



City of Clarksville

Tree Board

May 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM
City Hall
4th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Breah Banks at 3:59 PM.

2. Announce Members in Attendance (Verify Quorum)

Members Present:

Breah Banks

Misty Robertson

Derek Cooke

Jody Issacs

Justin Julian

3. Adoption of Minutes

A. April 9, 2025

Ms. Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes from April 9, 2025. Mr. Cooke seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Replant Clarksville Representative

Jeff Robinson, Cricket Dellinger, and Michelle Rogers were present to share information about the Replant Clarksville initiative. See attached.

5. Public Comments (Limit 5 minutes each)

There were no members from the public.

6. Old Business

A. Tree Ordinance Sec 1-1713-14

Ms. Banks made a motion to proceed with the new language for Tree Ordinance Section 1-17, 13-14. Ms. Issacs seconded, and the motion passed.
See attached.

B. Tree Ordinance Sec 1-1710

This discussion was tabled due to time.

7. Forestry Report

Due to time and Ms. Killebrew's absence, the Forestry report was tabled until next meeting.

A. Report out on Clarksville Arbor Day Celebration April 25th, 2025

B. Tree Board feature on City Podcast

C. May 17th Forestry Table at Downtown Farmers Market

8. New Business

A. Updates to using remaining 2025 budget

Ms. Banks proposed a motion to spend up to the remaining balance of the Tree Board's general supplies fund on advertising. Mr. Julian seconded. The motion passed.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Banks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cooke seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Introducing



REPLANT CLARKSVILLE

a not-for-profit organization dedicated to
planting trees in our community

- Clarksville and Montgomery County are losing tree canopy every year due to storms and development. We are currently losing the battle to replace these trees.
- We now have an active organization dedicated specifically to planting and maintaining trees.
- Replant Clarksville is a volunteer-based organization modeled after Trees Atlanta.

Atlanta, GA before Trees Atlanta



Atlanta, GA today



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Clarksville, TN

How does your city compare on tree cover?

Clarksville, Tenn./Ky.

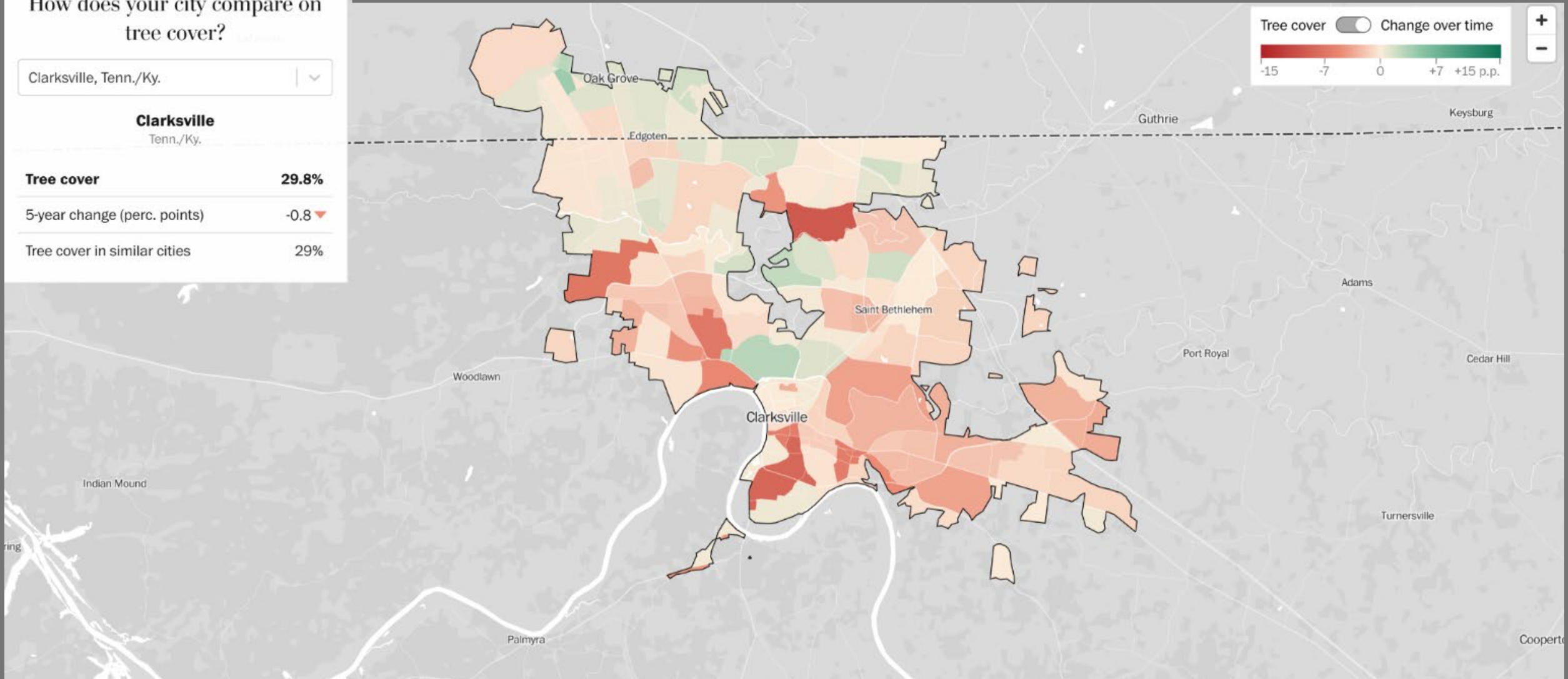
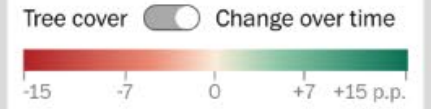
Clarksville

