



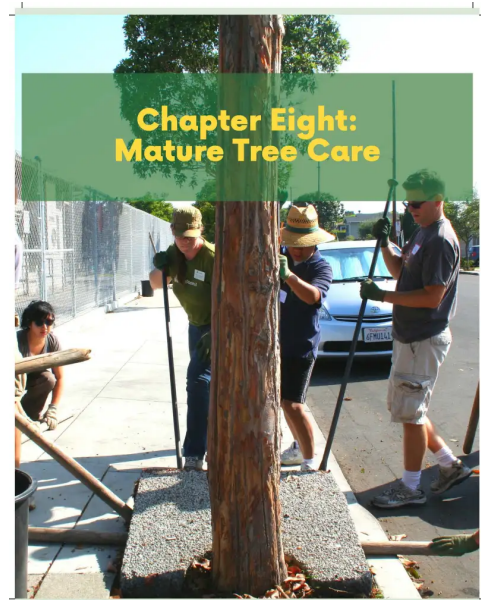
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Tree inventory in neighborhood parks

- A tree inventory was completed for fourteen (14) neighborhood parks in the City of San Diego, in 2022 by urban planning students at the University of California, San Diego. Parks were located in census tracts that have both low and high Climate Equity Index (CEI) scores. [Read report here.](#)
- The tree inventory showed that parks in high CEI census tracts have more and larger trees, more trees per acre, and therefore more shade and community benefits.
- Parks in low-CEI score areas have fewer trees, trees per acre, and smaller trees, illustrating that underserved communities in the City have “tree inequity.”
- Students organized the project, collected tree inventories, analyzed the data, and directly observed differences among communities. This project provided students with exposure to the concept of tree inequity, participation in data collection, and envision future careers in urban planning and sustainable design.

Best booklets for urban forestry learning



- We've been learning from the [Tree Ambassador program](#) from Los Angeles, using nine 20-page educational booklets that are written in English and Spanish.
- Our favorites are: (2) [Community organizing](#); (3) [Tree selection](#); (4) [Tree planting and young tree care](#); (5) [Trees, urban heat and climate change](#); and (8) [Mature tree care](#).
- This program is organized by City Plants and funded by the municipal utility, LA Water and Power. They provide on-the-ground, community-centered support to residents in low-canopy and urban heat vulnerable regions, with local residents paid to organize neighborhoods.



Interns and intergenerational learning

- Six interns began their orientation last Friday, along with five community members who are inspired by the intergenerational learning and leading in Kate Sessions' internship program.
- They are "Gen-Z," a generation that always knew that climate action is real and now express considerable anxiety. Our future conversations will unpack how distress about the climate crisis can spur positive change for all generations.
- [Read article](#) with millennial Britt Wray's advice about seeking both internal and external climate action. Building up the socio-emotional resilience to deal with the emotions and challenges ahead. Being part of something bigger, to protect others and protect the world, makes us more alive and informs our bigger possibilities.
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