



DATE: 11/12/2025 TIME: 10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Executive Boardroom

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

PUBLIC MEETING

All meetings are open to the public, and we encourage your attendance.
Those interested can join in person or virtually.

Join In-Person: Executive Board Room, Second Floor
625 St. Joseph St., New Orleans, LA 70165

Join Virtually: <https://www.swbno.org/BoardMeetings>

E-Public comments will be accepted via <https://www.swbno.org/BoardMeetings>.
All e-public comments must be received at least 2 hours prior to the meeting. Comments
will be read verbatim into the record.

I. Roll Call

II. Presentation Item

- A. Tree Planting/Training for Municipal Workers- Dr. Angela Chalk, Health Community Services and Grace Vogel, SWBNO Environmental Affairs

III. Discussion Items

- A. House Resolution 305 of the 2025 Regular Session, Task Force on Southeast Louisiana Regional Water Purification Operations - Steve Nelson, General Superintendent
- B. Minor Drainage System Maintenance Plan
- C. Strategy Committee Work Plan

IV. Public Comment

V. Adjournment

Tree Planting/Training for Municipal Workers

Florida Ave Canal Trees

- Dr. Angela Chalk, DHA, GIP Executive Director, Healthy Community Services and Visiting Adjunct Professor Tulane University Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- Grace Vogel Sanders, Landscape Architect, SWBNO





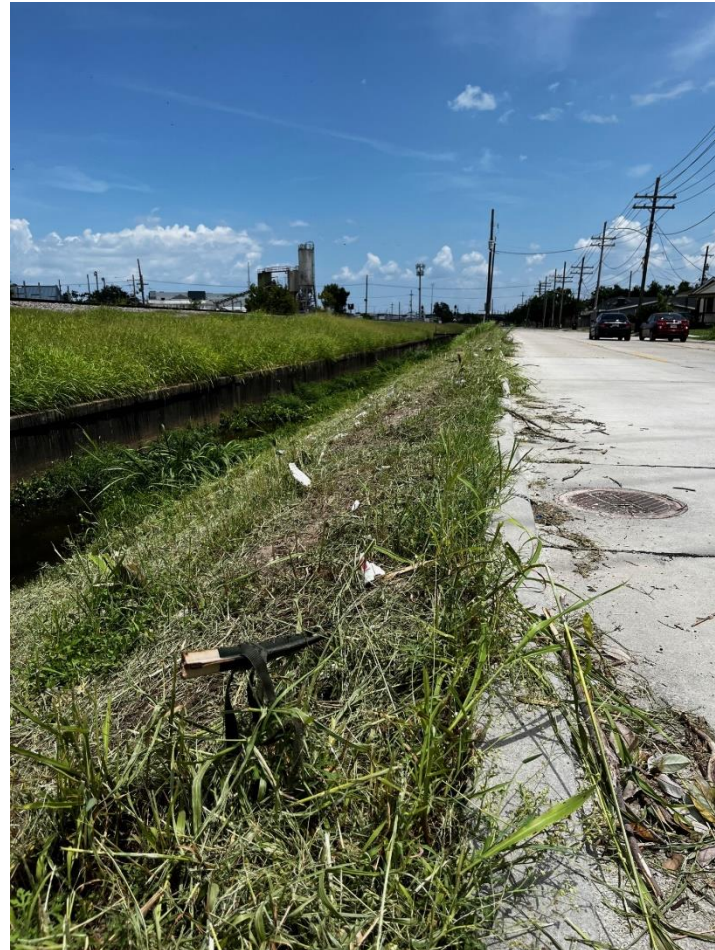
Background

- Building Trust Between Water Utilities and Community Organizations
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Utp-M3j2q0>



Florida Ave Canal Trees

- 102 trees cut down
July 29, 2025





Multi-Agency Discussion

- August 1, 2025
 - HCS, SWBNO, P&P, GNOF, Orleans DA, Councilman Green
- The Path Forward
 - Tree Protection Training
 - Policies
 - Low Maintenance Solution
 - Green Infrastructure PSA Campaign



Tree Training

SWBNO Support Services

- October 23, 2025
- October 30, 2025

10/1/2025

Municipal Tree Planting & Protection Manual

SWBNO Vol.1 Edition 1. 10/2025

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SWBNO Tree Planting and Protection Training Manual

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Manual

- To provide practical guidance for training individuals, employees of municipal agencies or socially conscious organizations developing effective tree planting and routine maintenance plans.
- To promote sustainable urban reforestation efforts, environmental conservation, and community participation.
- To develop native flora green spaces.

