

Airport Community Ecology (ACE) Fund Commission Briefing

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Airport Community Ecology Fund (ACE Fund)

- Commission-directed
- \$1 million fund
- Supports park improvements and environmental projects
- Focus communities: Burien, Des Moines, SeaTac



Two-pronged approach

Small Matching Grants Program	Green Cities Partnership Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$550,000• Administered directly by Port• Small-scale, community-based projects• Bi-annual disbursements• Port and city representatives serve on grant application review panel to select projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$450,000• Contract with Forterra• Urban Forest Management through Green City Partnerships• Large-scale projects• Des Moines Memorial Drive historic Elm tree planting

FORT&RRA Green City Partnerships

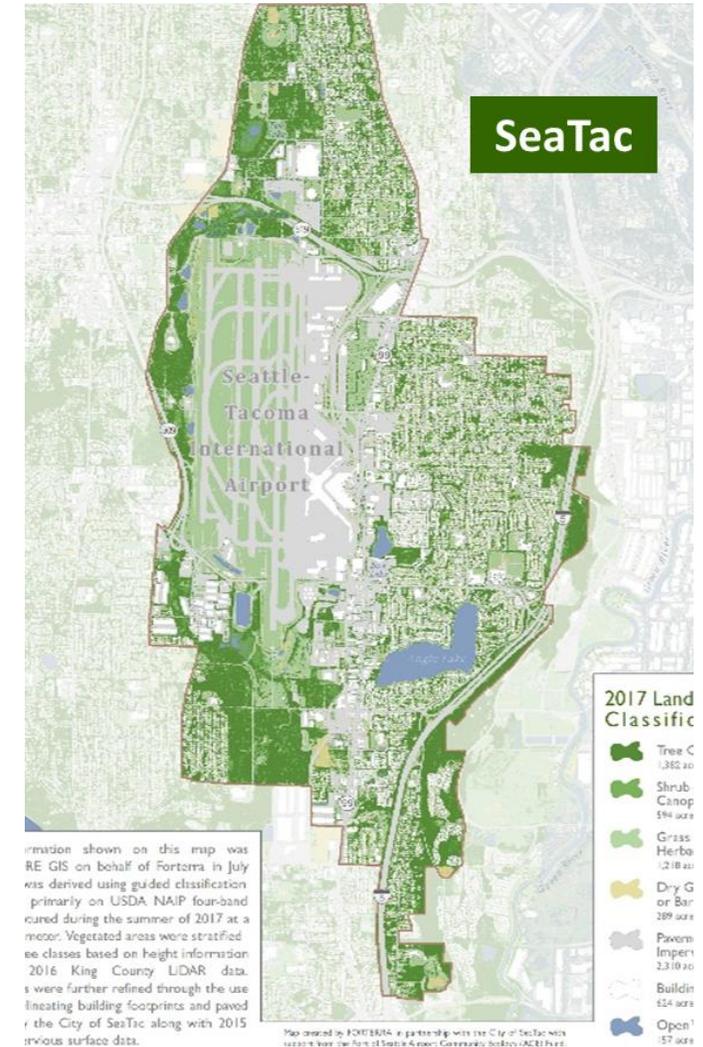
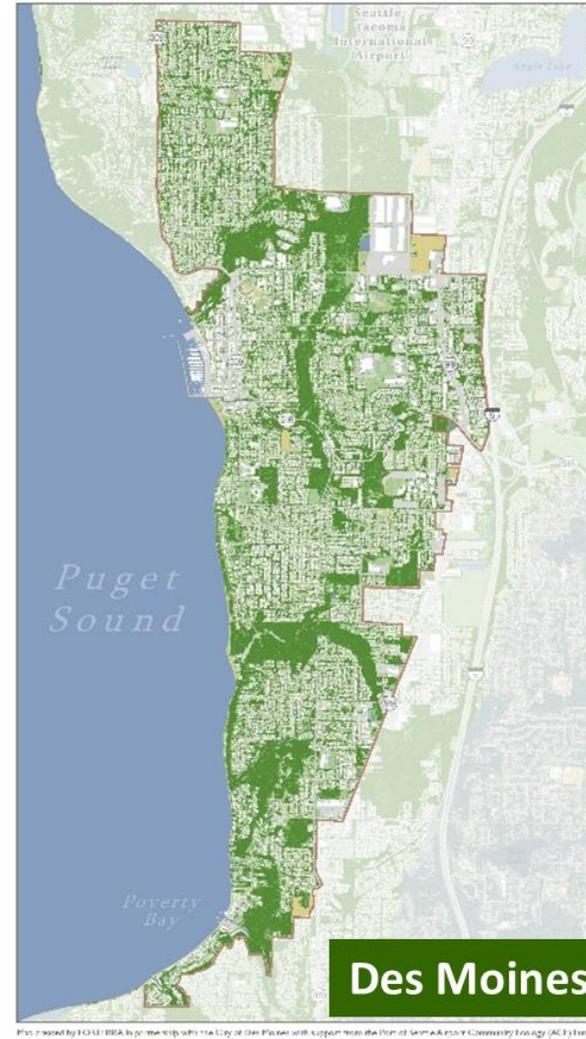
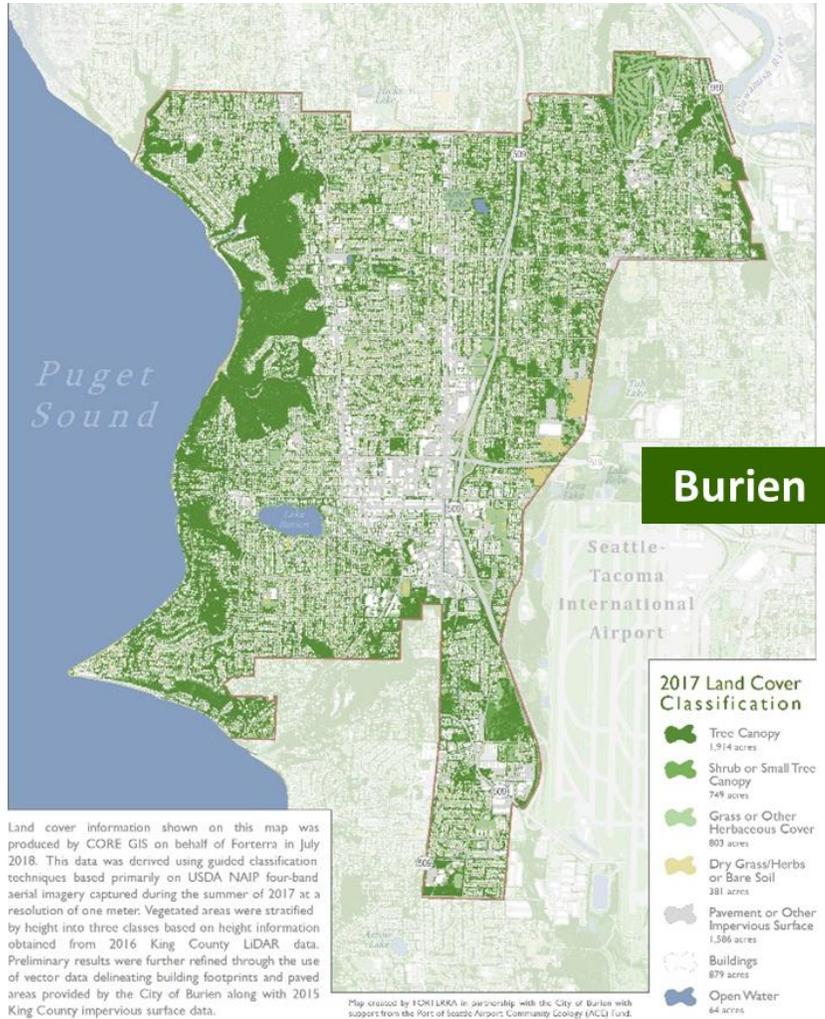


