

Model Urban Forestry Plan for an Indianapolis

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Guidance for Plan

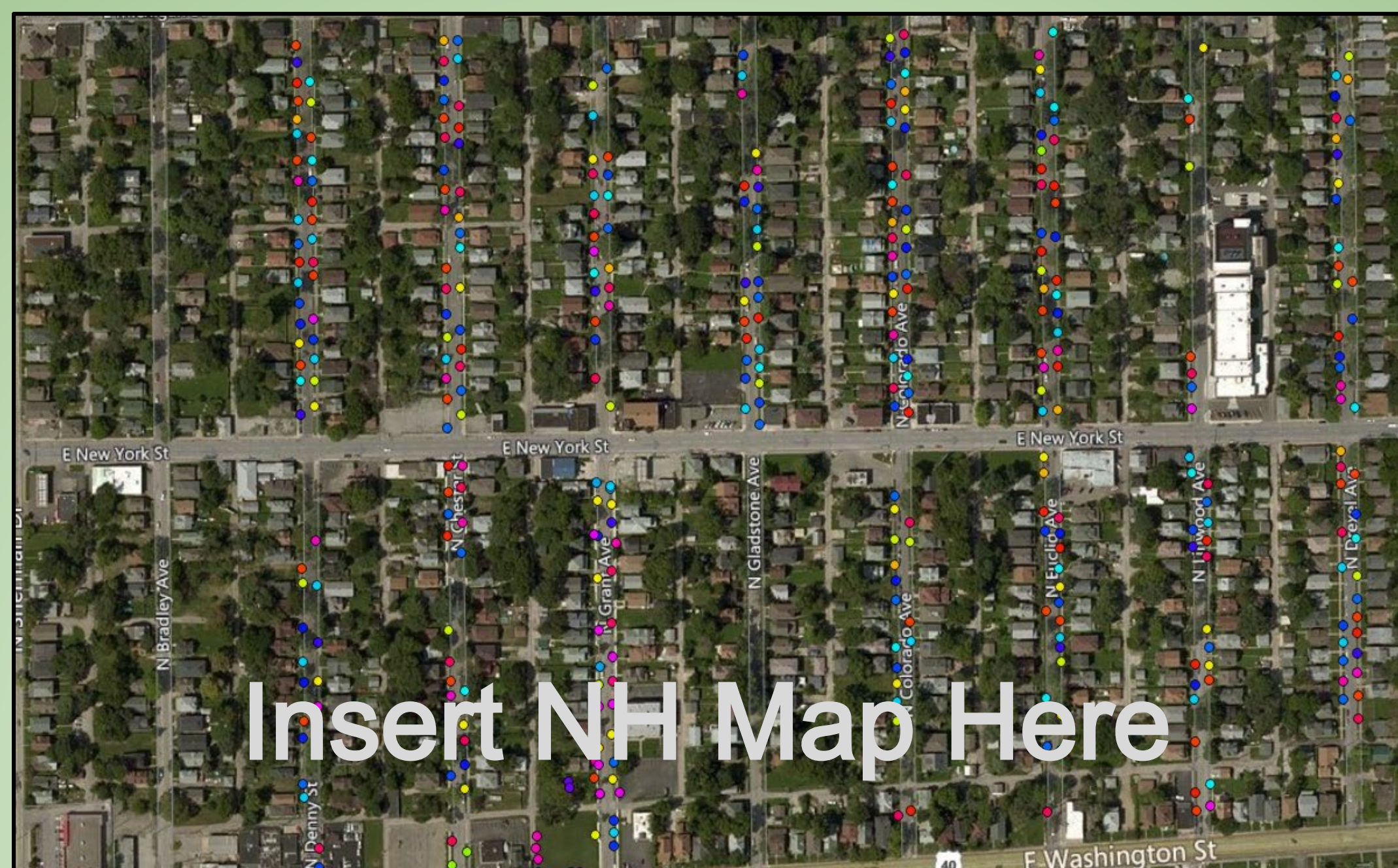
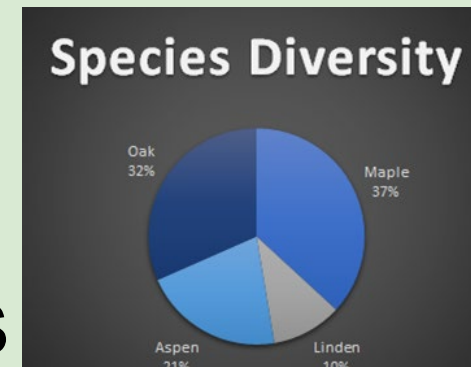
The following information is intended to go to all members of a community, but can be marketed to leaders of a NH association. The plan's goal is to provide reinforcement that the trees' benefits will outweigh the costs to the NH. The information can be used to increase buy in from NH members either before or after the planting project occurs. Either of these timeframes will attempt to limit the frustration of NH members and help them understand the benefits in relation to their duties to the trees.

