

Agenda

- **Canopy Survey**. The goal of this ongoing project is to determine what percentage of Cambridge is covered by tree canopy and whether that percentage has been increasing or decreasing over the last five years. Matt Quirey will explain how the survey works. With enough volunteers, we should be able to finish this survey in time for the spring.
- **Urban Forest Carbon Registry**. Eric Grunebaum will lead a discussion on this exciting new opportunity to fund urban forestry efforts by selling carbon credits
- **Our own tree mapping program**. A software development company in Ireland surprised us by presenting us with an online database of over 29,000 trees in Cambridge. We'll do a quick "flyover" to see what you think!
- Update on Grant Applications
- Update on Biochar pilot project

Meeting Notes (meeting held virtually via Zoom teleconference)

Canopy Survey

The goal of this project is to find out whether the percentage of tree canopy coverage in Cambridge has increased or decreased between 2010 and 2015. We are using i-Canopy software for this project. Over 9,000 points need to be mapped. Matt is available on March 26th and March 27th to lead a group of volunteers in advancing this project. No experience is needed. Stay tuned for details of this event.

Urban Forest Carbon Registry

www.ufregistry.org is a targeted effort to connect urban tree planting and preservation projects with carbon buyers who want to reduce their carbon footprints. The city of Cambridge, educational institutions and large corporations all may place a value on purchasing carbon credits generated in Cambridge. Cambridge could be one of 20 initial projects. We will use the Google group to start working on a proposal to the city of Cambridge.

Tree Mapping with Curio

Green Cambridge was contacted by the makers of Curio, an online tree mapping program that has been pre-loaded with Cambridge street tree data. Curio is currently in beta test but will offer municipalities the opportunity to engage residents with data on urban street trees, including species, tree health and tree benefits. The map gives anyone the ability to contribute photos and stories, as well as update the data. We may want to do a small test project. We would like to identify spots where new trees could be planted.

Cambridge Tree Task Force

With spring fast approaching and the damage from last year's drought yet to be fully understood, it is important that the tree task force that was approved by the Cambridge City Council be appointed as soon as possible.

Volpe Trees

Chuck Hinds gave us a brief overview of options to save some of the mature trees on the Volpe site. Chuck will return to our next meeting to present his findings. Thank you, Chuck, for taking the lead on this important tree advocacy project.