- 15 Green Cities/ 1 Green County
- Commitment to restore 13,000 acres
- 1.2 million trees and shrubs planted
- 284 forest stewards trained
- Over 1M volunteer hours since 2005

Green City Partnership Process in Burien, Des Moines and SeaTac

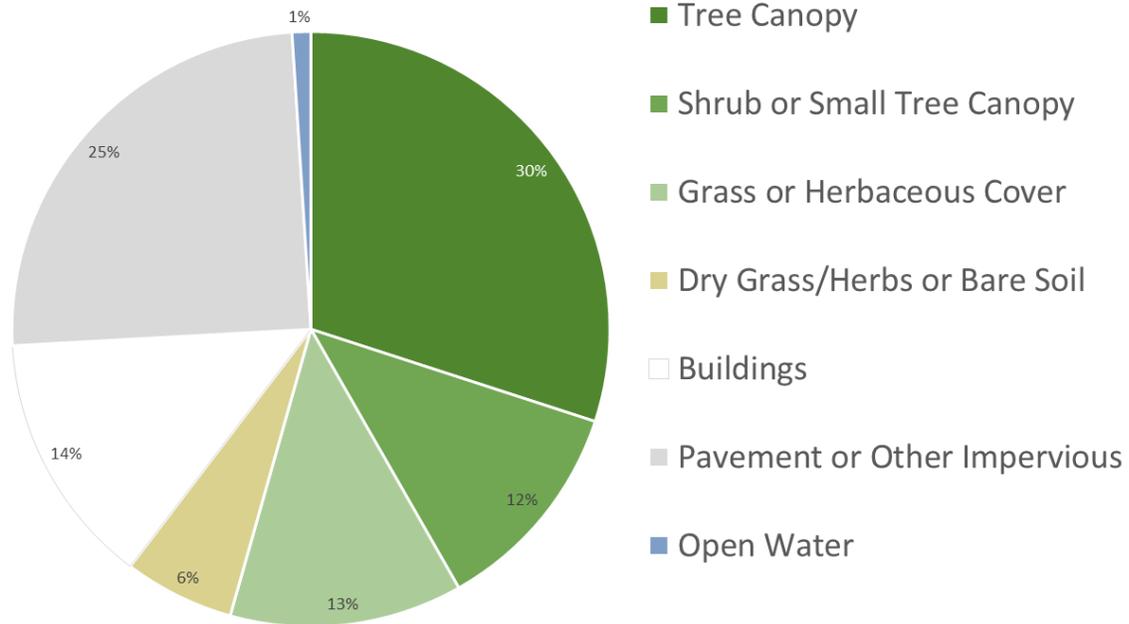


Land Cover Analysis



