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Denton Parks and Rec

Urban Forestry Update

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The Urban Forest



Tree Planting in Denton

- ▶ Tree Giveaways
 - ▶ Redbud Festival (cancelled 2026, due to return!)
 - ▶ Community Tree Giveaway
 - ▶ Tree Your Block
- ▶ Tree Rebates Program
 - ▶ \$50, \$100 or \$250 up to \$500
- ▶ New Development
 - ▶ Tree Standards



Trees Planted

- ▶ Trees Planted by end of Year 1,157
- ▶ Over the last five years about 25,000 trees or 5,000 per year.
- ▶ Recent Plantings/Giveaways
 - ▶ Clear Creek Arbor Day
 - ▶ Annual Tree Giveaway
- ▶ Upcoming Projects
 - ▶ Bell Ave
 - ▶ Bonnie Brae
 - ▶ Cooper Creek
 - ▶ South Lake Park West Trail
 - ▶ South Lake Park Arbor Day



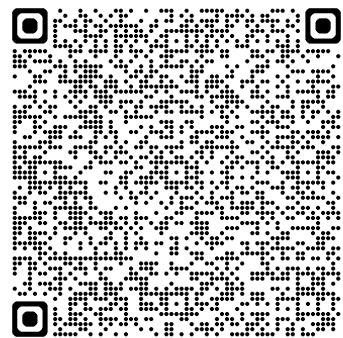
Trees Inventory

- ▶ Inventory of trees in maintained areas of parks, city properties and public right-of-way as called for in the 2020 UFMP.
- ▶ Trees Inventoried 29,533

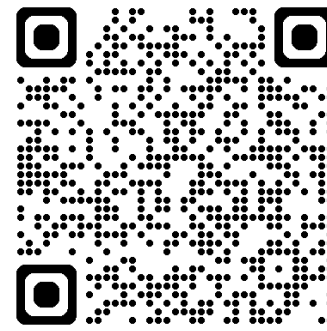


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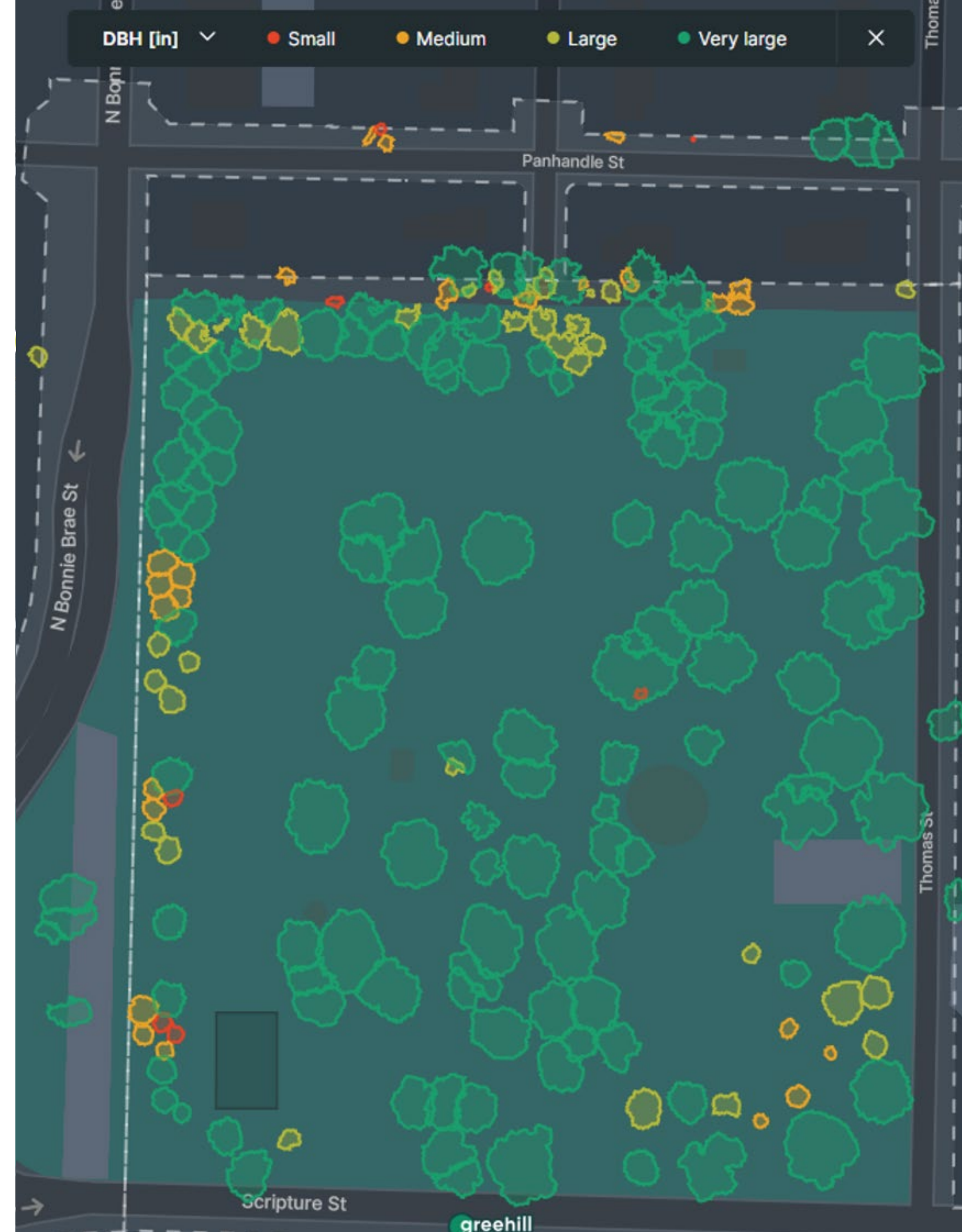
- ▶ Data was captured using LiDAR and a high-resolution 360o cameras to capture every tree.
- ▶ First Round 2023 & 2024
- ▶ Second Round 2027



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What Do We Get?

