



The Tree Solutions Now Act of 2021 and the Urban Trees Grant Program

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2016 Brooklyn Urban Garden Charter School - Ms. Lianna and her 8th Graders



TREE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2021

additional

5 million native trees planted and maintained by 2031

1. New tree plantings
2. Native species
3. After July 1, 2021



500,000 trees planted in urban underserved areas

Support environmental justice
and equity



TREE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2021

ACHIEVING **5M TREES** IS A MULTI-AGENCY EFFORT

Maryland Department of the Environment is coordinating the implementation of the **Tree Solutions Now Act of 2021** with leadership support from



Urban Trees Grant Program

The Tree Solutions Now Act of 2021



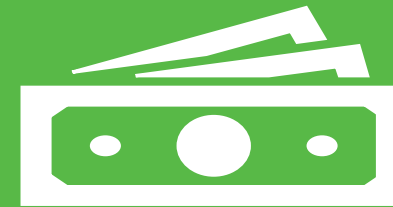
Goal: To plant 500,000 native trees in urban underserved areas by 2031 as part of the 5 Million trees for Maryland initiative.



2 years



**77 projects
funded**



\$18.6 million awarded



**36,745
native trees**

Why urban trees?



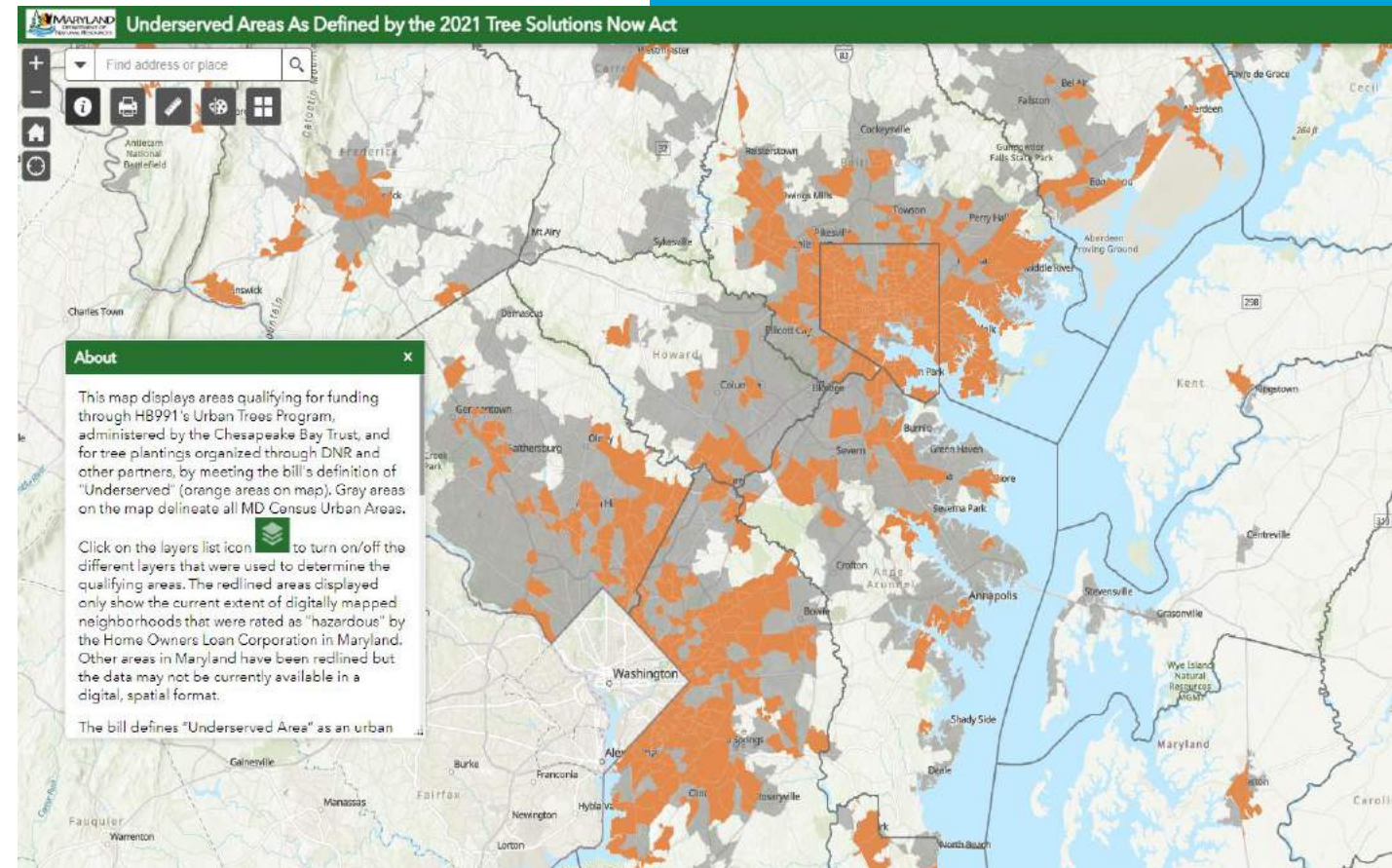
- Improve the health of local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay
- Mitigate flooding
- Improve air quality
- Provide urban wildlife habitat
- Reduce urban heat island effect
- Lower crime rates
- Boost property values
- Stimulate local green jobs
- Strengthen communities

