

# Atmosphere

Exosphere

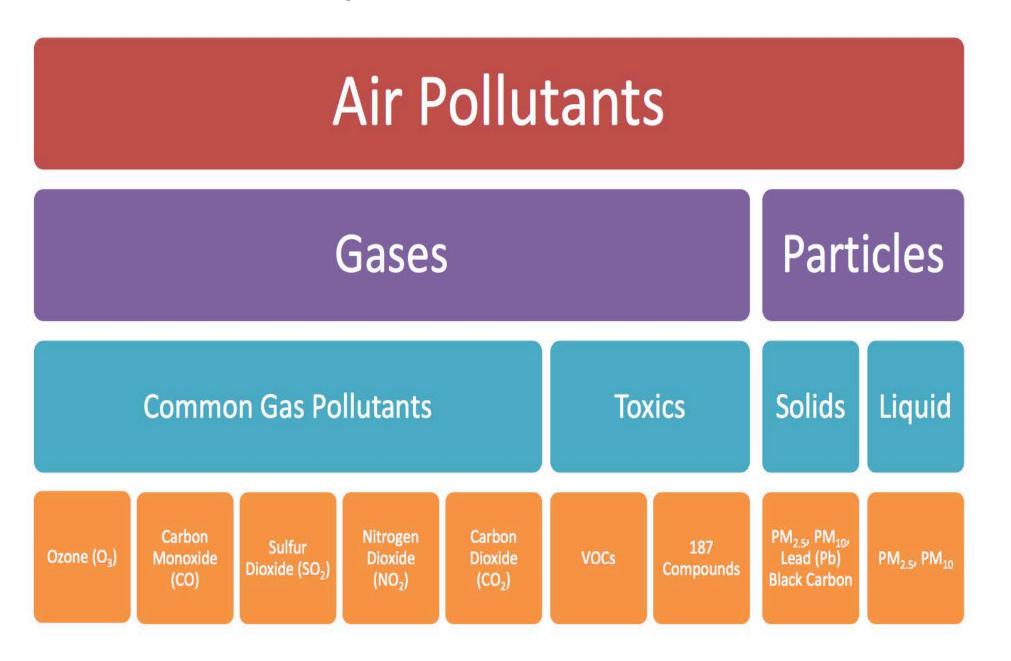
Thermosphere

Mesosphere

Stratosphere

Troposphere

# Can we see all air pollution?



## **Measuring Particulate Matter Pollution 2.5**

Scale - Air Quality Index (AQI)				
0 - 50	GOOD			
51 - 100	MODERATE			
101 - 150	UNHEALTHY for sensitive groups			
151 - 200	UNHEALTHY			
201 - 300	VERY UNHEALTHY			
301 - 500	HAZARDOUS			