1.2 Target Audience

- Municipalities, municipal agencies, and socially conscious organizations developing internal and external hazard mitigation and adaptation strategies.
- Organizations developing Green Assets Portfolios

1.3 Training Duration

- In-Person Training Modules: 2- half days training modules and field practice. (2.5 hrs. each)
- On-line Virtual Training Modules: Self-Paced delivery (5.0 hrs.)
- Supplemental Field Practice: In-Person Tactile Practicum (1.0 hrs.)

2. Training Objectives

By the end of the training, participants should be able to:

1. Understand the importance of trees and reforestation efforts.
2. Understand the meaning of a tree's critical root zone (CRZ).
3. Understand the New Orleans Tree Protection Ordinance/Policies.
4. Understand the Catch Basin Management Practices
5. Demonstrate correct tree planting techniques.
6. Understand the health benefits of trees in the built environment.
7. Understand the community importance of Trees
8. Maintain planted trees and native flora for survival and growth.





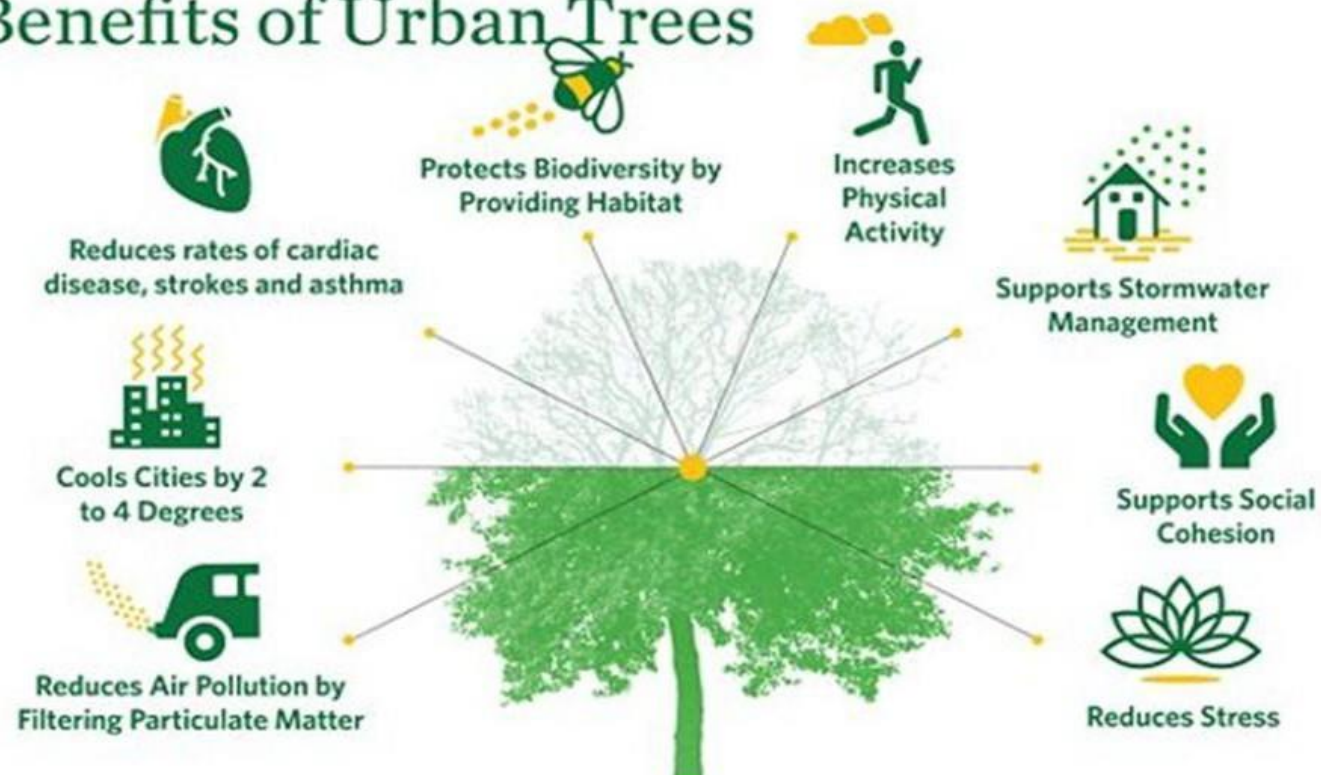
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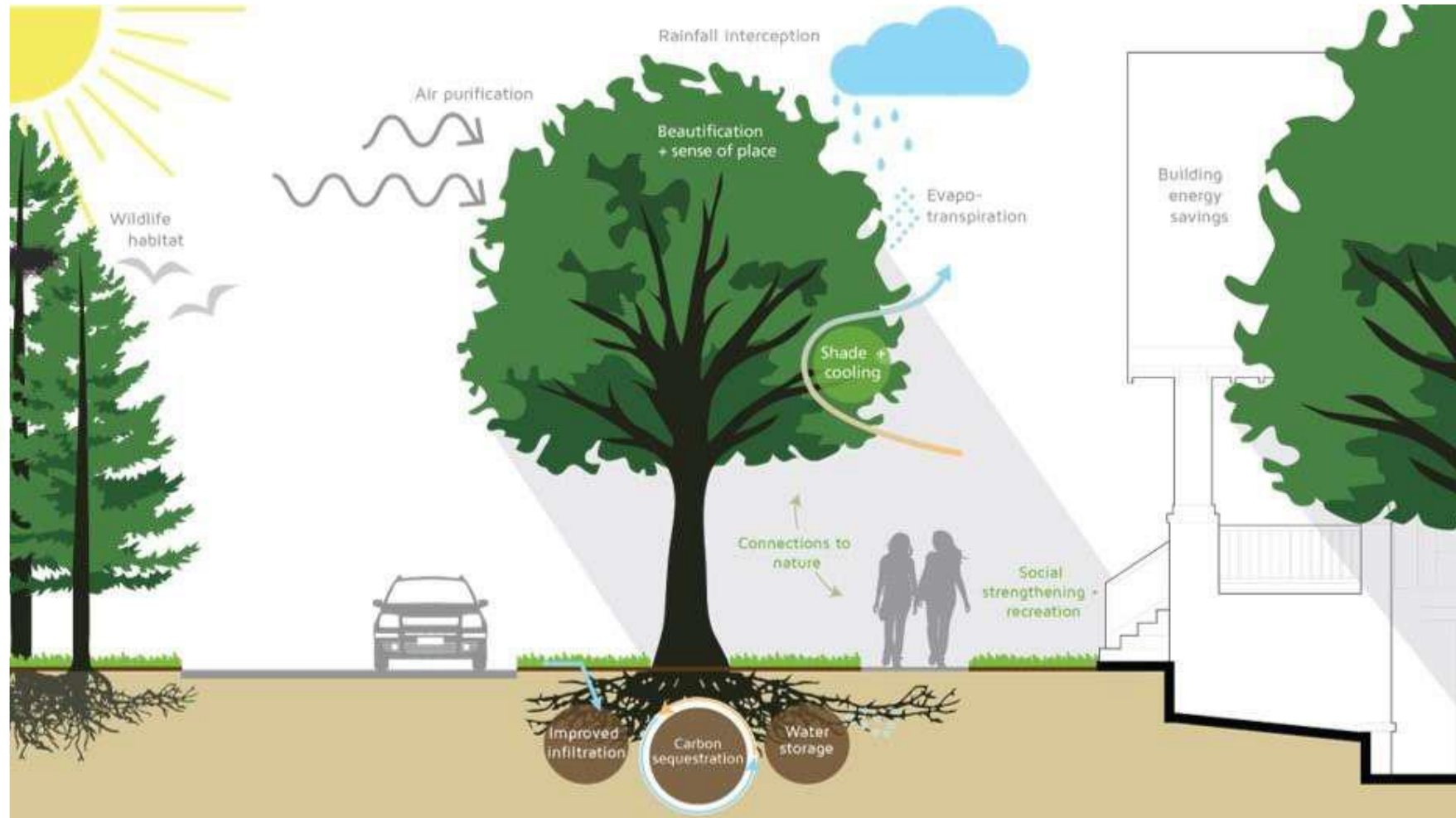