- ▶ Improved work management
 - ▶ Tree Work History
 - ▶ Increased Safety/Reduced liability
- ▶ Data driven decision making
- ▶ Budgeting
- ▶ Guidance on new planting

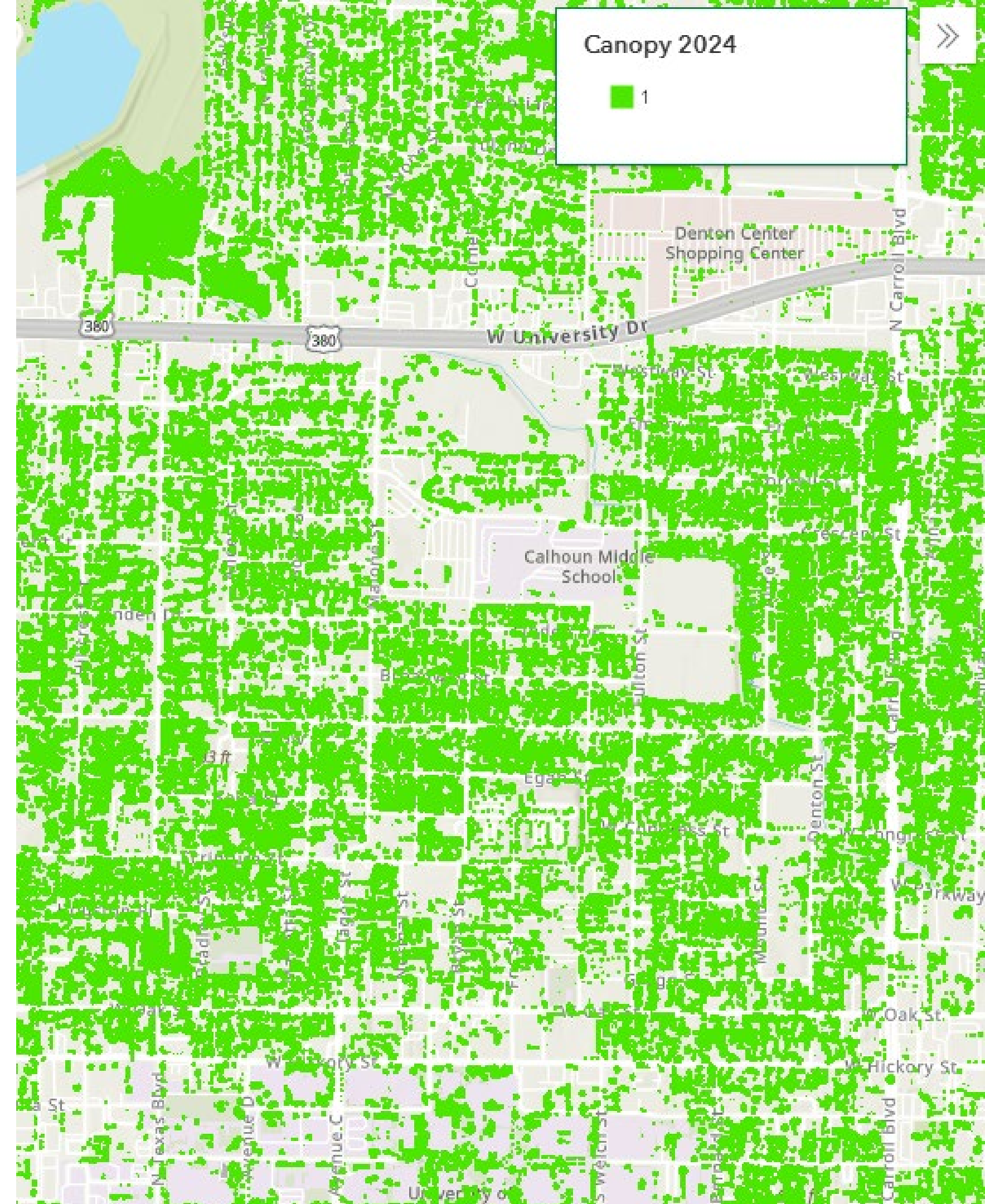


Tree Canopy Study

- ▶ The layer of branches, leaves, and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above.
- ▶ Denton's Urban Tree Canopy 2024
 - ▶ City Limits 23.4%



TreeKeeper Canopy



Urban Forest Master Plan

- ▶ Summary of Progress
 - ▶ 9 Goals
 - ▶ 24 Primary Objectives
 - ▶ 88 Actions
- ▶ 52 of 88 Actions completed

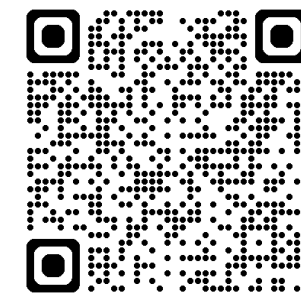
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“Though the word beautification makes the concept sound merely cosmetic, it involves much more: clean water, clean air, clean roadsides, safe waste disposal and preservation of valued old landmarks as well as great parks and wilderness areas. To me...beautification means our total concern for the physical and human quality we pass on to our children and the future.

★ LADY BIRD JOHNSON

QUESTIONS?

Touch Trees!!! Alex Shigo



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