Code Green-> no to few pollutants in the air

**Code Yellow** 

**Code Orange** 

**Code Red** 

**Code Purple-> Highest level of pollutants in the air** 

#### **Tablet with Air Casting App**

**AirBeam** 

## **Campus Data Collection:**

Particulate Matter PM 2.5 μg/m3 Relative Humidity- RH% Temperature- °F

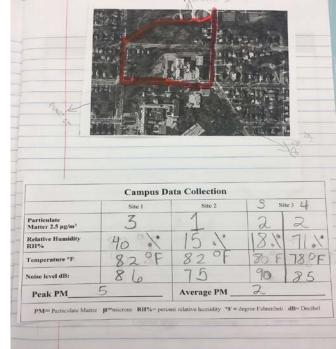
Noise Level- dB-

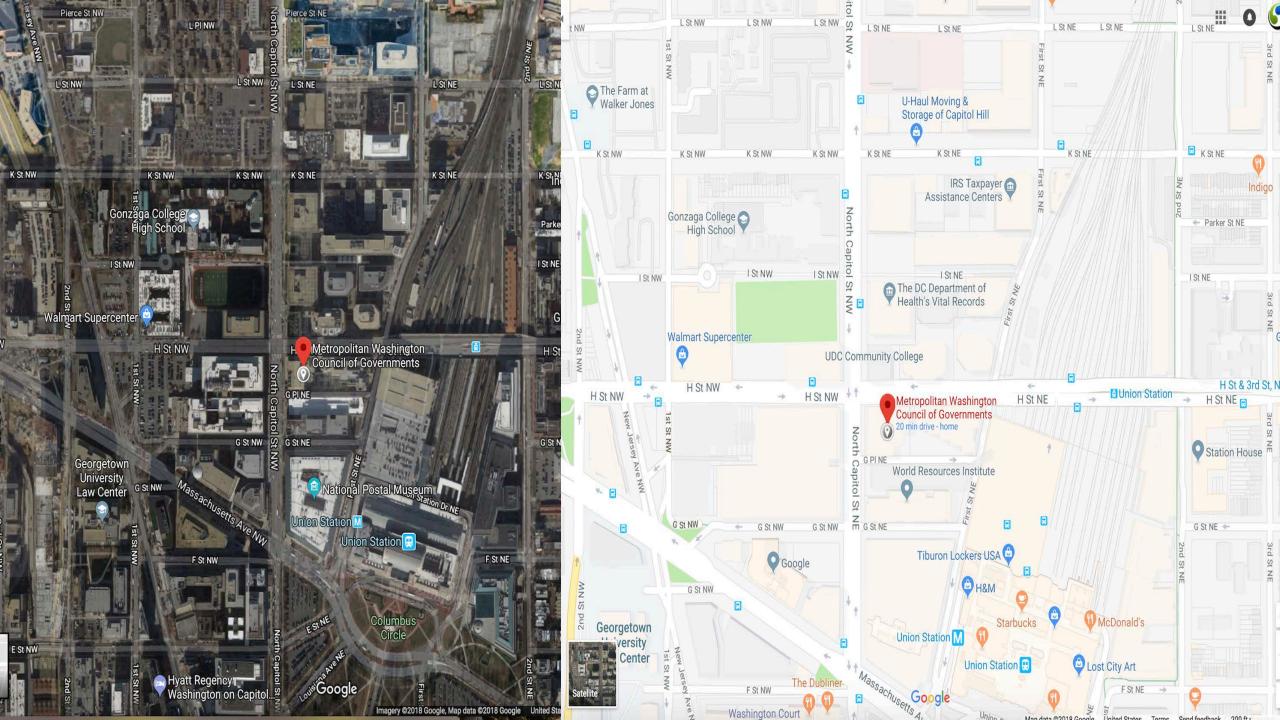
Peak PM
Mean/Average PM

