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Chesapeake Bay Program

Tree Canopy Project Updates

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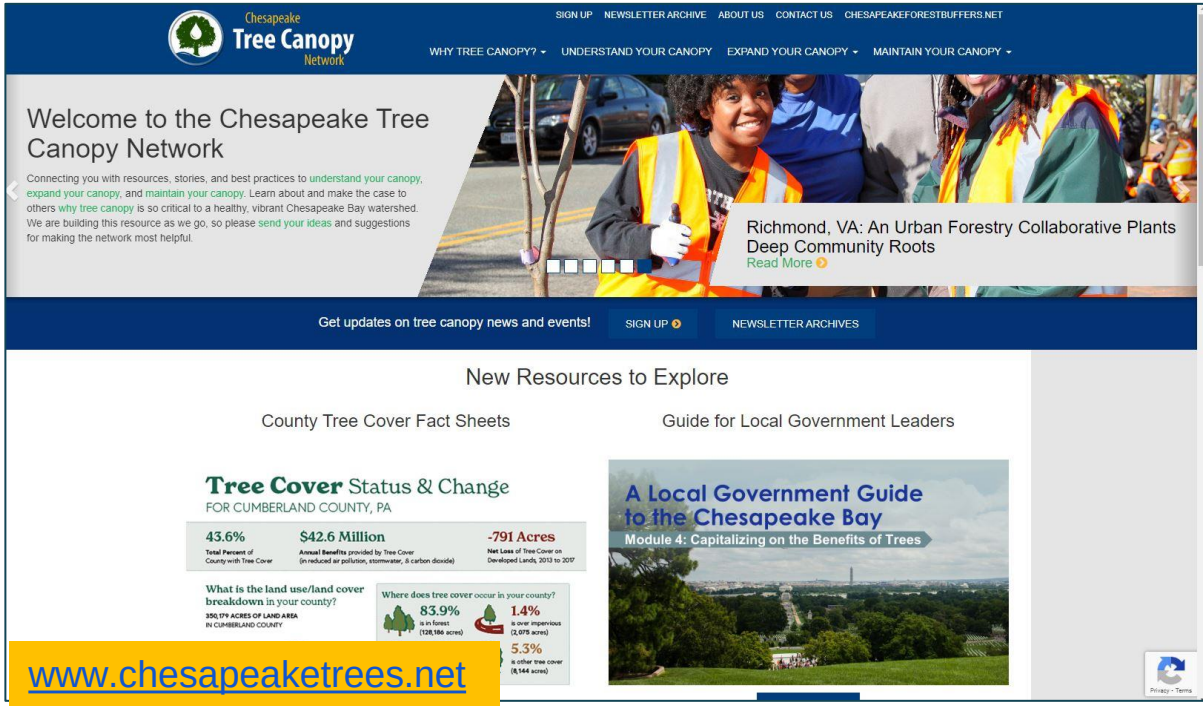

Chesapeake Tree Canopy Summits

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- First in 2014, Linthicum, MD
  - Presentations, breakout groups on tree canopy needs to inform longterm Management Strategy

- Second in 2020, Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, MD
  - Sessions on financing, forest-friendly ordinances, stormwater, data tools, equitable community engagement

  - Both were 2 day, free events, ~100 participants, invite-only, list created by state leads to try to get representation across the 6 states and DC

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- Planning for next Summit 2025
  - Recent Tree Canopy Workplans included plans for a virtual Summit to make the content more open and accessible for wide participation by practitioners across the watershed, but had to be postponed

- Other recent virtual events held (GIT-funded)

  - March 2023 Chesapeake Tree Canopy Funding & Policy Roundtable (2-day)
  - August 2024 Urban Tree Supply Forum (1-day)

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- Planning for next Summit 2025 – seeking input
  - Virtual or in-person? Location ideas?
  - Timing – Jan/Feb 2025 or summer (avoid spring planting season)
  - Length (1 or 2 days, or half-day virtual sessions)
  - Thoughts on goals of Summit, audience, priority topics?

