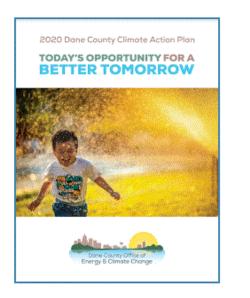
## Tree Canopy Working Group

Dane County Office of Energy Climate Change Climate Action Plan
CAP cites need to preserve and protect existing trees and reforest where possible





## Tree Canopy Working Group Purpose

- Access to trees is a human right. Everyone deserves the cool shade, clean air, better runoff management, and the public health benefits that trees provide.
- The aim is to collectively maintain, protect, and expand public and private tree canopy across Dane County where ecologically appropriate. A particular focus is on ensuring equitable access to trees and their benefits for all residents.



## Why Are Trees Important?



## Aesthetic and Economic Value



## Public Health Benefits

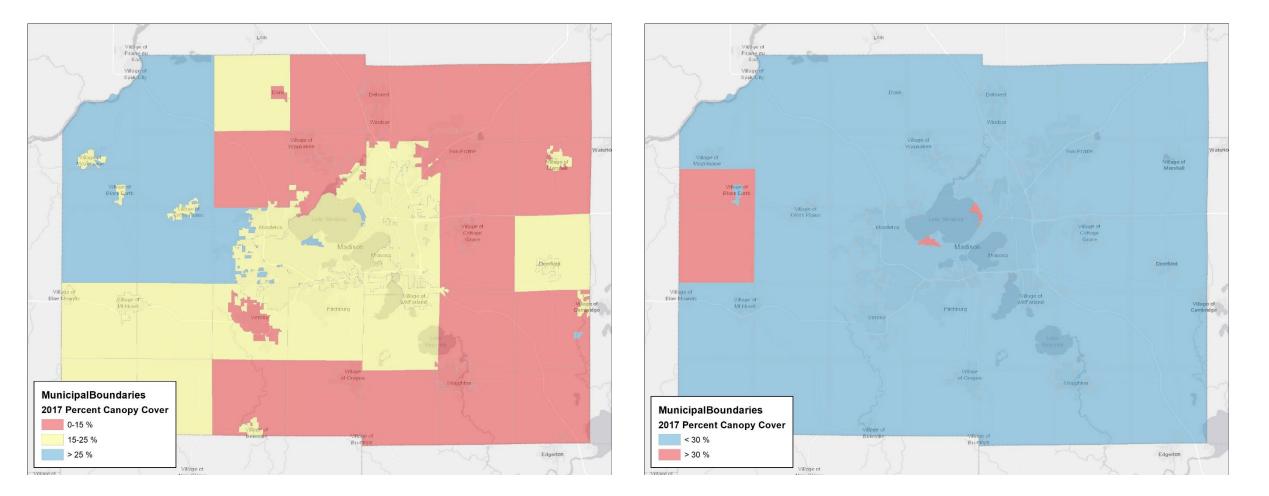


## Ecosystem Benefits



## Climate Resilience

## Need in Dane County



American Forests recommends canopy cover of 30%

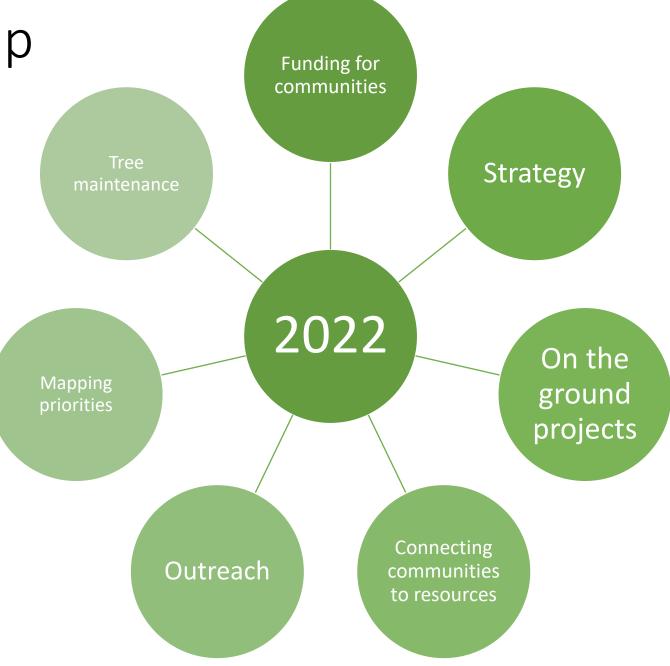
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## Working Group Priorities