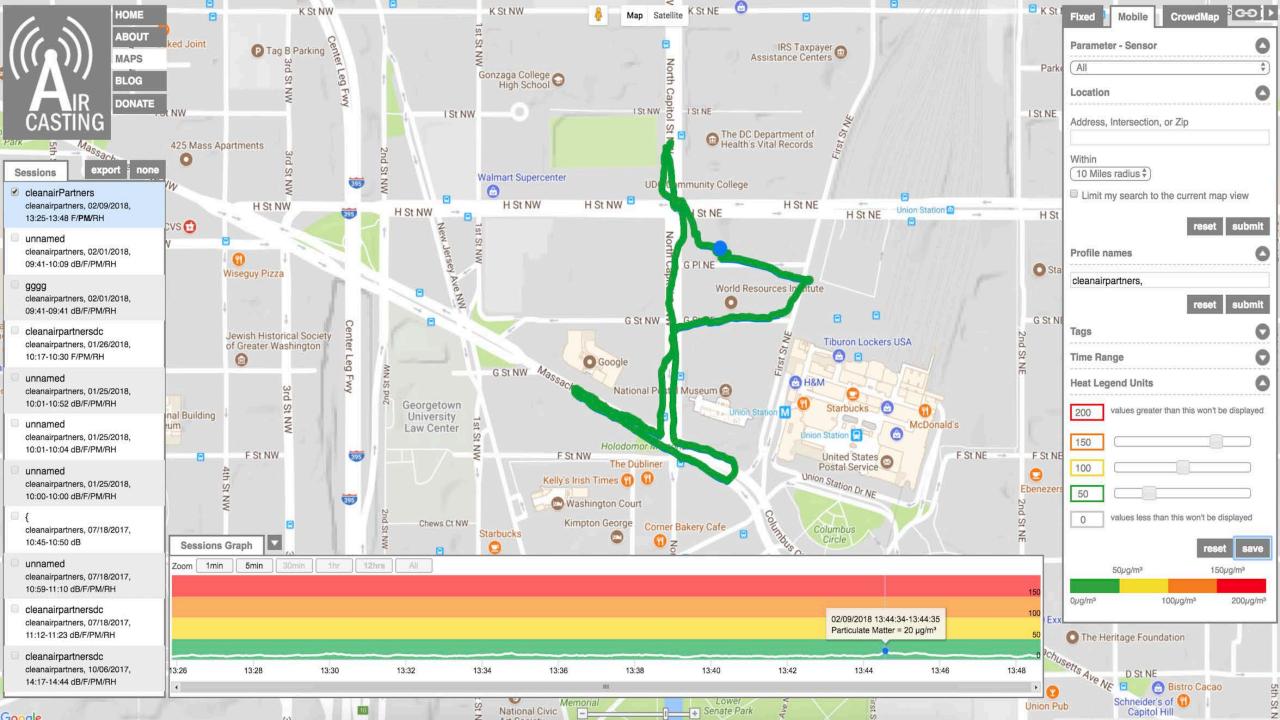


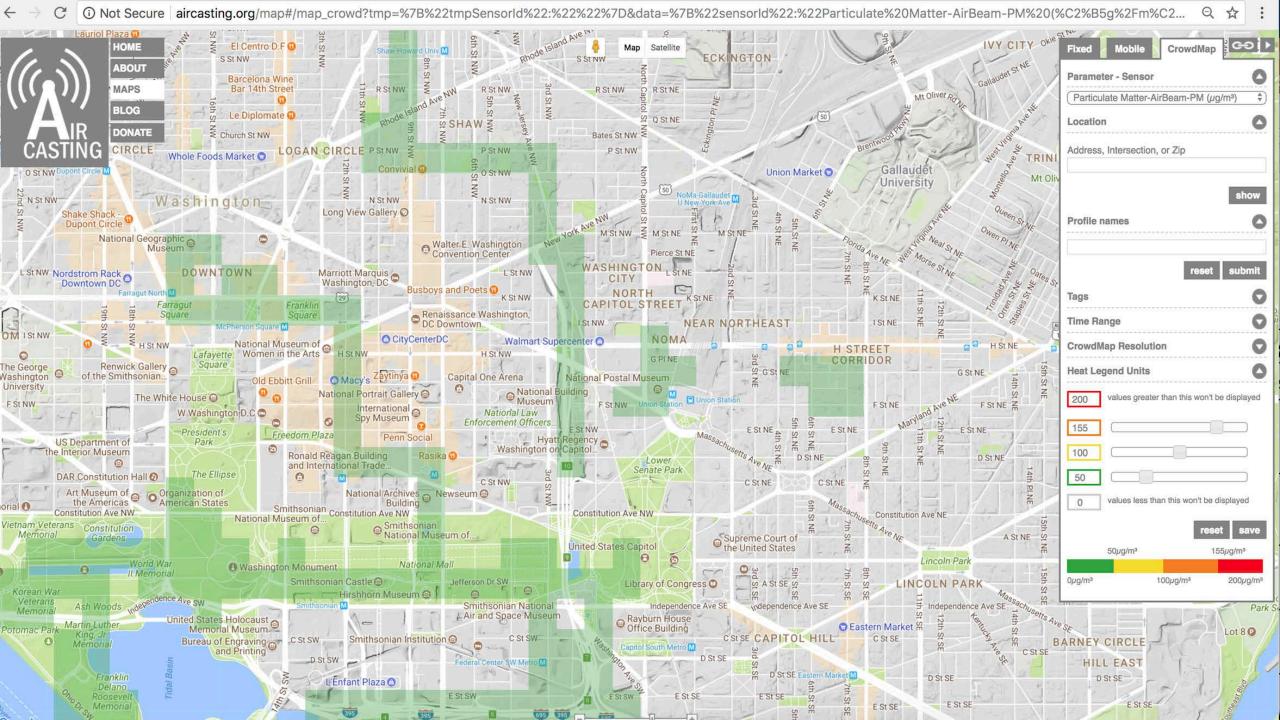
Campus Data Collection					
	Classroom Test	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	
Particulate Matter 2.5 µg/m³					
Relative Humidity RH%					
Temperature °F:					
Noise level dB:					
Peak PM Average PM					
PM= Particulate Matter μ=microns RH%= percent relative humidity °F = degree Fahrenheit dB= Decibel					









