

REGIONAL TREE CANOPY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Overview

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Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup (RTCW) Timeline

In 2011: An ad-hoc committee formed to implement strategies of the *Urban Heat Island Mitigation/Tree Planting/Canopy Conservation and Management* measure included in 2007 8-Hour Ozone SIP.

In 2013: The Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup presents an Workgroup recommendations to CEEPC and CBPC

Recommendation #1

“Utilize the full potential of urban forests to mitigate climate change and to address regulatory concerns”

May 2018: Tree Canopy Management Strategy document released

RTCW Members

Member	Representing
Gary Allen	Center for Chesapeake Communities
Jamie Bartalon	Arlington County, VA
Todd Bolton	Takoma Park, MD
Keith Cline	USDA Forest Service
Alice Ewen	USDA Forest Service
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Emma B. Gutzler	Fairfax County, VA
Marian Honeczy	Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources
Michael Knapp (Chair)	Fairfax County, VA
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Jim McGlone	Virginia Dept. of Forestry
Laura Miller	Montgomery County, MD
Katherine Nelson	MNCPPC, Montgomery County, MD
Steve Saari	District of Columbia
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Vincent Verweij	Arlington County, VA
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Danielle Wynne	Fairfax County, VA



Tree Canopy Management Strategy

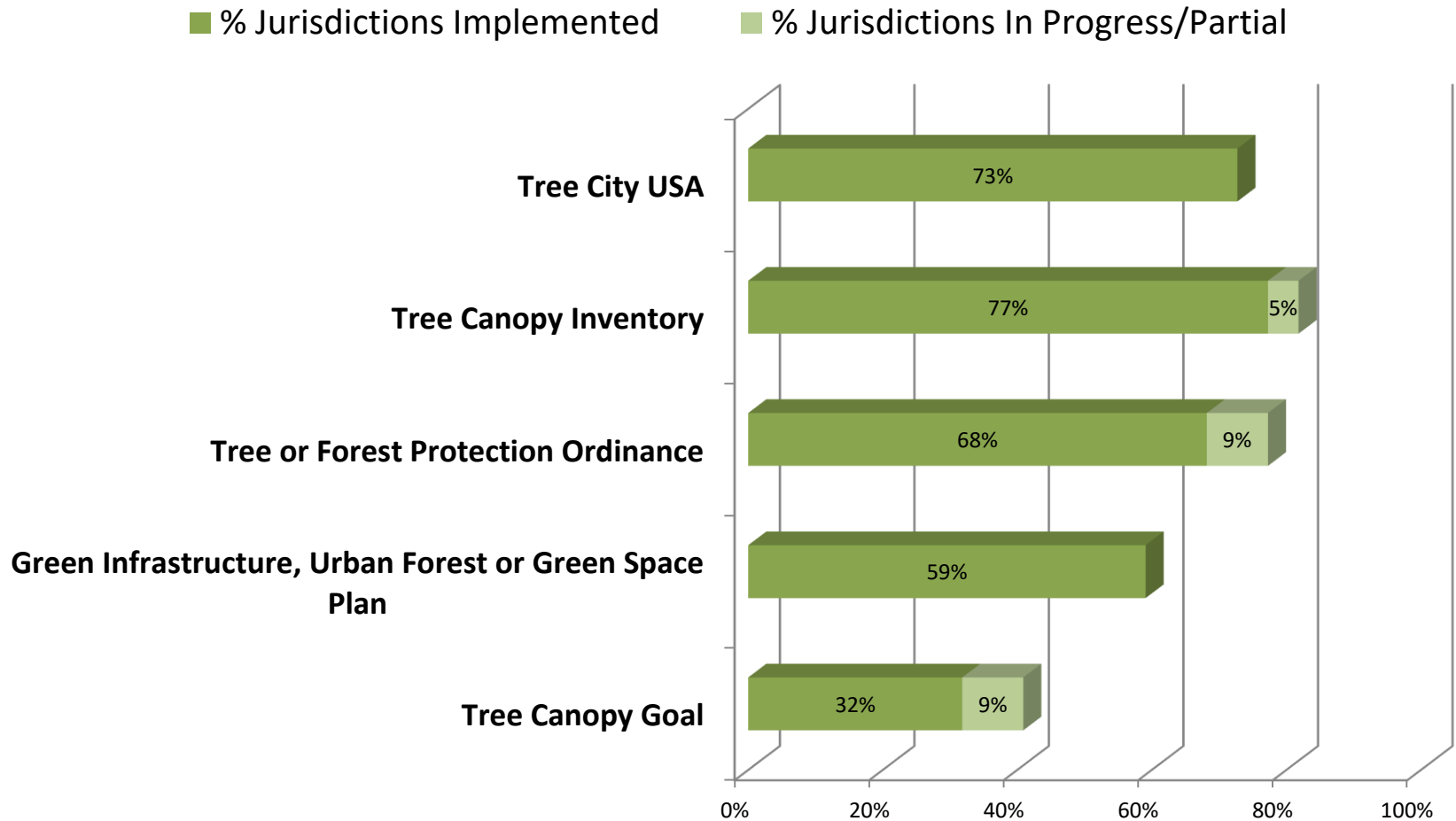
Purpose

Communicates goals and recommendations that local governments can use to conserve, manage and expand their tree canopy to help maximize the environmental health and quality of life experienced in the Greater Washington D.C. Region. Through collaborative stewardship, build commitment to develop and implement a regional tree canopy management plan.