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## Prioritization Mapping

## Prioritization Index

Social vulnerability

Percentage canopy change or historically low canopy

Surface temperature

Impervious area

Public ownership or multifamily housing

#### Rough & ready analysis

Thriving Earth prioritization index Continue to refine with community data

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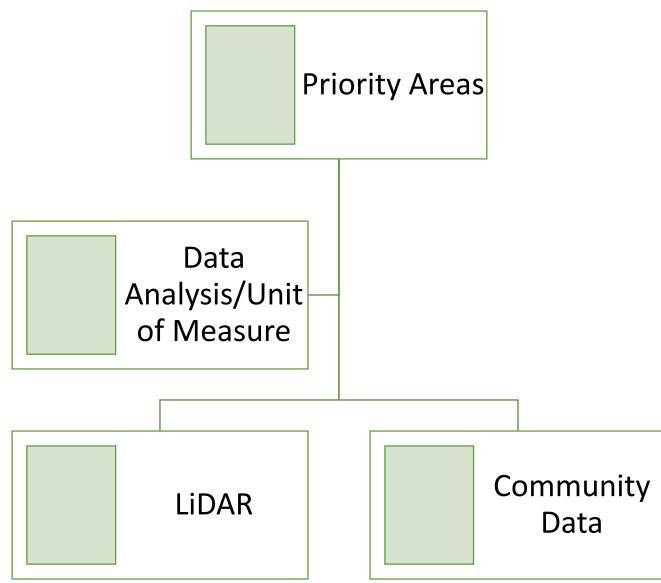
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## Mapping Prioritization Areas



## Preliminary Dane County Canopy Analysis

- Villages and towns across Dane County have lost about 12% of their canopy coverage from 2010 to 2017, with decreases up to 38%
- Loss is primarily due to disease, but lack of maintenance and ongoing development policies also likely play a role
- Land use across the county that tended to have the largest percentage decrease of canopy coverage were multi-family housing, single-family or two-family residential housing, and recreational spaces.

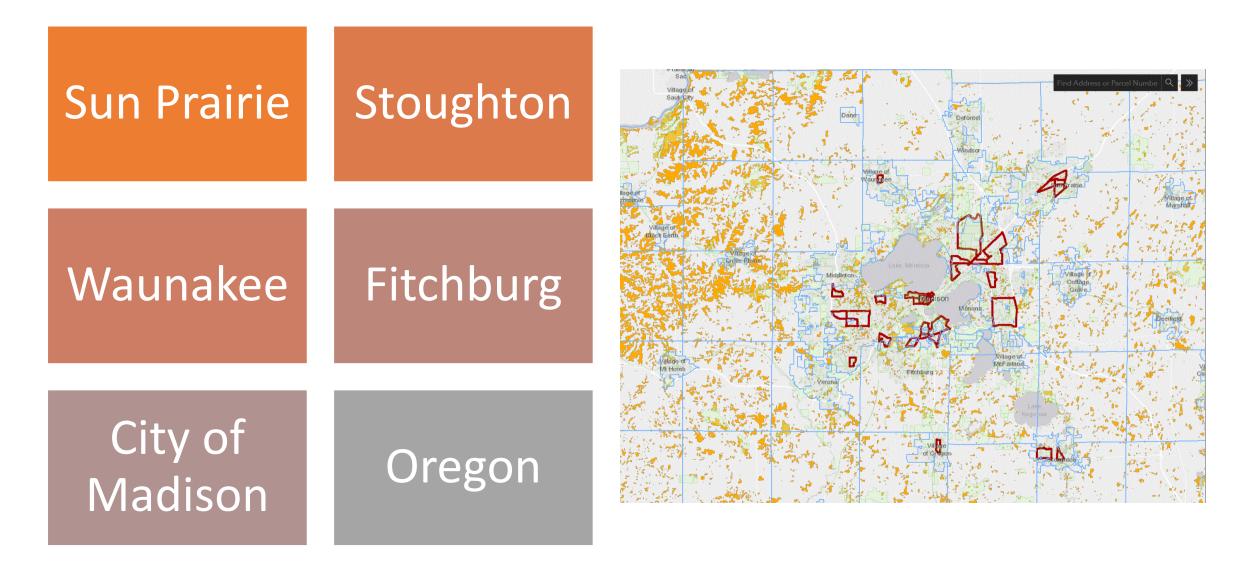
• Towns and villages with canopy decreases of 30% or higher include:

Village of Brooklyn	Village of Belleville
Town of Primrose	Stoughton
Monona	

• Towns and villages with the greatest total acres of canopy lost include:

City of Madison	Town of Primrose
Town of Perry	Town of Vermont

# High social vulnerability areas/high percentage canopy decrease

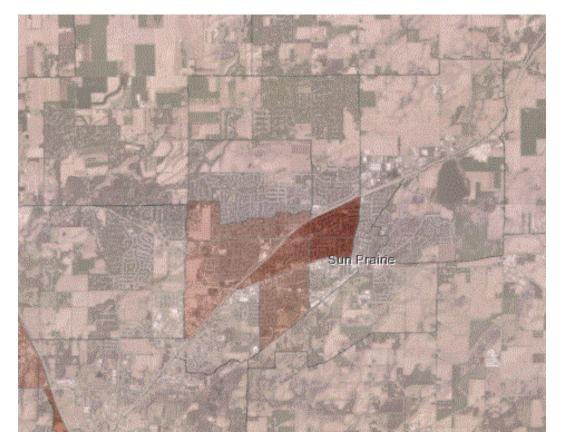


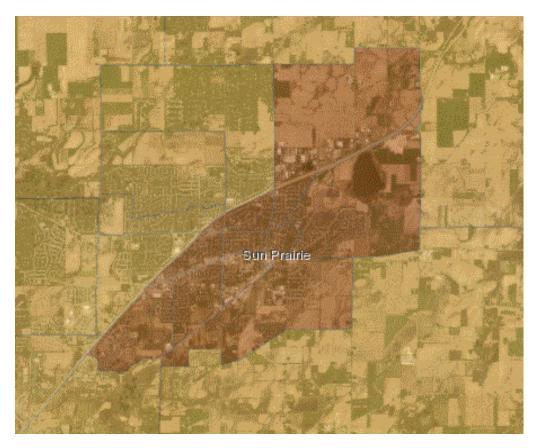
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## Madison