Tenn./Ky.

Tree cover **29.8%**

5-year change (perc. points) **-0.8 ▼**

Tree cover in similar cities **29%**



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Chattanooga, TN

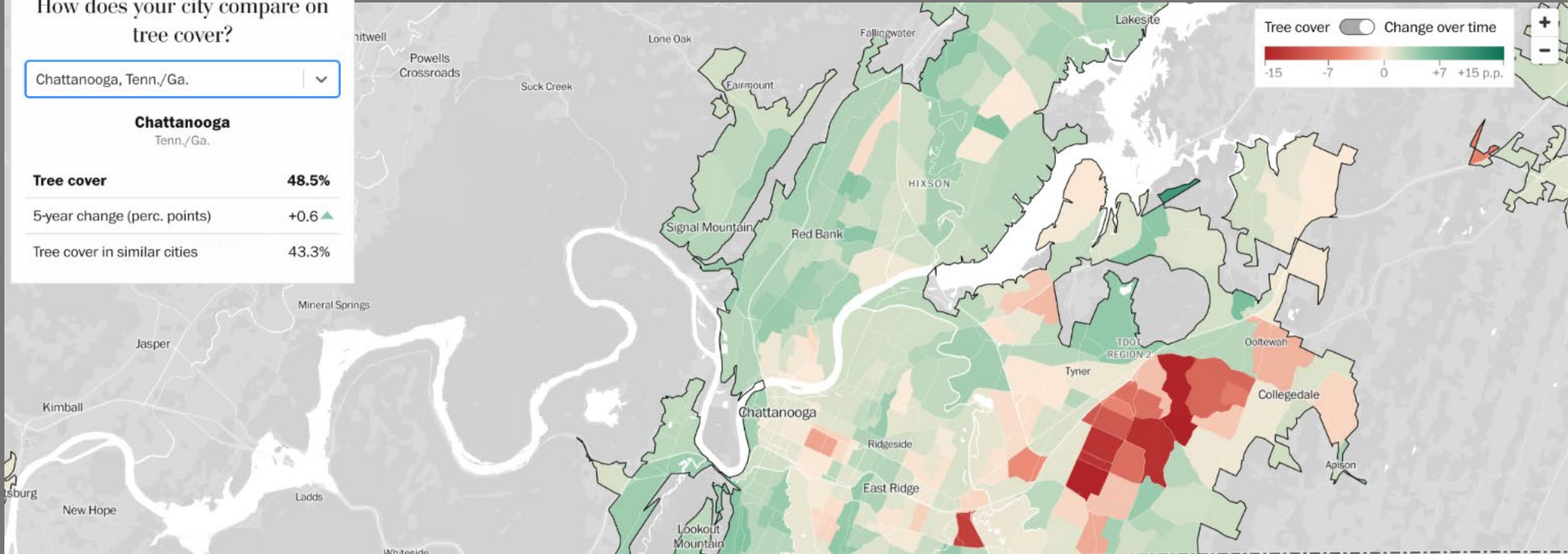
How does your city compare on tree cover?