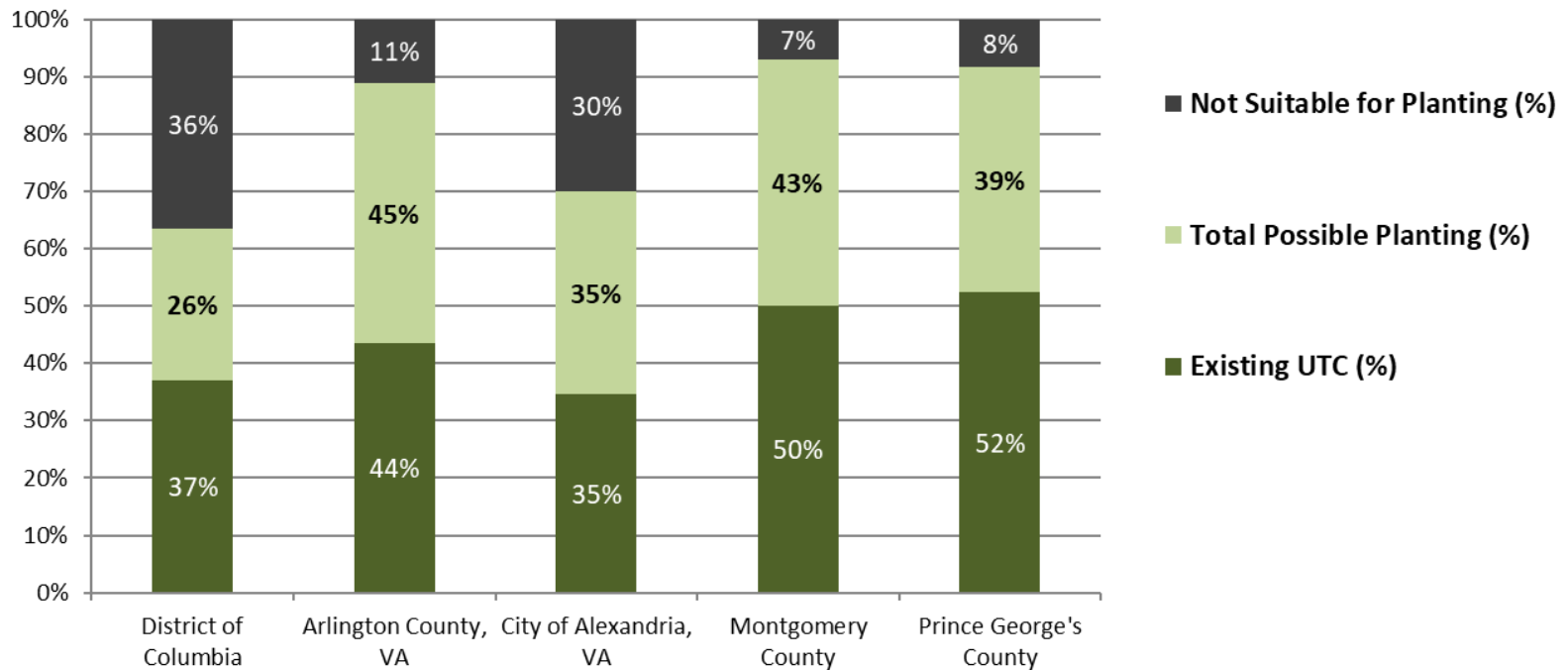
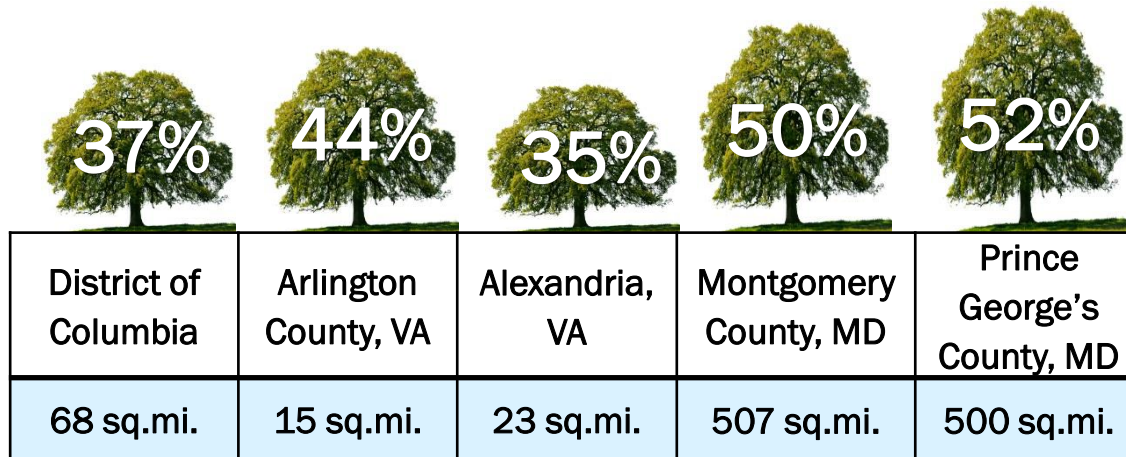
Key Recommendations

- 1. Encourage COG member jurisdictions to conserve and expand urban forests*
- 2. Establish an on-going forest policy committee*
- 3. Align regional urban forestry initiatives and metrics with the Region Forward Vision*

COG Member Policy/Programs, 2018



Local Canopy Coverage & Planting Potential



Subcommittee Goals

1. Protect, Manage, and Expand Urban Forestry Assets for Health and Quality of Life
2. Optimize Urban Forest Programs
3. Develop A Regional Urban Forest Action Plan and Canopy Goals
4. Inspire the Community to Take Ownership of Efforts to Protect and Expand Urban Forests
5. Integrate Urban Forestry with Region Forward



For CEEPC Consideration

*Recommend COG Board endorse
establishing a Regional Tree Canopy
Subcommittee under CEEPC*



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