

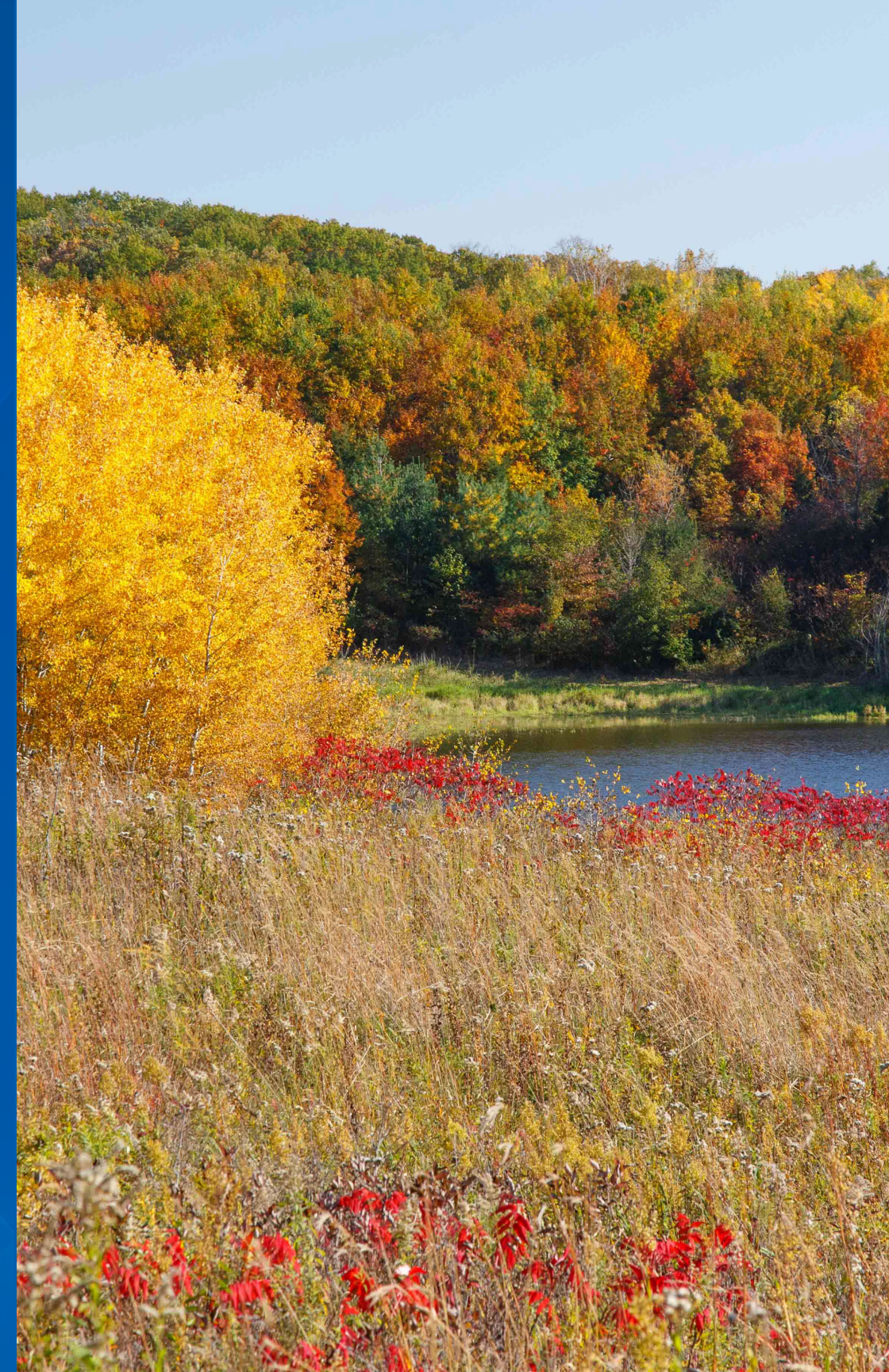


Community Tree Planting Grant Program

Community Development Committee

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2024 Legislative Session

Establishes new Council program

New Minn. Stat.
473.355, subd. 2 (a):

