy & Redlining



## Assessing Oakland on the Hierarchy of Urban Forestry Management Needs



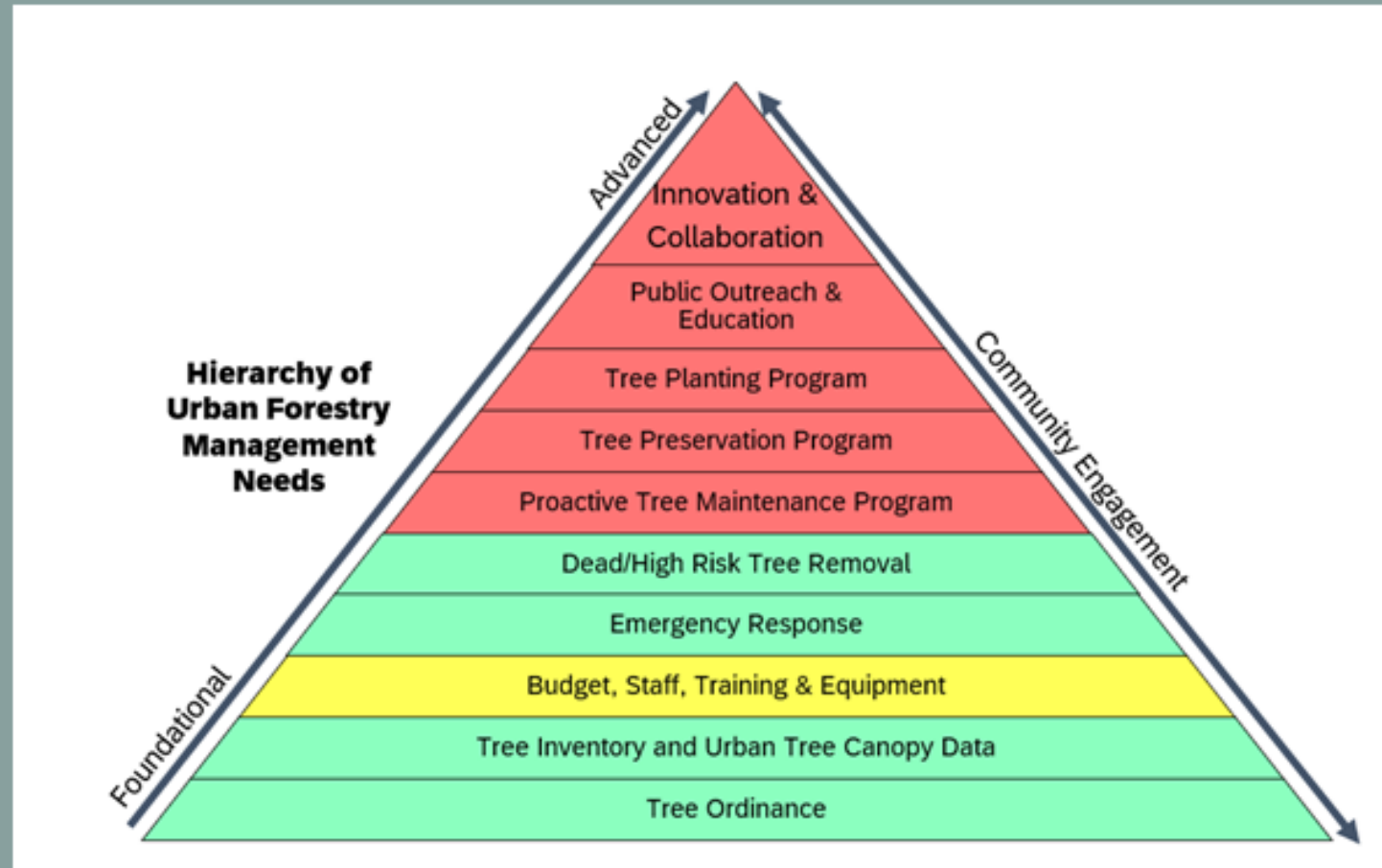
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= Established but in need of improvement



= Not in place and/or in need of significant improvement





# Key Recommendations

- Address tree canopy and tree access inequity
- Set Zero Loss Tree Canopy Goal
- Regularly maintain all public trees and restore tree planting services to increase tree canopy equity
- Ongoing support for community initiatives, cultural activities, and art involving trees





# Key Recommendations (continued)

- Explore City and State/Federal funding sources
- Create green collar jobs
- Monitor changes in tree inventory/canopy
- Update City Tree Ordinances to reflect adopted Urban Forest Plan
- Measure and report Plan implementation progress





# Funding/Budgets

\$17-21M per year

- Citywide tree maintenance
- Remove hazardous public trees
- Plant 3,000 trees per year
- Support public/private partnerships

Additional costs

- Based on specific projects and partnerships



# How to Comment on the Plan

- Visit [www.oaklandca.gov/trees](http://www.oaklandca.gov/trees) to comment directly on the draft document
- Email us at [TreeServices@oaklandca.gov](mailto:TreeServices@oaklandca.gov)
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