Sacramento is the City of Trees, right?!?!
Green View Index (total-green-area to total-area-measured) were:

Singapore (29.3%)  
Vancouver (25.5%)  
**Sacramento (23.6%)**  
Frankfurt (21.5%)  
Geneva (21.4%)  
Amsterdam (20.6%)  
Seattle (20%)  
Toronto (19.5%)  
Miami (19.4%)  

Boston (18.2%)  
Tel Aviv (17.5%)  
Turin (16.2%)  
Los Angeles (15.2%)  
New York (13.5%)  
London (12.7%)  
Paris (8.8%)
Message:

“Health professionals and urban planners are coming to realize how important the built environment is to population health...

and trees are a key component of a health oriented built environment.”
Message:

• In some neighborhoods tree canopy averages over 30%, but in too many neighborhoods tree canopy averages are as low as 5 to 10%.

• We must do more to grow and protect our green infrastructure:
  • Focus on expedited planting in communities of opportunity
  • Maintain a strong connection to healthy community design principles as new development and infill is built.
No Neighborhood Left Behind
How do we make a change?

NeighborWoods is an initiative that empowers and supports a neighborhood’s desire to improve their community through tree planting and care.

– Planting trees at a local school
– Mulching a local park
– A tree planting event in a neighborhood
– Tree education workshops
NeighborWoods in South Sacramento

– Cal Fire, Green House Gas Reduction Fund
– Sac Tree, Soil Born Farms, Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps
– Tree goal: 3,000 new trees (shade, evergreen, and fruit). But more than that it is empowering and supporting a neighborhood’s desire to improve their community
– Outreach, outreach, outreach...
– Projects: Schools, Fruitridge Manor, La Familia
– Language diversity, lack of trust, why trees?
South Sacramento NeighborWoods Cap and Trade Grant Project Area
NeighborWoods in Rancho Cordova

- Measure H: Community enhancement funds
- City of Rancho Cordova, Cordova Recreation and Parks
- 365 trees per year, increase canopy to 35% by 2035
- Top down first, now trying to find early adopters
- Projects: Lincoln Village, Sunriver, Cordova Meadows/Gardens
- Rentals, community buy-in with top down approach, watering
Increasing Level of Community Involvement, Impact, Trust, and Communication Flow

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Figure 1.1. Community Engagement Continuum
What are the community priorities? How can we support the collective desire to make positive change, improving neighborhoods through tree planting and care?

What is your vision?

Not ready, that's okay. We'll be here!

You're ready? Excellent!

Mulch a park!
Plant a tree at a school!
Forest your entire neighborhood!

Celebrate the transformation!

Continued support through education and training!
What can STF do?

• 80% of our urban forest is on private land, we need to do a better job regarding education about the benefits of trees
• Expedite tree planting in low income neighborhoods
• Advocate to cities to adopt well thought out programs for public park and street tree planting
What can you do?

• Maintain a strong connection to healthy community design principles
  – Encourage mixed land use
  – Provide good mass transit
  – Build good pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
  – Ensure affordable housing
  – Create community centers
  – Offer access to green space and parks

CDC, Healthy Community Design Fact Sheet, June 2008

Anatolia and Natomas
What can you do?

• Trees are a tool, a piece of green infrastructure. Improvement is possible, it just takes planning!
Urban Forestry and the Developer
Learning From the Past to Engage the Future

Trent Eskew
Project Manager
Pacific Housing Inc.

History and Mission

- 95 project multi-family portfolio with 15,000+ units
- Recent mission to include affordable single-family development

“advocate and promote the development of quality affordable housing, affordable housing programs, and quality resident services.”
Heritage at Del Paso Nuevo

- Located in Del Paso Heights, Sacramento, CA
- Broke ground August 2015
- 91 Single Family Homes
- 30 homes built and 25 sold to date (as of 7/17)
- 20 homes (Phase III) to start construction in 8/17
Heritage at Del Paso Nuevo

• 51% of homes sold to affordable buyers
  – 46 affordable homes
  – 80% Area Median Income or less
Heritage at Del Paso Nuevo

- Six plan types
- Range from approx. 1,500 sq ft to 2,100 sq ft
- Average 3-4 bedrooms
- Average 2-3 bathrooms
- Two-car garages
- Enrolled in SMUD Smart Home program
THE LAUREL

Approximately 1,571 sq. ft.
3 bedrooms
2.5 bathrooms
2-car garage
THE SYCAMORE
Approximately 2,167 sq. ft.
3 bedrooms
3 bathrooms
2-car garage
Optional den or fourth bedroom
Heritage at Del Paso Nuevo Formation
Planning

- Neighborhood Outreach
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- Review by Soil Born Farms
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Neighborhood Outreach

- Project Liaisons
- Neighborhood Improvement Specialists
- Homeownership Preparation Courses
Landscape Design

LANDSCAPE PLANTING PLAN

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION PLAN
Review by Soil Born Farms
Implementation & Progress

• 30 garden beds
• 44 native trees
• 41 fruit trees
• Grant High GEO Planting Day
• Homeowner participation
  – Landscaping maintenance association
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Urban Forestry Collaborations:
California ReLeaf Planting With a Purpose

• Grant awarded in Spring of 2017 for Del Paso Heights Growers’ Alliance
• Pacific Housing sponsored and co-wrote the grant application
• $58,000 for urban forestry and urban greening projects near Heritage at Del Paso Nuevo
Urban Forestry Collaborations: California ReLeaf Planting With a Purpose

Nuevo Park

Robertson Park

Del Paso Heights Community Garden