- The Metropolitan Council must establish a grant program to provide grants to cities, counties, townships, and implementing agencies



Legislative purpose



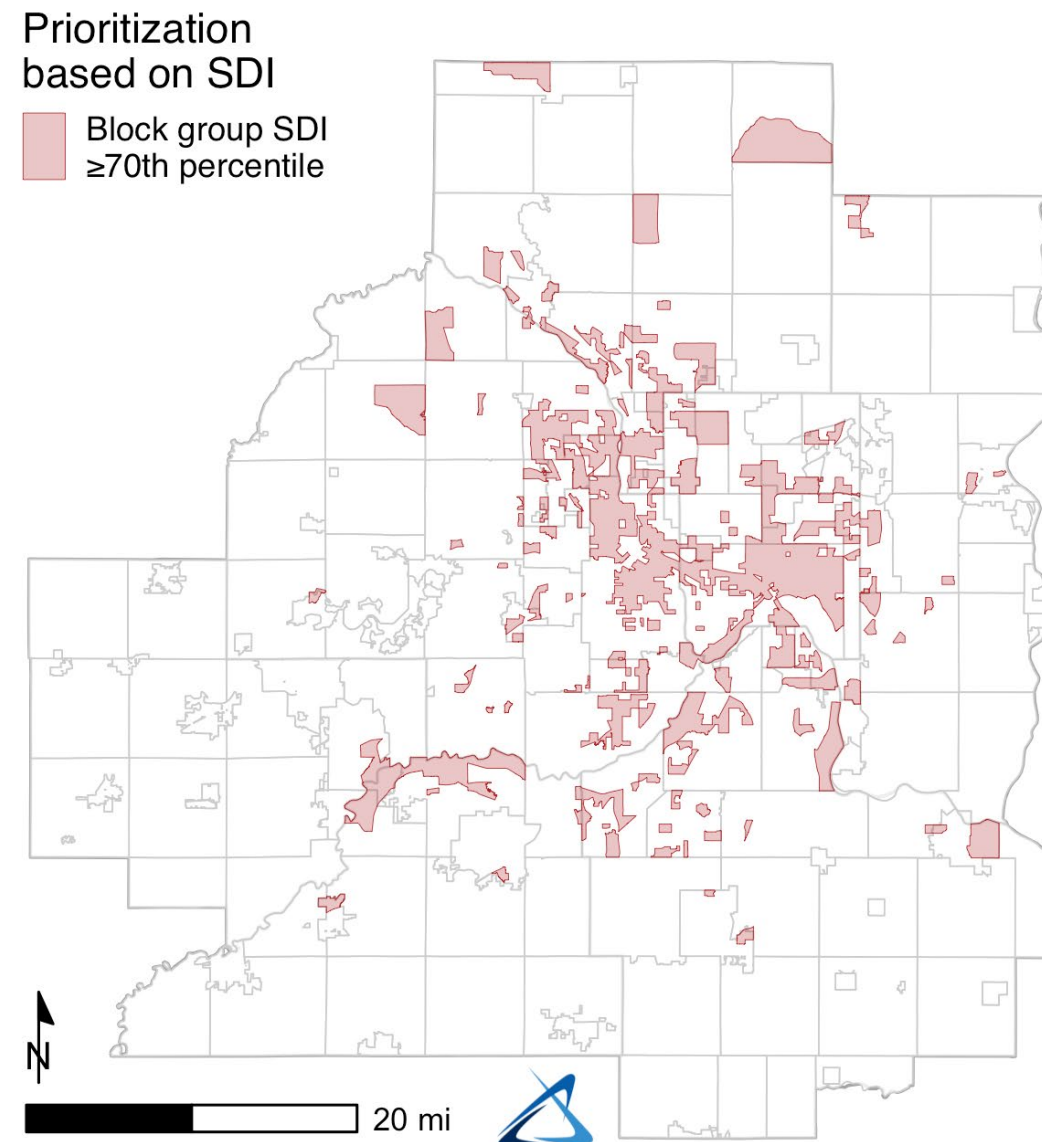
Purposes of the program

1. Removing and planting shade trees on public land to provide environmental benefits;
2. Replacing trees lost to forest pests, disease, or storms; and
3. Establishing a more diverse community forest better able to withstand disease and forest pests.

Legislatively directed priority

Supplemental Demographic Index

1. Projects removing and replacing ash trees that pose significant public safety concerns; and
2. Projects located in a census block group with a supplemental demographic index score in the 70th percentile or higher within the state of Minnesota.