Urban Underserved Communities

1. Urban AND

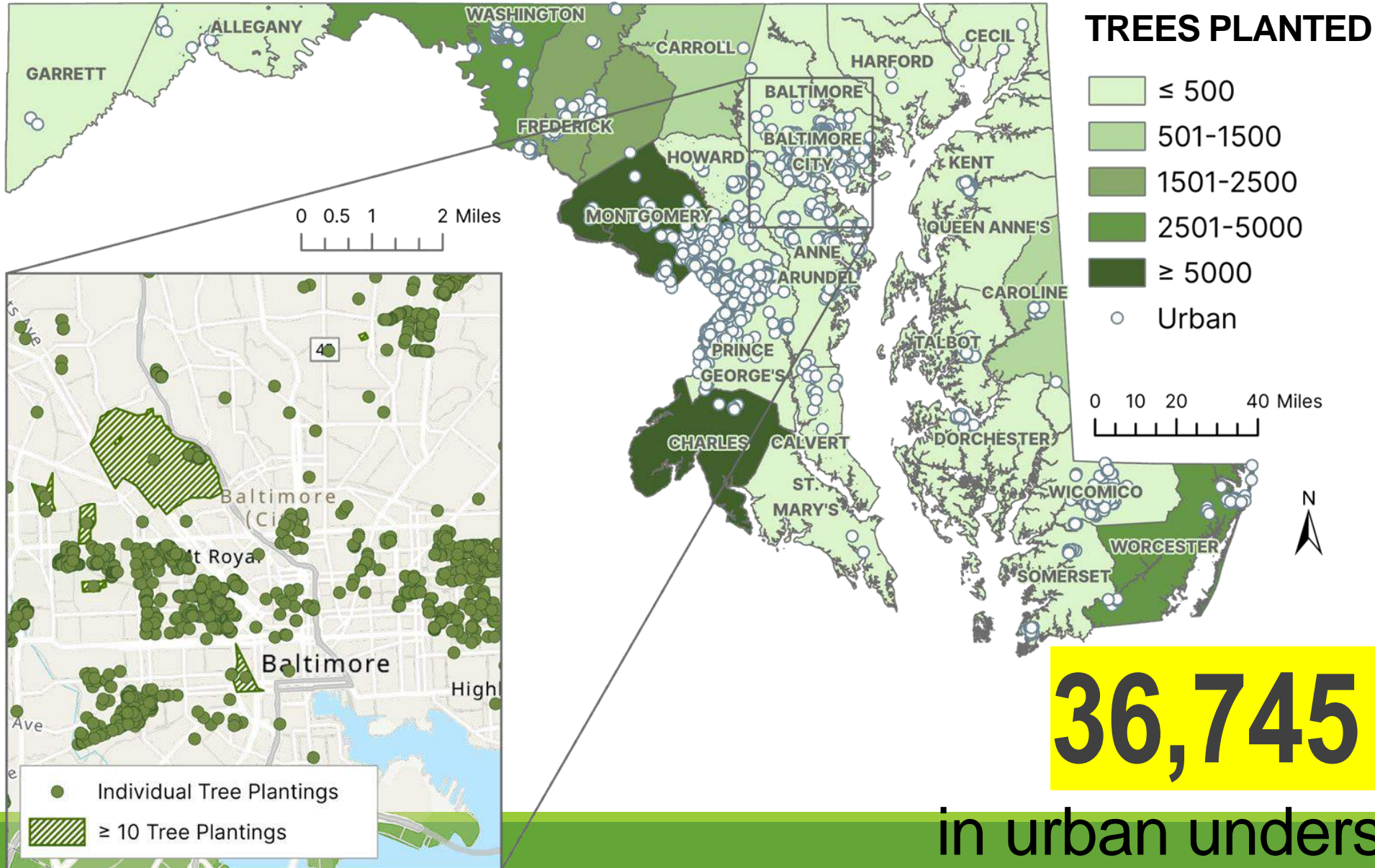
2. Underserved

- Historic disenfranchisement
- High unemployment
- Low income
- Housing projects



<https://maryland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4258d3e39f6a47fca146b854c0f01e31>

5MT PLANTINGS TO DATE

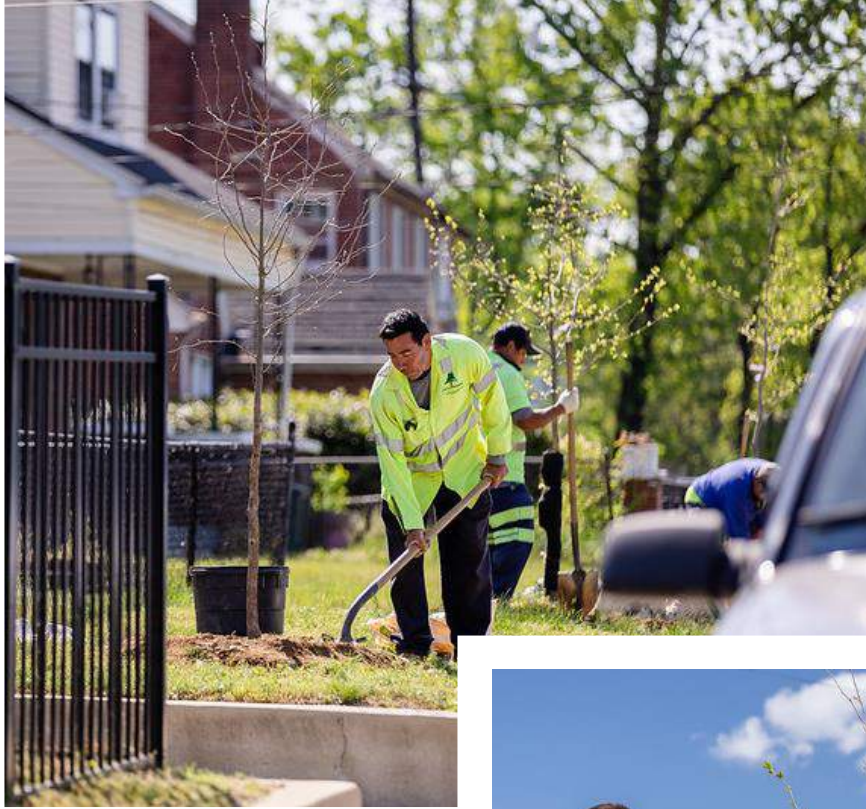


Eligible Applicants



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- Non-profit organizations
- Schools and institutions of higher education
- Service, youth and civic groups
- Neighborhood/Community associations
- Counties
- Municipalities
- Forest conservancy district boards



Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation

**\$2,000,000 Awarded
8000 Trees Planted**



Baltimore Tree Trust

\$4,000,000 Awarded

6500 Trees Planted





Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance (ACWA)
\$89,754 Awarded
205 Trees Planted



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COMMUNITY GARDE

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CLEARING DEBRIS,
MAINTAINING PATHWAYS

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618 DOLPHIN ST
(1200 BLK SHIELDS PLACE)

Upton Planning Committee

- \$384,590 Awarded
- 630 Trees Planted





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