



Cleveland's Green Gold: Our Trees

Breakout Summary:

The Cleveland Tree Plan was approved by the City in 2016. Since that time, the City has lost some of its tree canopy while moving forward with its partners to increase it. In this session, we heard from the Cleveland Tree Coalition and the Chief of Sustainability on the progress made and future plans.

Presenters:

- Elizabeth Grace, Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Sandra Albro, Holden Forests and Gardens
- Courtney Blashka, Holden Forests and Gardens
- Jason Wood, Chief of Sustainability, City of Cleveland

Watch a recording of the session here:

<https://vimeo.com/472352967>

Approximate times:

0:00 Cathi Lehn, Sustainable Cleveland Manager, Office of Sustainability

0:28 Sandra Albro and introduction

1:16 Jason Wood and the Cleveland Tree Plan

21:40 Elizabeth Grace and Progress Update

30:30 Sandra Albro and Large Landowners and Road Map

39:40 Courtney Blashka and Forest City Working Group

46:43 Q&A

Information and Resources Shared during Breakout:

Elizabeth Grace, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

- Western Reserve Land Conservancy: <https://www.wrlandconservancy.org/>
- <https://www.wrlandconservancy.org/whatwedo/reforest-our-city/>
- <https://www.wrlandconservancy.org/news/trees4cle/>
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy will offer virtual Tree Steward Training in 2021. Stay tuned to our website for more info: <https://www.wrlandconservancy.org/whatwedo/reforest-our-city/>

Sandra Albro, Holden Forests and Gardens

Courtney Blashka, Holden Forests and Gardens

- Holden Forests and Gardens: <http://www.holdenfg.org>

Jason Wood, Ph.D., Chief of Sustainability, City of Cleveland

- City of Cleveland Office of Sustainability:
<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/OfficeOfSustainability>
- Sustainable Cleveland: <https://www.sustainablecleveland.org/>

If you would like to learn more or join the Forest City Working Group, please email Cathi Lehn at clehn@city.cleveland.oh.us

For more information, including a recorded talk with today's moderator, Sandra Albro, please visit this website: <https://holdenarb.org/community-engagement/reforesting-the-forest-city-the-cleveland-tree-plan/>

The Cleveland Tree Plan Executive Summary can be found here:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/sustainablecleveland/pages/149/attachments/original/1461799290/CTP_Executive_Summary.pdf?1461799290

You can download a full version of the Cleveland Tree Plan, including all appendices, from the Cleveland Tree Coalition's website: <http://www.clevelandtrees.org/>

Cleveland Tree Plan: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/node/7714>

The City of Cleveland announces its Tree Canopy Revitalization Program! As part of this program the City is accepting requests from property owners for a free tree installation during the spring & fall planting seasons. Learn more: <https://clecityhall.com/2020/10/05/city-of-cleveland-now-accepting-requests-for-the-tree-canopy-revitalization-program/>

If you would like to learn more about the City's Urban Forestry Department please visit:

https://www.sustainablecleveland.org/urban_forestry

If you would like to help with the Moses Cleveland Tree Inventory please contact Cathi Lehn at clehn@city.cleveland.oh.us

Next year is the 225th anniversary of the founding of Cleveland. We would like to celebrate the Moses Cleveland Trees for that anniversary. To learn more about Moses Cleveland Trees:

<https://www.cmnh.org/mosesclevelandtrees>

You can report trees that you plant to the Cleveland Tree Coalition: www.clevelandtrees.org

Arbor Day Foundation: <https://www.arborday.org/>

Let the Flare See the Air: <https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/programs/let-the-flare-see-the-air>



Here's where to request a tree

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/ParksRecreationandProperties/DivisionofParkMaintenanceandProperties/UrbanForestry/RequestTree>

Urban Drawdown Initiative: <https://urbandrawdown.solutions/>

Rid All Green Partnership: 8129 Otter Ave, Cleveland, OH 44104; <https://www.greenghetto.org/>