Chattanooga, Tenn./Ga.

Chattanooga

Tenn./Ga.

Tree cover	48.5%
5-year change (perc. points)	+0.6 ▲
Tree cover in similar cities	43.3%



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How does your city compare on tree cover?

Nashville-Davidson, Tenn.

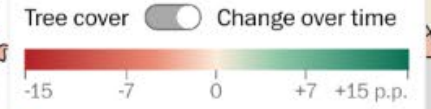
Nashville-Davidson
Tenn.

Tree cover **35.4%**

5-year change (perc. points) **-1.2 ▼**

Tree cover in similar cities **31.5%**

Nashville-Davidson, TN



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How does your city compare on tree cover?

Columbus, Ga./Ala.

Columbus

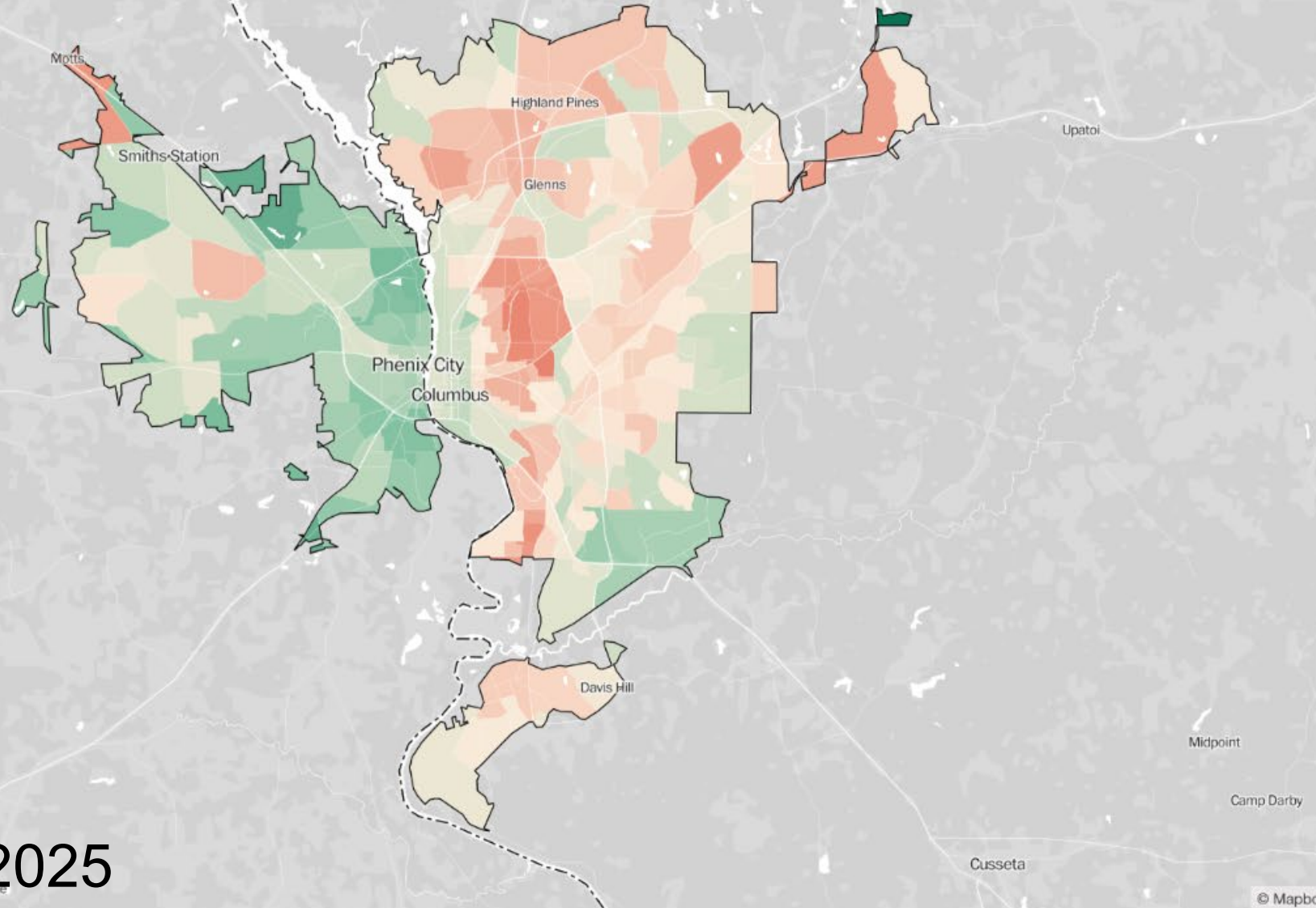
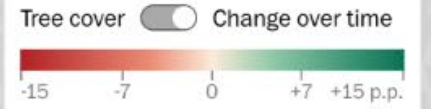
Ga./Ala.

