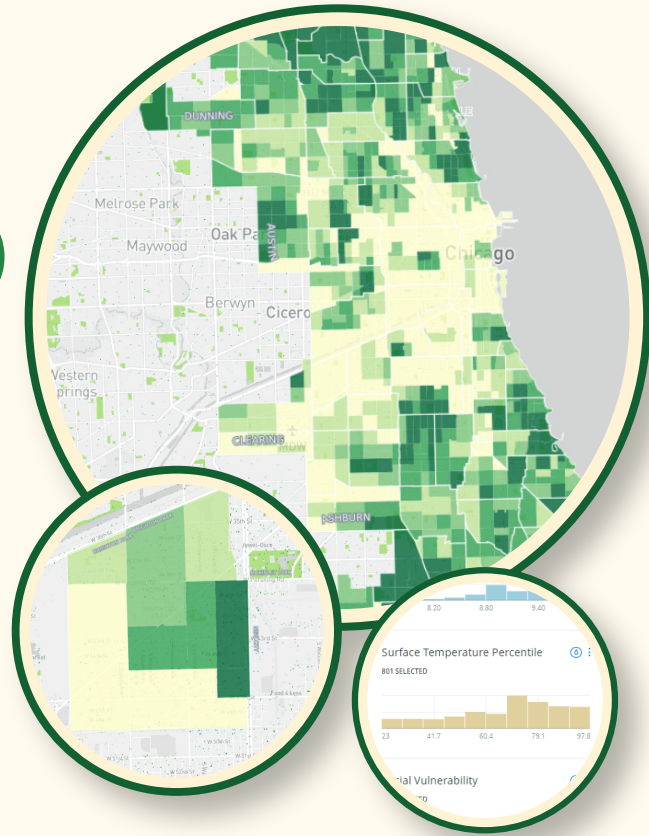


The City of Chicago presents **OUR ROOTS CHICAGO**

City data shows that our urban tree canopy is not equally distributed across Chicago. The City of Chicago is working to reverse this trend through Our Roots Chicago, a program with an historic commitment to greatly expand the City's tree planting operations by planting 75,000 trees over the next five years. This community-driven plan will prioritize the equitable planting of trees in historically marginalized and underserved neighborhoods. Trees provide numerous health benefits and can help our communities be more resilient to the impact of climate events and reduce greenhouse gasses, one of the leading causes of climate change.

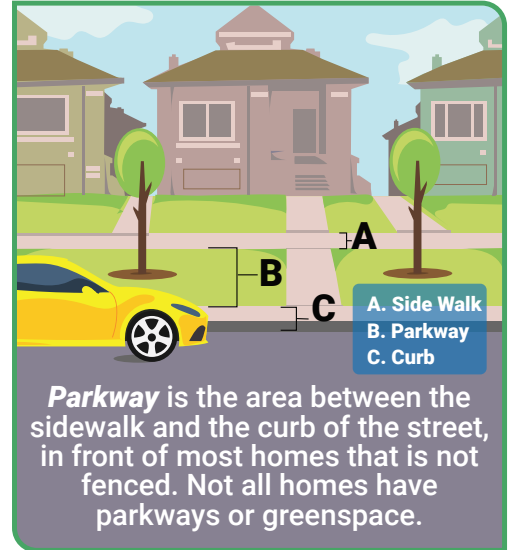


Join communities around the city and request
a free parkway tree in front of your home.
The process is easy as 1-2-Tree!

Step 1: Request a free parkway tree by either calling 3-1-1, downloading the CHI311 mobile app and search for "TREE", or visit the City website:
www.311.chicago.gov/s/article/Tree-planting

Step 2: Once requested, DSS will assess whether a tree can be planted in your parkway. If eligible for a tree, DSS will leave a door hanger to confirm and notify that a new tree is on its way!

Step 3: A new tree is planted. Parkway trees are trimmed by request at no cost. To request a tree trim, call 3-1-1.



For more information on the benefits of trees or to learn more about the City of Chicago's tree planting strategy, visit
chicago.gov/ouroots



LET'S TALK ABOUT TREES!

Let's set the record straight on the rumors circulating about trees and talk about the facts!



OUR ROOTS
CHICAGO

I've Heard

Trees break and crack sidewalks and create plumbing issues

Trees increase crime

Trees are high maintenance and costly to maintain

Planting more trees will disrupt our natural ecosystem

Trees are dangerous for homes. They can damage property

Let's Talk About It!

- Tree roots do not break pipes, but rather, broken pipes attract tree roots due to moisture in the pipes.
- Did you know that tree roots only go down 2-3 feet?

- There are no scientific studies that prove that trees increase crime. Studies actually show that tree lined streets have lower crime rates.

- Taking care of trees takes less time and money than taking care of grass because you don't need a lawnmower that requires maintenance, gas, oil, and/or electricity.
- The City will trim your parkway tree at no cost to you. You can contact 311 or visit 311.chicago.gov to report a service request.
- Did you know you can rake leaves to the base of the tree in the fall and leave them there as mulch for the winter and spring months?

- Trees provide oxygen, improve air quality, help keep soil in place, and absorb water which prevents flooding.
- Trees also absorb carbon and attract a lot of wildlife such as birds that feed on insects like mosquitoes.

- Trees that are not properly maintained may have weaker limbs.
- Trees can protect your home from flooding.
- They can also lower your air conditioning costs by providing shade and lowering air temperature. Trees can block cold winds in the winter lowering your heating costs.

Now that you know the facts, find more information on how you can request a free parkway tree by visiting chicago.gov/OurRoots