  - Let us know if you'd like to be involved in the planning (email kesha.braunskill@usda.gov)

Tree Cover Status & Change Fact Sheets

- Produced for all CB counties in March 2023 (2013/14 – 2017/18 time period)
  - https://chesapeaketrees.net/understand-your-canopy/

- Working with Chesapeake Conservancy and partners to produce at municipal scale using latest data (2013/14 – 2021/2022)

Tree Cover Status & Change Fact Sheets

- Proposal to create for all incorporated census places (local government entity for decision making, ~770 in watershed)

- Use same fact sheet template, minor edits as needed
- Fact Sheet Data Guide will also be updated, provides more context about data sources and resources

County fact sheets hosted at:
https://chesapeaketrees.net/understand-your-canopy/

Tree Cover Status & Change

FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA

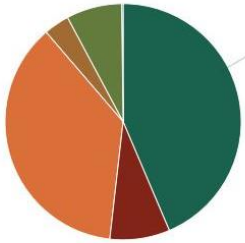
43.6%
Total Percent of County with Tree Cover

$42.6 Million
Annual Benefits provided by Tree Cover (in reduced air pollution, stormwater, & carbon dioxide)

-791 Acres
Net Loss of Tree Cover on Developed Lands, 2013 to 2017

What is the land use/land cover breakdown in your county?

350,179 ACRES OF LAND AREA
IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY



43.6%	Tree Cover [1] 152,816 acres	8.2%	Impervious *(Buildings/Pavement)* 28,747 acres
36.9%	Agriculture 129,193 acres	3.5%	Other [2] 12,220 acres
7.6%	Turf Grass *(Lawns)* 26,560 acres	0.2%	Non-Forested Wetlands 643 acres

1. Tree cover includes all trees occurring on all land uses, such as individual trees found over turf, impervious, agricultural, wetlands, or other lands. It also includes areas of "forest," defined in this dataset as patches of tree cover 1 acre or greater, with a minimum patch width of 240 feet.
2. Other includes a mixture of non-treed land uses not captured in the main pie chart categories. See the *Data Guide* for detailed definitions of "other" and all the land use categories.

Land use/land cover statistics were generated based on 2017 imagery using the 2022 edition of the *Chesapeake Bay Land Use and Land Cover Database*.

Where does tree cover occur in your county?

83.9% is in forest (**128,186** acres)

1.4% is over impervious (**2,075** acres)

9.4% is over turf grass (**14,411** acres)

5.3% is other tree cover (**8,144** acres)

What are some benefits of tree cover in your county?

Total Air Pollution Removal Value
9,680 lbs removed annually
$9.2 Million saved annually
Total air pollution removal includes CO, NO_2, O_3, SO_2, and Particulate Matter (PM2.5, PM10).

Gallons of Reduced Stormwater Runoff Value
560.8 million gallons reduced annually
$5.0 million saved annually

Carbon Sequestered Value
151,000 tons removed annually
$28.4 million saved annually

Calculated based on 2017 tree cover data using: *landscape.itreetools.org*

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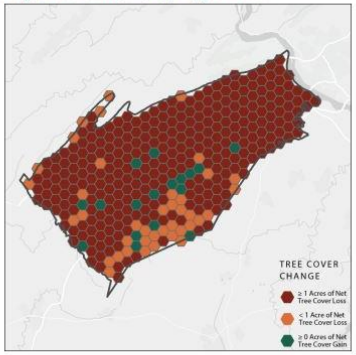
How is tree cover changing on developed and developing lands?



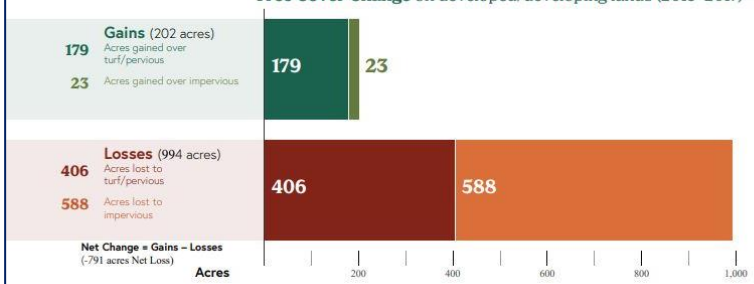
Understanding how your tree cover changes over time can inform the sustainable management of forests and community trees. The map to the left shows where your county has lost and gained tree cover from 2013 to 2017, focusing on land that is already or newly developed.