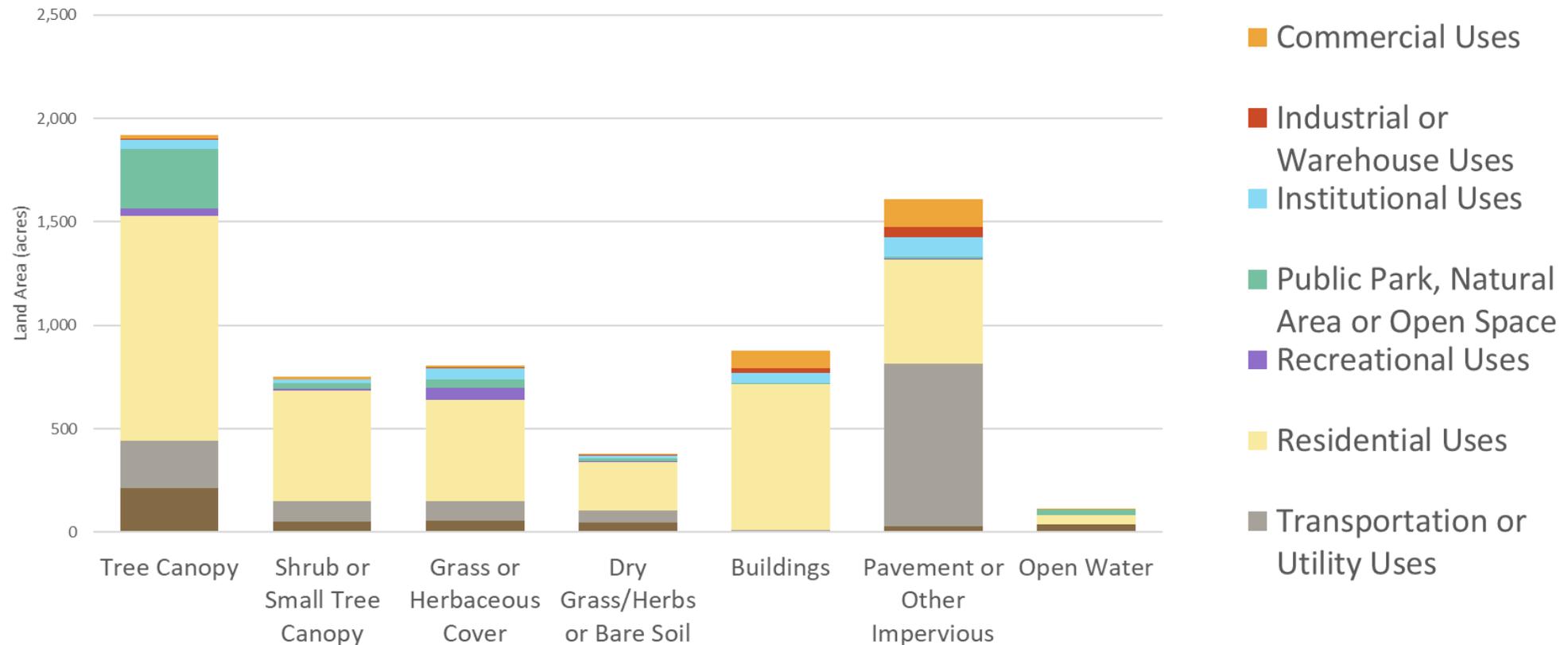
Canopy Cover Analysis- Burien

Citywide Land Cover Areal Percentages

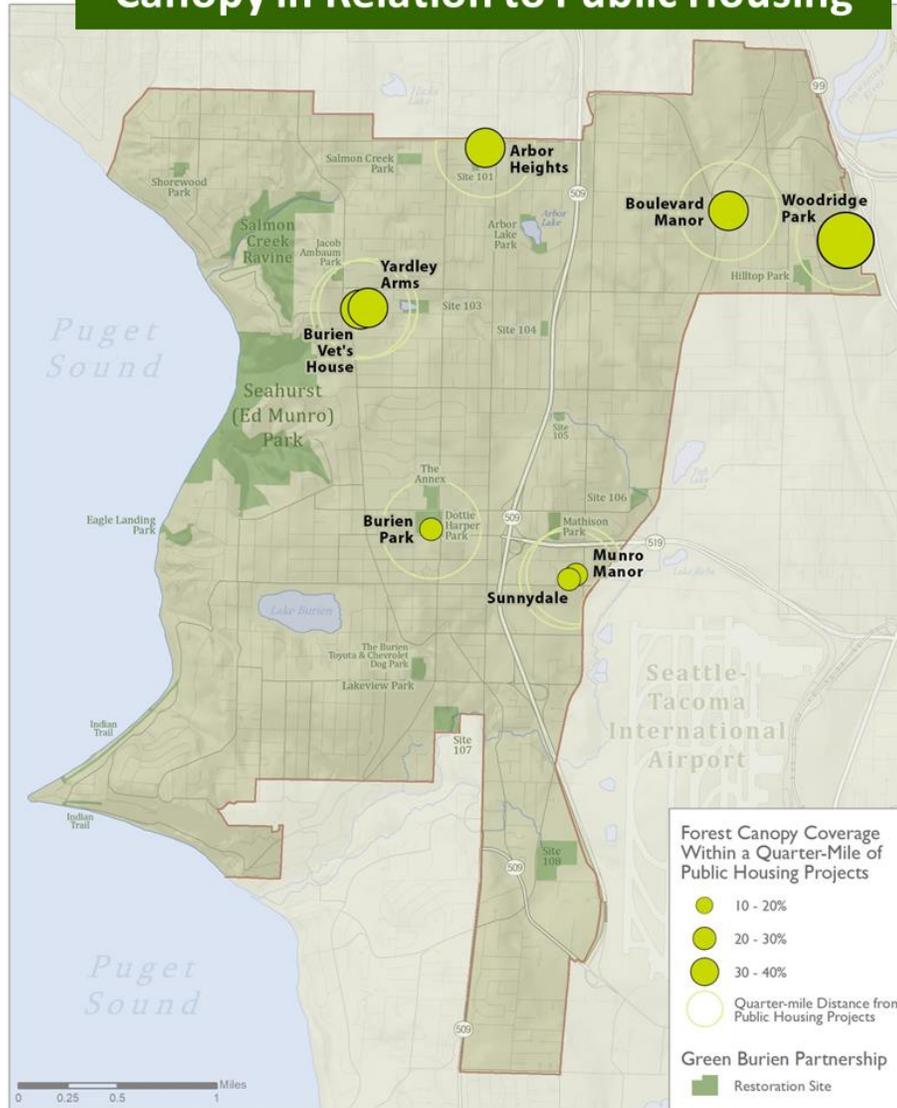


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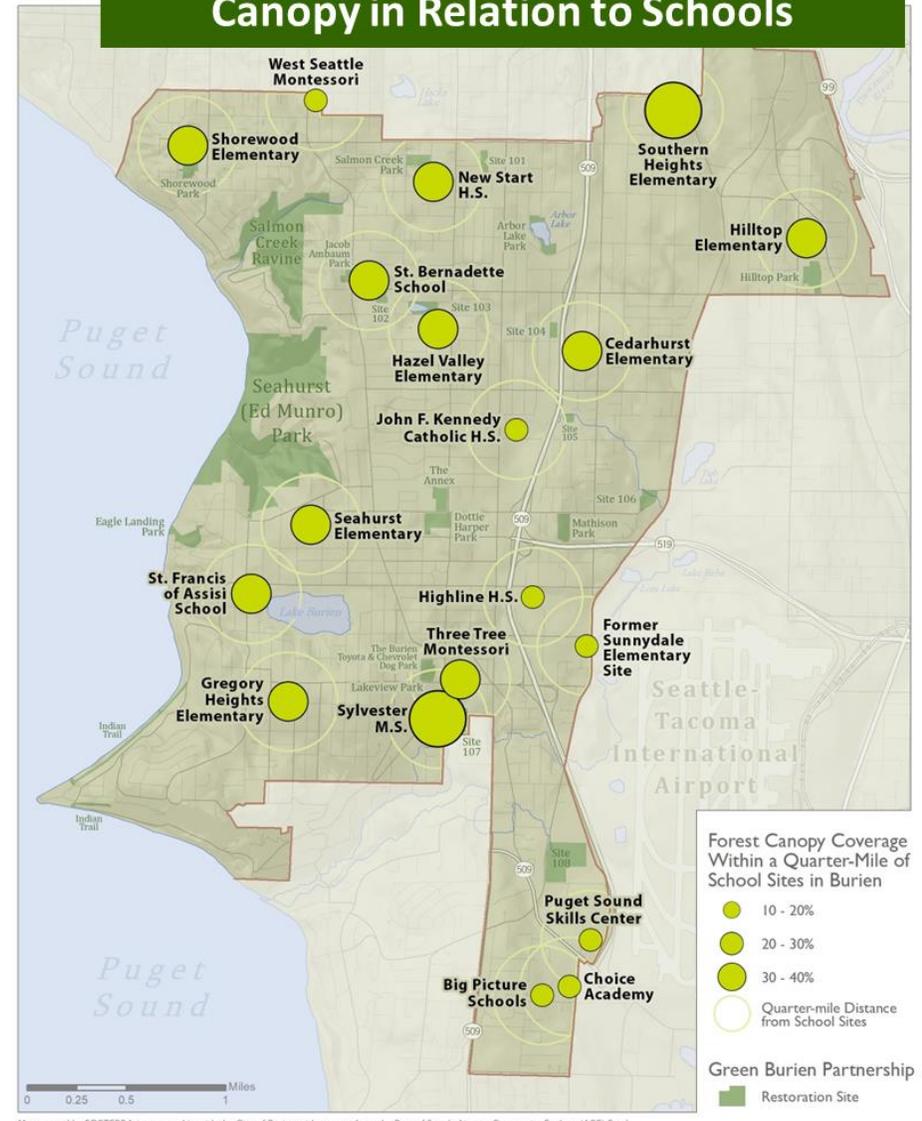
Distributions of Land Use Categories by Land Cover Type