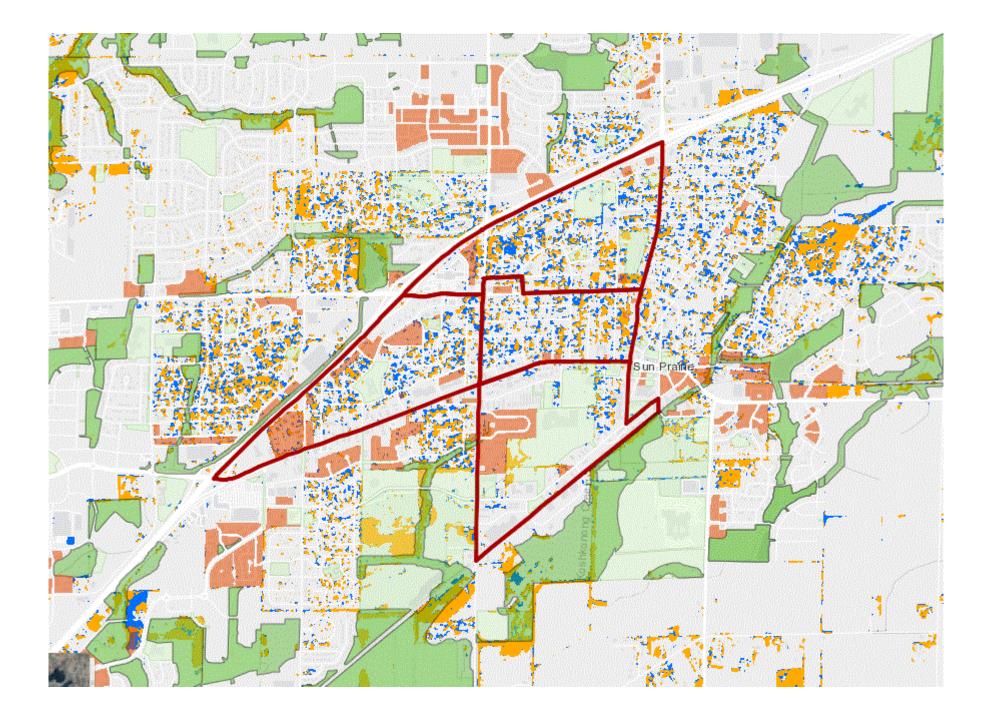
## Sun Prairie





2010-2017 Canopy decrease

Social vulnerability



High social vulnerability areas/high percentage canopy decrease



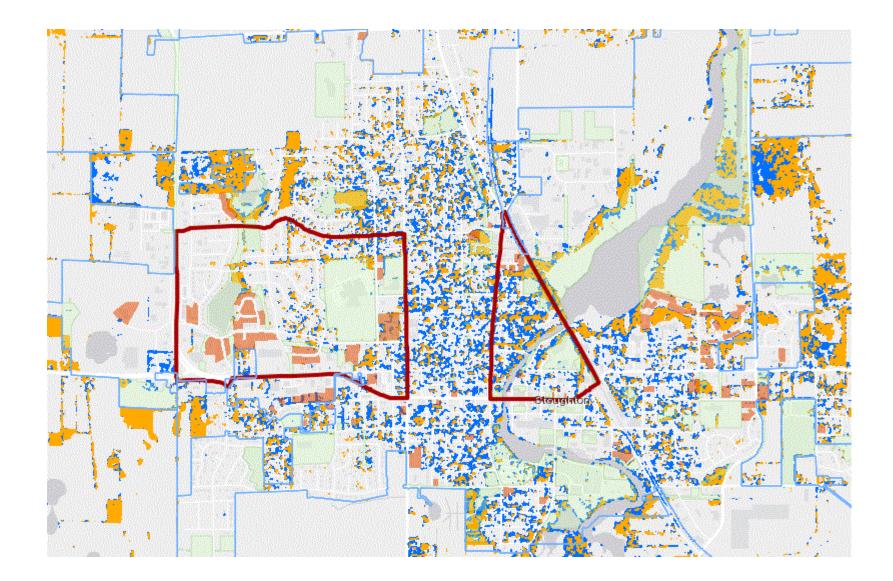
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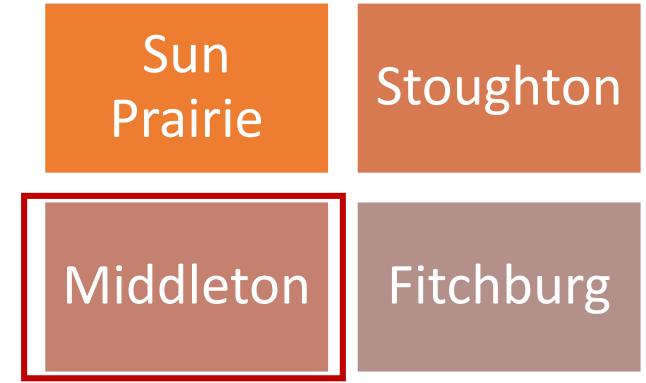


