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Tree Canopy Collaborative

Mission & 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.

Our 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.



Members

Dane County

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

City of Madison

UW-Madison

Urban Tree Alliance

UW Extension

Public Health Madison and Dane County

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



Tree Canopy in Madison

- Race, income, and education are correlated to canopy variances in Madison.
- The most significant demographic-related predictor of tree canopy in 2015 and 2020 was housing tenure
- Property values and income were significant predictors for tree canopy
- Weak correlation between black population and tree canopy in 2015 and even weaker in 2020
- Highly educated people are more likely to benefit from tree cover
- Between 2015 and 2020 there is a small shift towards decreasing tree canopy inequalities



Tenets of How We Work

Community initiatives should be led by the community if they are going to benefit the community.

We partner with community-based organizations to help determine where trees should be located and host tree planting events.



Current TCC Activities

Tree planting events

Education and Outreach

Heritage oaks

Mapping and tree canopy prioritization



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Growing Shade

An interactive resource to assess, preserve, and expand tree canopy in Dane County, WI