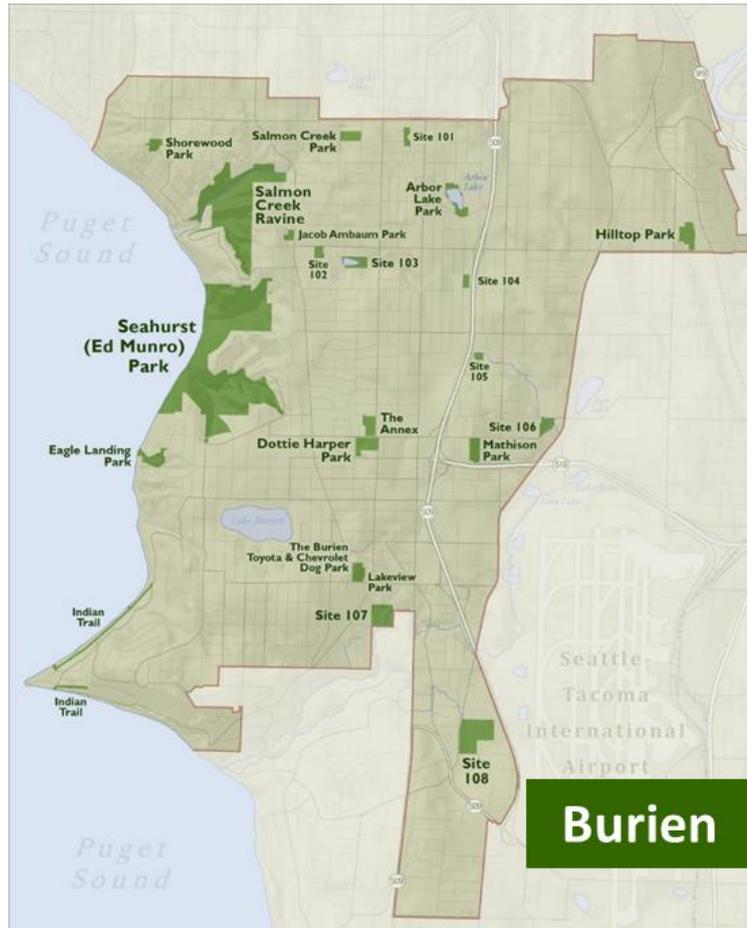
Canopy in Relation to Public Housing



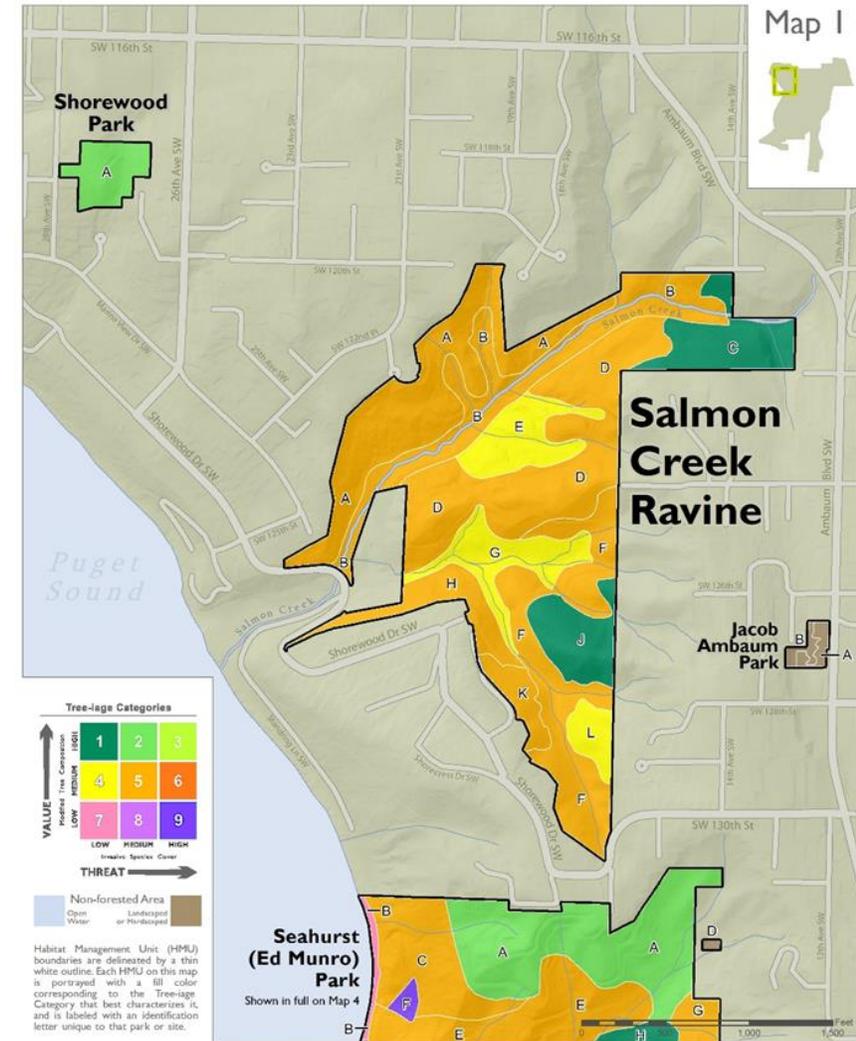
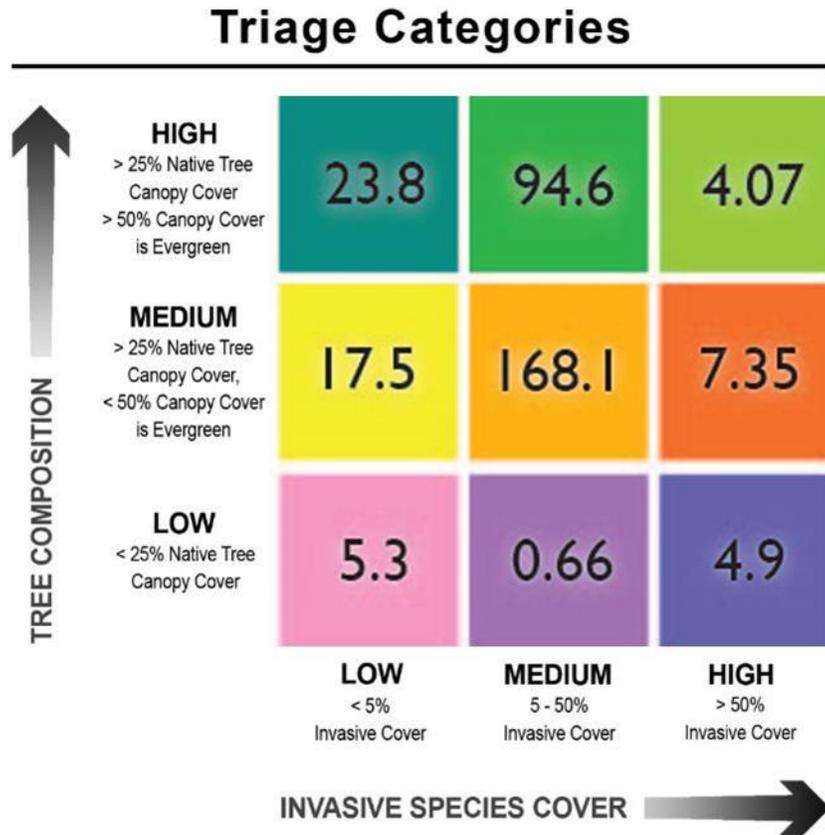
Canopy in Relation to Schools