Panel 2 lines the current status of a NH, future canopy or tree planting goals, community benefits, as well as outlining the evaluation criteria for success.

Panel 3 shows a checklist a NH could follow and involves designating a NH leader to serve as the primary contact regarding NH trees. Having an interactive checklist increases awareness and ownership of a NH tree project, especially when it's placed on a common surface, i.e. the refrigerator. Contact information is also given in case of a tree emergency or concern, and other non-tree related ideas are suggested to improve the NH.

What Neighborhood

- 🌳 _____ Number of Trees
- 🌳 _____ % Canopy Cover
- 🌳 _____ Potential Tree Locations
- 🌳 _____ Number of Trees to be planted
- 🌳 _____
- 🌳 _____



What Neighborhood Wants

- 🌳 _____ % Canopy
- 🌳 _____ % Tree Survival
- 🌳 _____ More Trees
- 🌳 Educational programs
- 🌳 Better air quality
- 🌳 Higher property value
- 🌳 Increased biodiversity
- 🌳 Less runoff
- 🌳 Windbreaks/Shade
- 🌳 Lower cooling and heating costs
- 🌳 Rain gardens
- 🌳 _____

Evaluation Success

- 🌳 Is NH close to Canopy goal? (_____ %)
- 🌳 Are trees healthy or stressed? (ID issues: _____)
- 🌳 Have any trees died? (tree survival rate: _____)
- 🌳 How often are trees maintained and watered?
- 🌳 Noticeable changes in flash floods/ stormwater?
- 🌳 Decrease in utility bills?
- 🌳 Increased community engagement?

Implementation Plan

- Form a NH Tree Group
 - NH Leader Name: _____
 - NH Leader Email: _____
 - NH Leader Phone: (____) ____ - _____
- Identify areas where water pools
 - Address/ Area 1: _____
 - Address/ Area 2: _____
- Identify priority areas lacking trees
 - Address/ Area 1: _____
 - Address/ Area 2: _____
- Water trees (1x/ week in Spring/ Summer)
- Reapply for KIB Tree Program every year
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

For Further Info

- 🌳 KIB Contact Phone: (317) 267-5555
- 🌳 KIB Website: www.kibi.org
- 🌳 MAC for Tree Inspection: (317) 327-6222

Other Ideas to Improve Neighborhood

- 🌳 Build a rain garden, or rain barrel catchment system https://ioby.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Green_Infrastructure5x5_FINAL.pdf
- 🌳 Become a city gardener <https://extension.purdue.edu/marion/pages/article.aspx?intItemID=949>
- 🌳 Learn about planting native plants <http://www.inpaws.org>

Additional Thoughts/Ideas

This document can also be adjusted to be provided to the NH after application but prior to planting.

Sample questions for KIB to NH during meetings:

- 🌳 What are the biggest complaints neighbors have about the NH and its trees?
- 🌳 Do neighbors have interest in preparing the NH trees for climate change? (Targets species diversity)
- 🌳 Is the neighborhood interested in other programs KIB offers?
- 🌳 Who in the neighborhood already has knowledge of tree care?
- 🌳 Percentage of youth and elderly in NH?

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