Tree cover **47.5%**

5-year change (perc. points) **+0.6** ▲

Tree cover in similar cities **42.6%**

Columbus, GA



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Mission Statement

- To return our community to an acceptable, healthy level of native tree canopy with the support of local businesses, local governments, nonprofits, and citizens.



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Goals By Year

2025	300 trees
2026	1,000 trees
2027	2,000 trees



- 2025 – organization and planting in high profile locations
- 2026 and beyond – exponential expansion through direct planting and partnership programs.

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Board

Executive Committee

Chairman	Jeff Robinson
Vice Chair	Michelle Rogers
Secretary	JoAnn McIntosh
Treasurer	Patrick Wilkinson
Tree Expert	Wes Powell

Members by expertise

Arborist	Joey Redman
Master Gardeners	Beverly Guinn
Developer	Rex Hawkins
Marketing	Sara Golden
Design Professional	Marshall Duncan

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Partners



Montgomery County
Master Gardeners
Association



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Teams

- Outreach and Education Team – Michelle Rogers
- Planning and Direct Planting Team – Wes Powell
- Technical Review Team – Jim Durrett
- Volunteer Coordination Team – JoAnn McIntosh

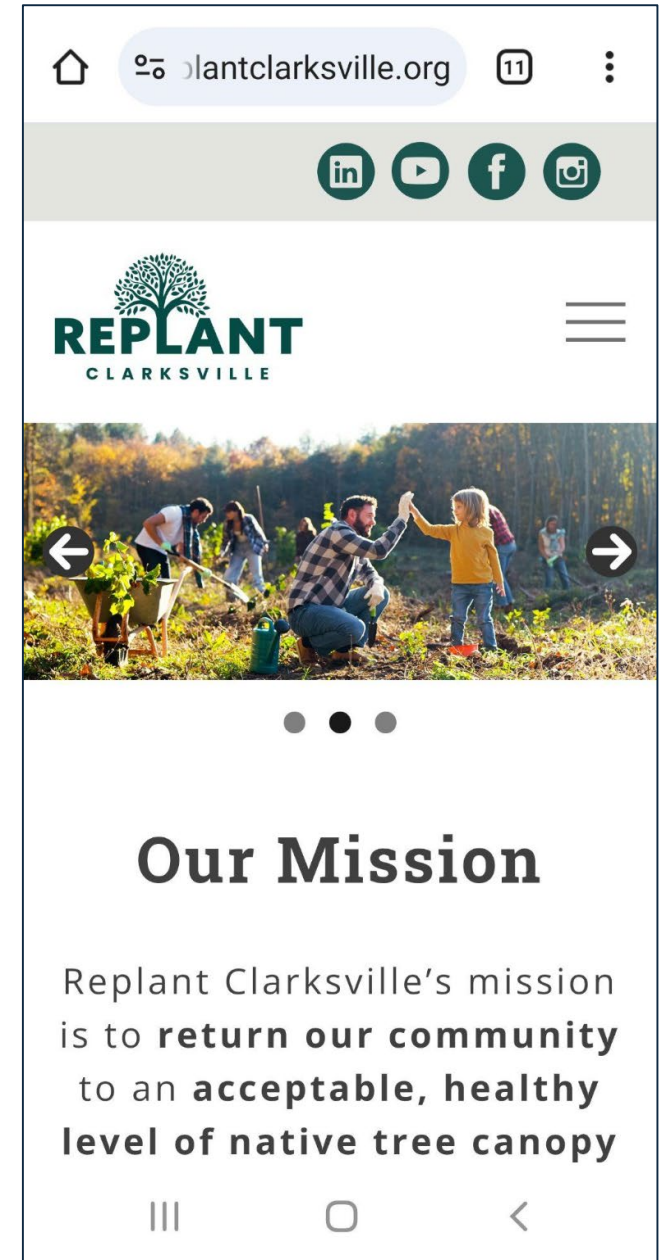
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Outreach and Education Team

