

Tree Cover and Income by Neighborhood

TreeVitalize Pittsburgh is a joint project of Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Working in partnership with community groups, non-profits, and municipal agencies, TreeVitalize will plant 20,000 trees by 2012 throughout the Pittsburgh region.

Initial focus for the project will be on planting street trees in the City of Pittsburgh and on planting trees in City and County parks and along riverfronts.

Preference for street tree plantings will be given to neighborhoods that:

- have demonstrated the capacity to organize volunteers for planting and stewardship activities;
- have a low number of trees per resident;
- have a predominance of residents at or below the median income;
- are implementing other environmental improvements such as stormwater best management practices; and/or
- are implementing other community improvements such as residential redevelopment or business district reinvestment

Parks and riverfront tree plantings will be targeted towards areas that:

- are in need of intensive restoration;
- have historical, cultural, or environmental significance;
- are undergoing additional environmental improvements

The map to the left shows an aggregation of street trees per person and income levels, by neighborhood. The lower the number of street trees and the lower the income level is, the lighter the shade of green.

Land Cover data provided by the US Forest Service Urban Tree Canopy Analysis. Income figures based on 2000 Census SF3.

Map created by the GIS Lab at Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