Tree cover can be lost quickly due to human activities (e.g., construction) or natural events (e.g., severe weather).

Tree cover can be gradually increased through tree planting and natural regrowth, but these gains may take 10-15 years to be detected in high resolution imagery.

Since mature, healthy trees provide significantly greater community benefits than newly planted trees, it is important to both preserve existing tree cover and seek opportunities to grow new trees and forests. Local land use planning, ordinances, and tree programs play a critical role!

Tree Cover Change on developed/developing lands (2013–2017)



Learn More:

Chesapeake Tree Canopy Network
Links to county fact sheets, user guides, map viewers, datasets, and more

Tree Equity Score
Explore maps of how tree benefits are distributed across communities

Capitalizing on the Benefits of Trees
A slideshow for local leaders featuring tree benefits, case studies and resources

State Urban and Community Forestry Assistance
(Ned Brockmeyer, Pennsylvania Website)

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Tree Cover Status & Change
FOR FAIRFAX CITY, VA

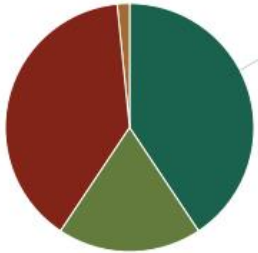
40.6%
Total Percent of City with Tree Cover

$861,000
Annual Benefits provided by Tree Cover (in reduced air pollution, stormwater, & carbon dioxide)

-10 Acres
Net Loss of Tree Cover on Developed Lands, 2014 to 2018

What is the land use/land cover breakdown in your city?

4,007 ACRES OF LAND AREA
IN FAIRFAX CITY



40.6% Tree Cover [1] — 1,627 acres
39% Impervious (Buildings/Pavement) — 1,565 acres
18.7% Turf Grass — 751 acres
1.6% Other [2] — 65 acres

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Where does tree cover occur in your city?

16.2% is in forest (**264** acres)
12.8% is over impervious (**208** acres)
67.4% is over turf grass (**1,096** acres)
3.6% is other tree cover (**59** acres)

What are some benefits of tree cover in your city?

Total Air Pollution Removal Value
63,000 lbs removed annually
$322,000 saved annually
Total air pollution removal includes CO, NO_2, O_3, SO_2, and Particulate Matter (PM2.5, PM10).

Gallons of Reduced Stormwater Runoff Value
19.8 million gallons reduced annually
$176,600 saved annually

Carbon Sequestered Value
2,000 tons removed annually
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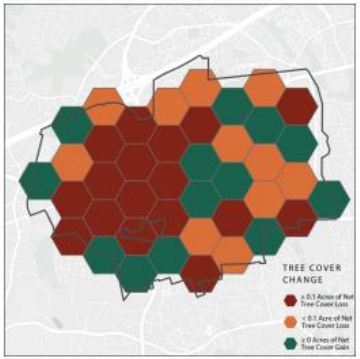

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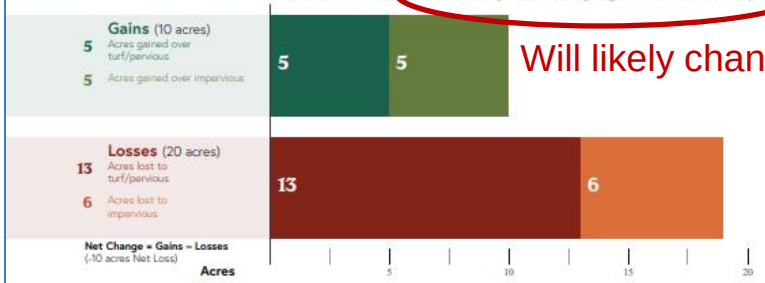

Will likely change this

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- Please send feedback by 10/18:

➢ Review posted spreadsheet of incorporated census places to see if there are any important communities missing (we can also send you geodatabase file if preferred)

➢ Review fact sheet template and send any suggestions for minor edits to wording

Send feedback to Bay Hanson, Elizabeth.Hanson@usda.gov