Michelle Rogers, Chair

Tasks

- Promotion and marketing
- Media management, website, social media
- Community outreach programs
- Fundraising



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Planning and Direct Planting Team

Wes Powell, Chair

Tasks

- Selection of sites and tree species
- Tree purchases
- Confer with Technical Review Committee
- Tree maintenance oversight
- Coordinate with land owners and stakeholders



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2025 Planting Sites for 250 trees

- Oakland Elementary
- Barksdale Elementary
- West Creek schools campus
- Minglewood Elementary
- Liberty Elementary



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Technical Review Team

Jim Durrett, Chair

Tasks

- Coordinate with utilities and stakeholders
- Plan for the future to maximize benefits of trees and minimize conflicts



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Volunteer Coordination Team

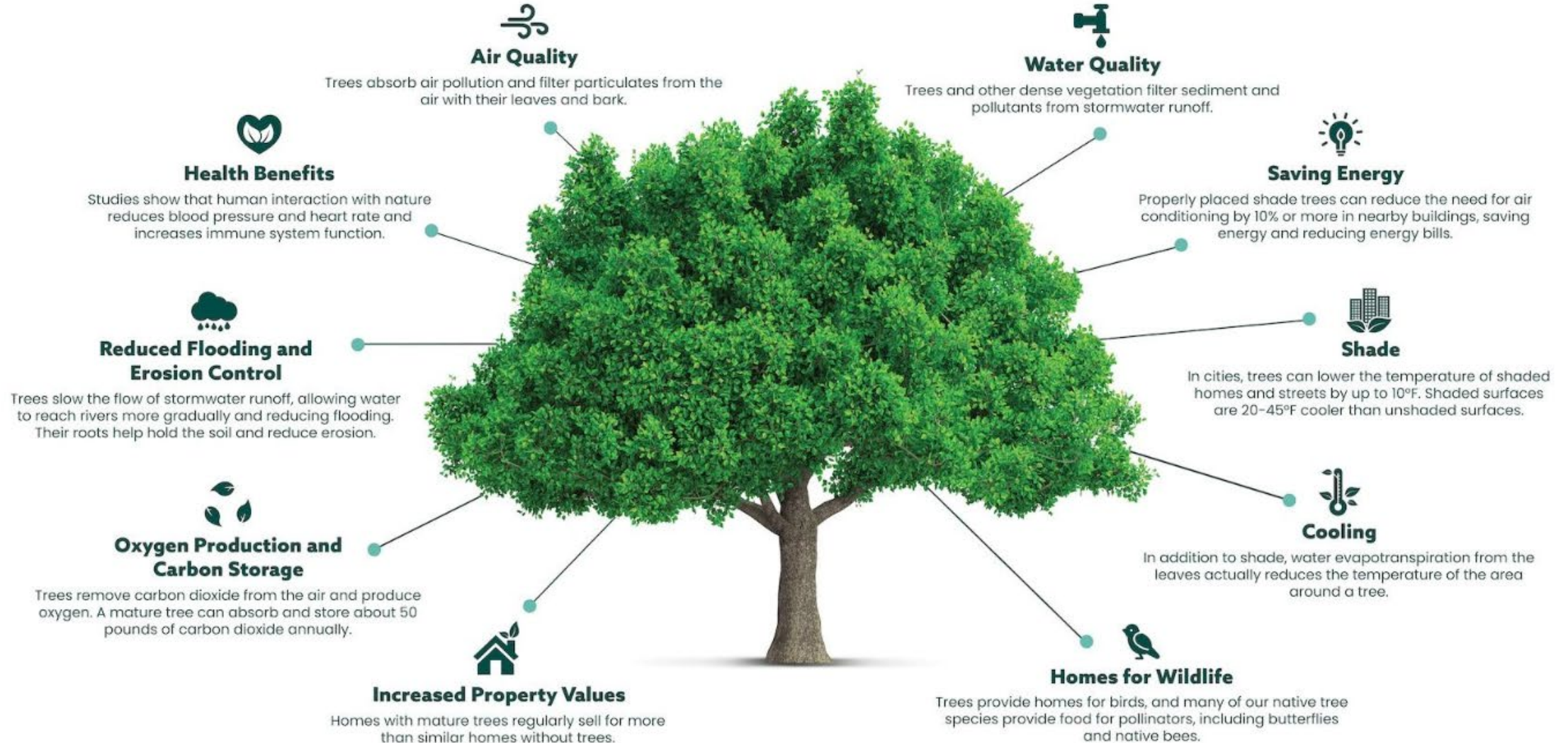
JoAnn McIntosh, Chair

Tasks

- Organize and communicate with volunteers
- Train tree monitors and caregivers
- Organize volunteer events and plantings