738 Acres of Forested Parklands



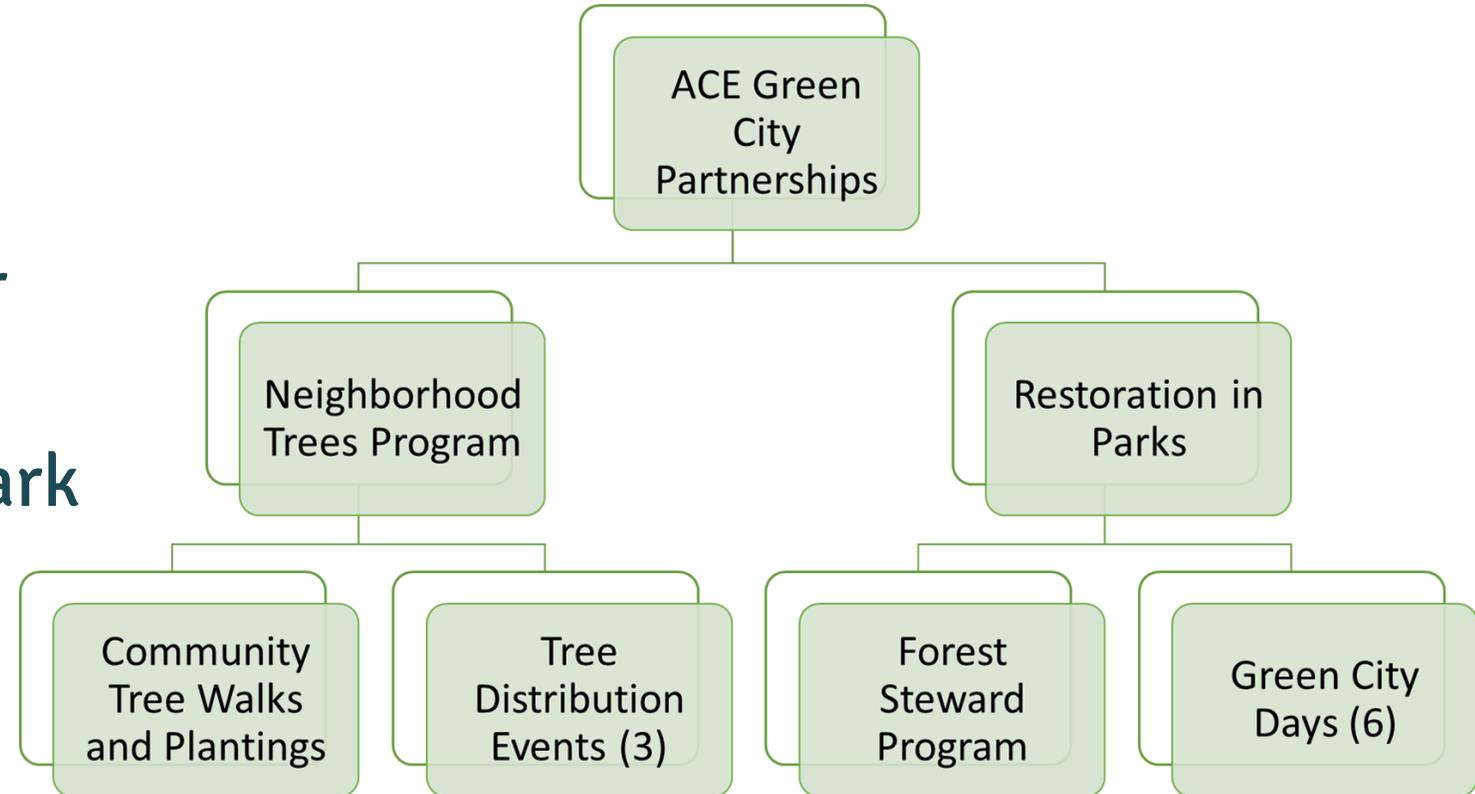
Forested Park Health Assessment



Implementation

Green City Days

- Angle Lake Park
September 21, 9am-noon
- Burien Community Center
October 12, 9am-noon
- Des Moines Kiddie/City Park
October 19, 9am-noon



Accomplishing the Work: Kiddie City Park



Next Steps for Green City Partnerships

- Finalize 20-Year Plans
- Conduct planting and tree distribution events
- Elm tree planting on Des Moines Memorial Drive
- Continued event support through 2021