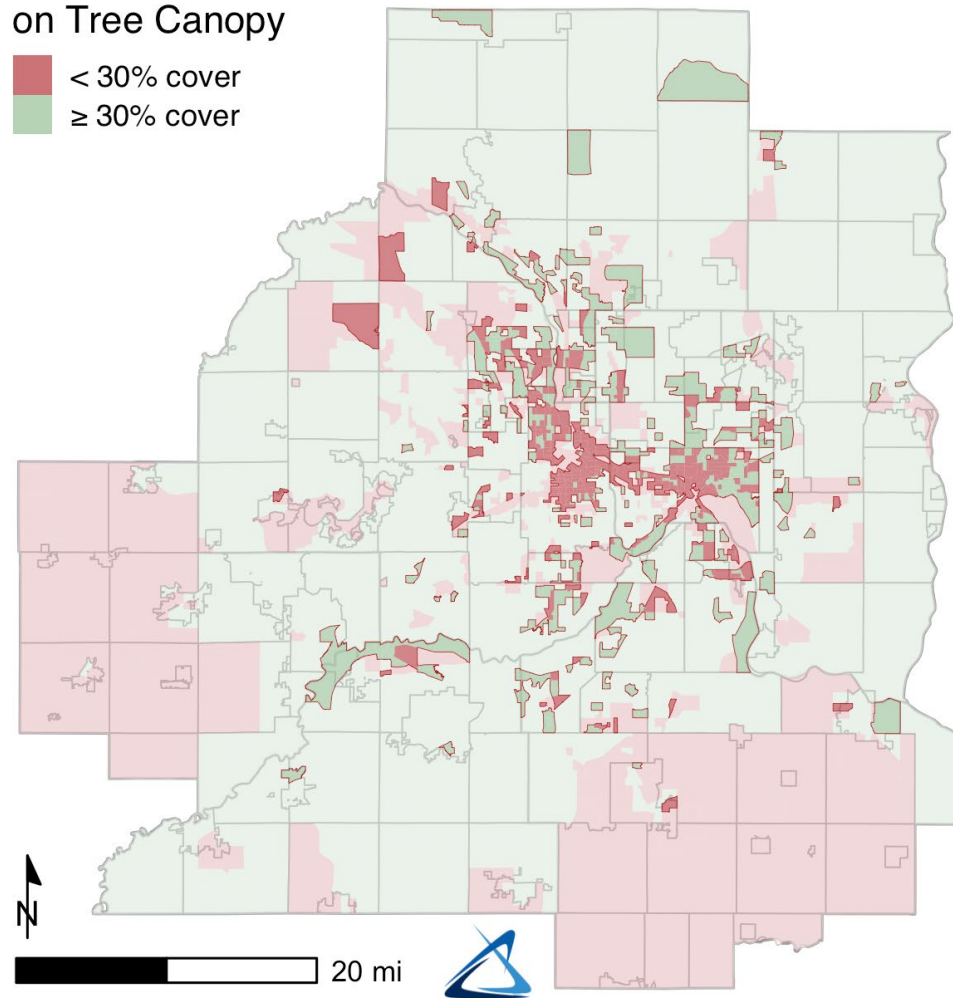
Additional Grant Prioritization Options

Areas with less tree canopy

Tree Canopy Coverage

Prioritization based on Tree Canopy

- < 30% cover
- ≥ 30% cover

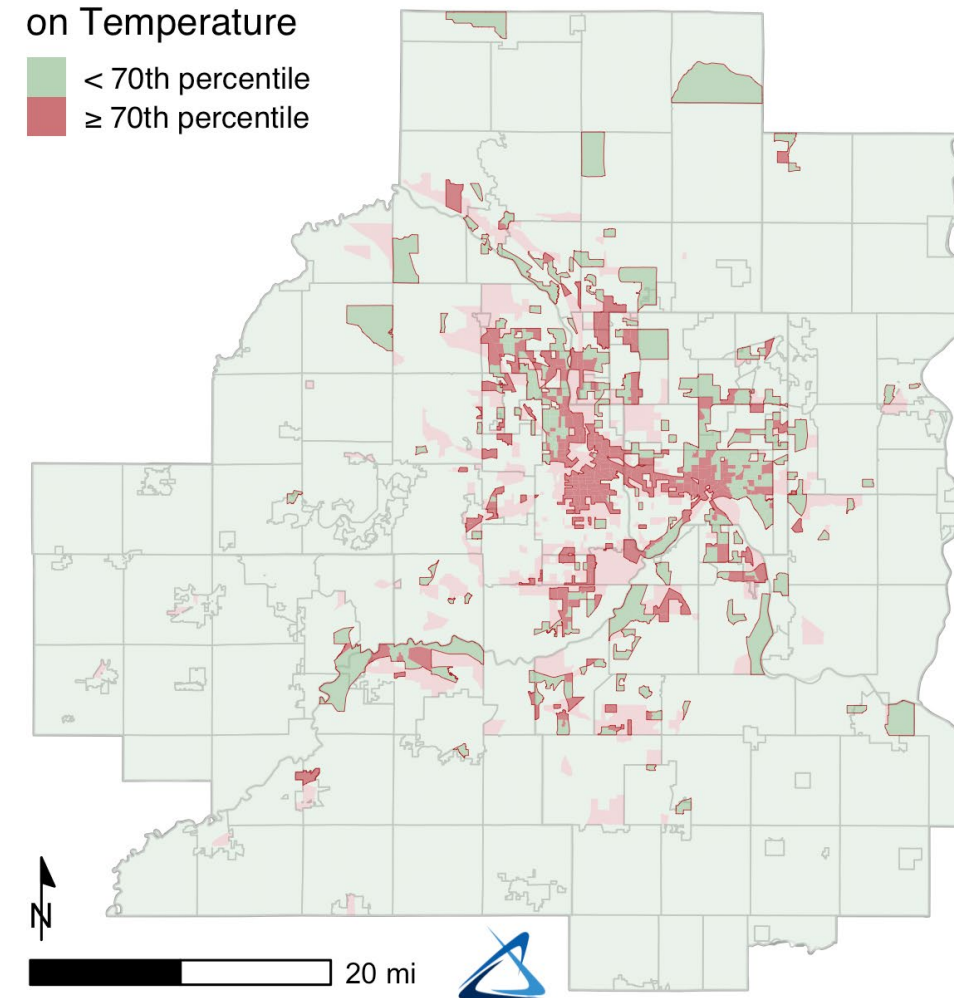


Areas with high temperatures

Land Surface Temperature

Prioritization based on Temperature

- < 70th percentile
- ≥ 70th percentile



Program Development



Discussion

- Do the additional prioritization options align with Council goals? Are there others we should consider?
- How should the Council approach this grant program?
 - One-time funding from legislature?
 - Explore funding options to make available in future cycles?



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