BENEFITS OF TREES



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Sponsor Levels

- Platinum \$10,000 or more
- Gold \$5,000
- Silver \$2,500
- Bronze \$1,000

Individual one-year **Supporting Membership** – \$100

Open to all individuals who want to join our team. Comes with a choice of Replant Clarksville T-shirt today.

Project Sponsors – Sponsor a specific project at any level

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Sponsors



LYLE·COOK·MARTIN

ARCHITECTS

310 Franklin Street / Clarksville, TN 37040 / TEL 931.552.4771

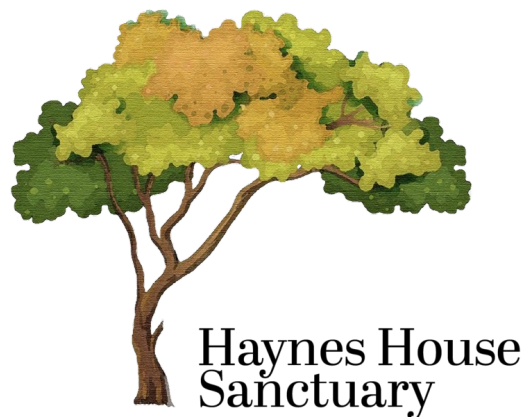


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Sponsors

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Cooling & Roofing*



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“The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago.
The second best time is now.”

Chinese Proverb

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Door Prize Drawings



- Tree donation from David Thompson
- Gift basket from APSU

Original:

Sec. 1-1713. - Tree board composition; terms of office; filling vacancy.

The tree board shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council, with the terms of the members to be for three (3) years. Term appointments shall be made on a staggered three-year rotating basis, with three (3) members appointed in one (1) year, two (2) members appointed the next year, and two (2) members appointed the following year. Members may be reappointed by the mayor, and approved by the city council, to a second consecutive three-year term. The city forester shall serve as an ex officio member of the board. If a vacancy should occur within the term of any member, a successor shall be recommended by the mayor and approved by the city council for the duration of the unexpired term of that member.(Ord. No. 32-2009-10, 10-9-09)

Revised:

Sec. 1-1713. – Tree Board: Composition, Terms, Vacancies, Qualifications, and Removal

(a) Composition and Appointment

The Tree Board shall consist of seven (7) voting members, each appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council. The City Forester shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member. Appointments shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of the Tennessee Code Annotated and local ordinances.

(b) Officers and Duties

At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Board shall elect from among its voting members a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Officers shall serve one (1) year terms and may be re-elected.

Chair:

The Chair shall preside at all meetings, ensure compliance with adopted procedures and the Tennessee Open Meetings Act (T.C.A. § 8-44-101 et seq.), serve as the primary spokesperson, set meeting agendas in consultation with other officers, appoint committees as needed, and perform other duties as assigned by the Board.

Vice-Chair:

The Vice-Chair shall act in the absence or incapacity of the Chair and assist as needed.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall maintain accurate minutes and records of all meetings, ensure proper notice of meetings in compliance with state law, and maintain all official Board documents.

(c) Qualifications

A minimum of four (4) members shall possess demonstrated knowledge or interest in arboriculture, horticulture, forestry, landscape architecture, environmental science, or related fields. All members must be residents of the city or the county in which the city is located at the time of appointment and throughout their term. Members shall comply with all applicable conflict of interest and ethics provisions as set forth in state law and city ordinances.

(d) Terms of Office

Members shall serve staggered three (3) year terms. Initial appointments shall be made so that three (3) members serve for three years, two (2) members serve for two years, and two (2) members serve for one year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for three years. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms.

(e) Filling Vacancies

Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. New appointments shall be made within three (3) months of prior member terms ending.

(f) Removal and Attendance

Any member may be removed for cause by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to:

1. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings without prior notice;
2. Violation of conflict of interest or ethics provisions;
3. Conduct detrimental to the Board's purpose or to the public interest.

Members shall be provided written notice of proposed removal and an opportunity to respond prior to final action.