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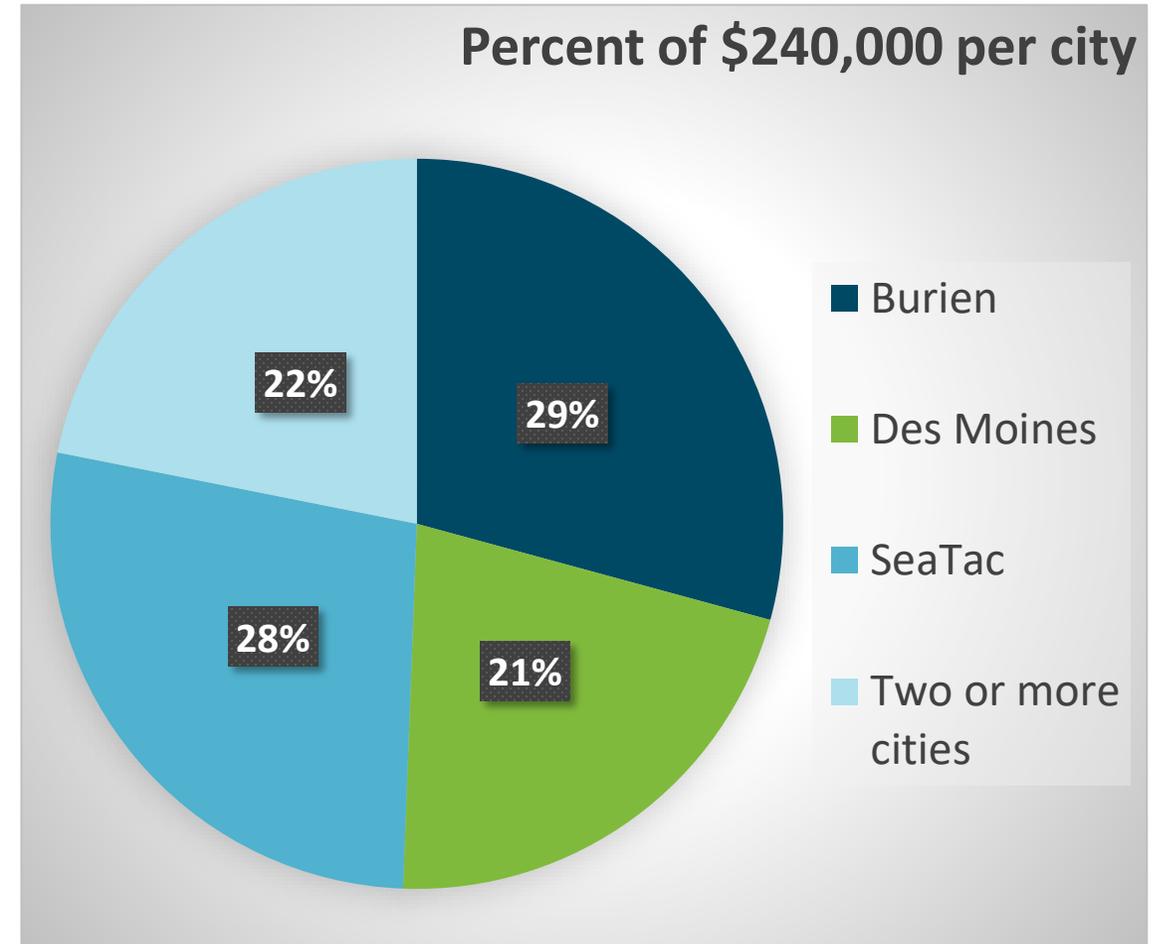
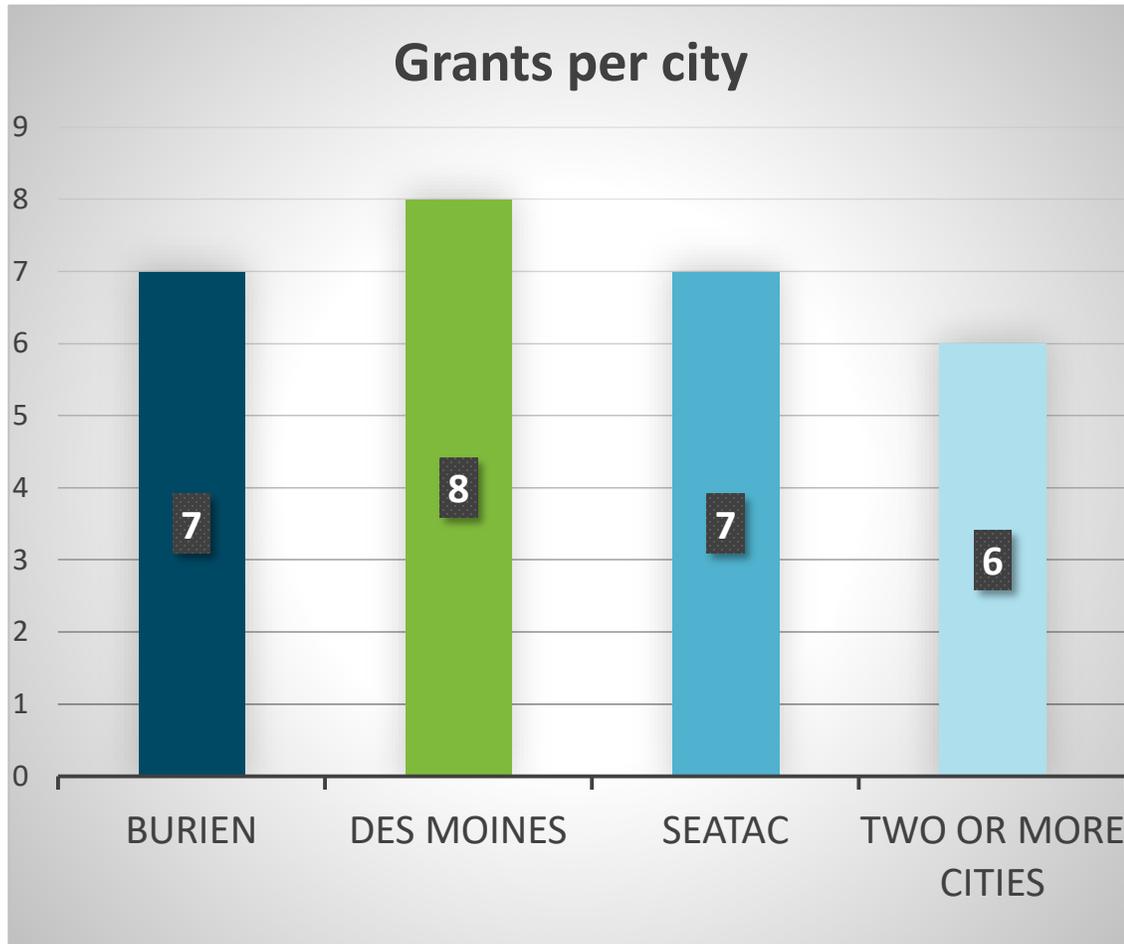
The flyer features a background image of a forest. On the left side, there are four small inset photos: the top one shows three people planting a tree; the second shows a woman smiling while working with a tree; the third shows two people working with a tree; the bottom one shows a group of people in blue shirts posing for a photo.

Small Matching Grants Program

- \$240,000 distributed
- 20 organizations
- 28 unique projects
 - Urban forest restoration
 - Healthy food access
 - Parks improvements
 - Environmental education
 - Waste reduction and recycling



ACE Funding Awards by Jurisdiction



Small Matching Grants Program – SeaTac



Small Matching Grants Program - Burien



Small Matching Grants Program – Des Moines



Challenges

- 3:1 match favors organizations with larger budgets and staff
- Port processes for application, selection, and reporting were not co-created with the community, and are difficult for small, diverse organizations to manage.
- “Ecological” messaging of the grant excludes groups that experience the environment differently.

Recommended Solutions

- Government Relations working reduce or remove required 3:1 match through 2020 state Legislative agenda.
- Collaborate with Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to conduct equity evaluation and restructure program to serve historically under-represented communities.
- Utilize results of equity evaluation to co-create culturally relevant messaging to connect with community sense of place.

Thank you! Questions?



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