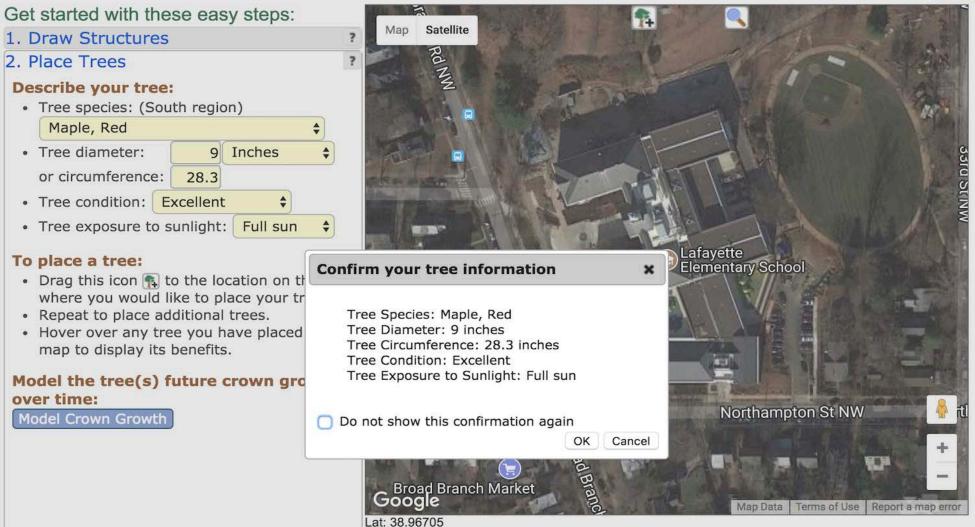


# Tree Observations

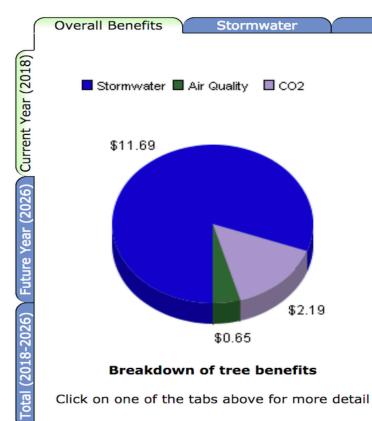
Tree #1					
Bark Observations	Feel: Sight:		•		
Leaf Observations	Feel: Shape:			Leaf D	
Fruit or flowers?					
How tall? (Feet)					
DBH/Circumference (Inches)					
Tree Condition	Circle: Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Dead/Dying
Tree Exposure to Sunlight	Circle: Full	Sun	Partial Su	n	Full Shade

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Lat: 38.96705 Lng: -77.06743 Energy



This 9-inch diameter red maple will provide overall benefits of \$15 in the current year.

Air Quality

Carbon Dioxide

While some functional benefits of trees are well documented, others are difficult to quantify (e.g., human social and communal health). Trees' specific geography, climate, and interactions with humans and infrastructure are highly variable and make precise calculations that much more difficult. Given these complexities, the results presented here should be considered initial approximations to better understand the environmental and economic value associated with trees and their placement.

Benefits of trees do not account for the costs associated with trees' long-term care and maintenance.

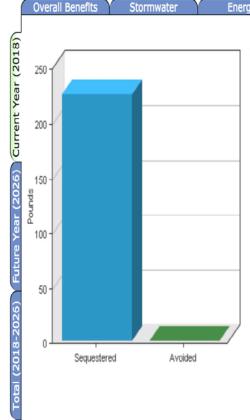
If this tree is cared for and grows, it will provide \$38 worth of annual benefit in 8 years. See 'Future Year (2026)' tab at left for details.



Red maple Acer rubrum

Air Quality

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This year your 9-inch diameter red maple will reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) by 226 pounds.

Carbon Dioxide

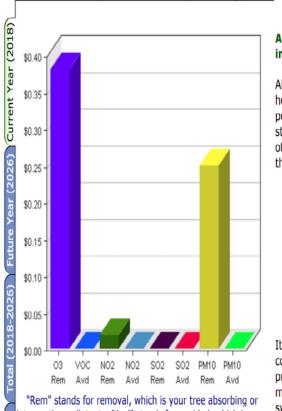
How significant is this number? Most car owners of an "average" car (mid-sized sedan) drive 12,000 miles (19,312 kilometers) generating about 11,000 pounds (4,990 kilograms) of carbon dioxide (CO2) every year. A flight from New York to Los Angeles adds 1,400 pounds (635 kilograms) of CO2 per passenger. Trees can have an impact by reducing atmospheric carbon in two primary ways (see figure at left):

- They sequester ("lock up") CO2 in their roots, trunks, stems, and leaves while they grow, and in wood products after they are harvested.
- Trees near buildings can reduce heating and air conditioning demands, thereby reducing emissions associated with power production. However, if a tree produces no energy benefits there will be no resulting avoided CO2.

Combating climate change will take a worldwide, multifaceted approach, but by planting a tree in a strategic location, driving fewer miles/kilometers, or replacing business trips with conference calls, it's easy to see how we can each reduce our individual carbon "footprints".

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"Rem" stands for removal, which is your tree absorbing or intercepting pollutants. "Avd" stands for avoided, which is your tree lessening the need for creation of these pollutants in the first place by reducing energy production needs.

### Air quality benefits of your 9-inch diameter red maple are shown in the graph at left for the current year.

Carbon Dioxide

Air Quality

Air pollution is a serious health threat that causes asthma, coughing, headaches, respiratory and heart disease, and cancer. Over 150 million people live in areas where ozone levels violate federal air quality standards; more than 100 million people are impacted when dust and other particulate levels are considered "unhealthy." We now know that the urban forest can mitigate the health effects of pollution by:

- Absorbing pollutants like ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) through leaves
- Intercepting particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM10) like dust, ash, and smoke
- · Releasing oxygen through photosynthesis
- · Lowering air temperatures which reduces the production of ozone
- Reducing energy use and subsequent pollutant emissions from power plants (If a tree produces no energy benefits there will be no resulting avoided pollutants.)

It should be noted that trees themselves emit biogenic volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which can contribute to ground-level ozone production. This may negate the positive impact the tree has on ozone mitigation for some high emitting species (e.g., willow oak or sweetgum).