Canopy change 2010-2017

Social vulnerability



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## Madison

## High social vulnerability

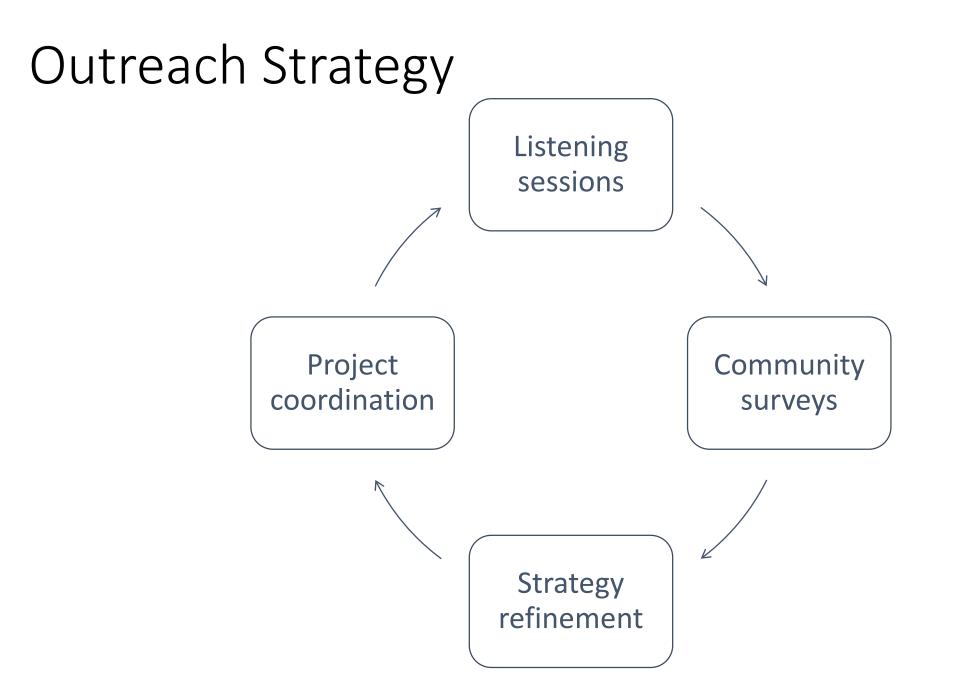
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#### High canopy decrease

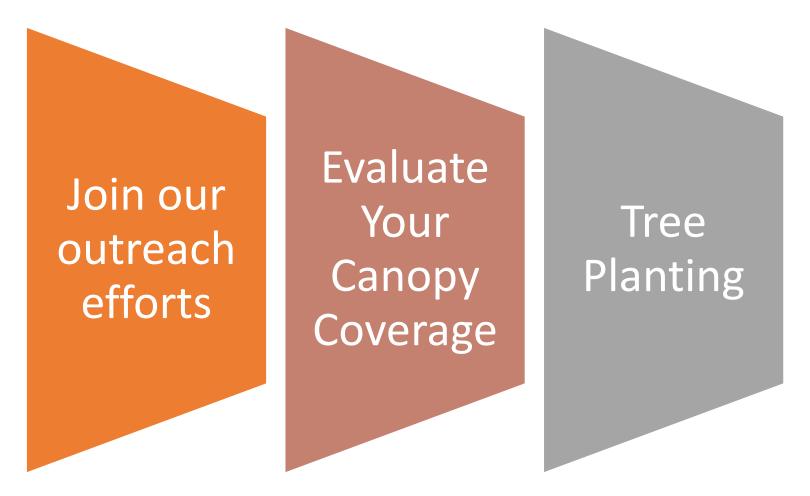
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Historically low canopy coverage

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## How to Get Involved



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