REVIEW: WHY PLANT TREES?



Benefits of Urban Trees





Best Practice

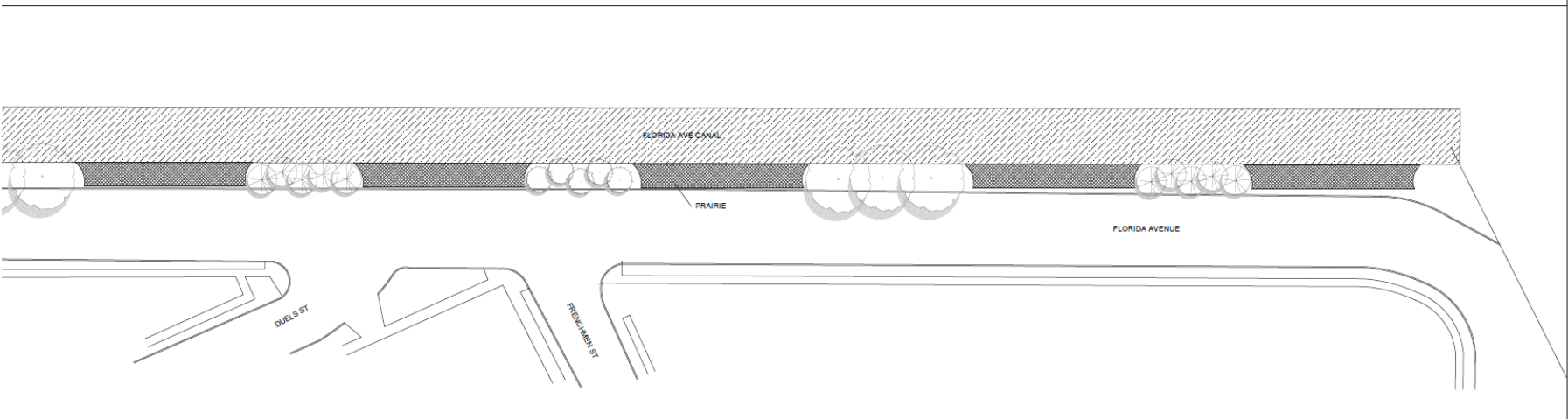
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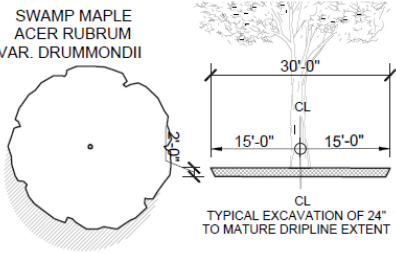


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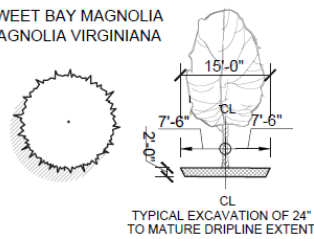
- Prairie Planting
- Reforestation
- Expanded Training



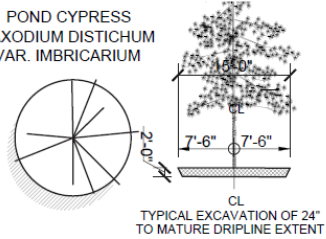
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