

URBAN FORESTRY PLAN



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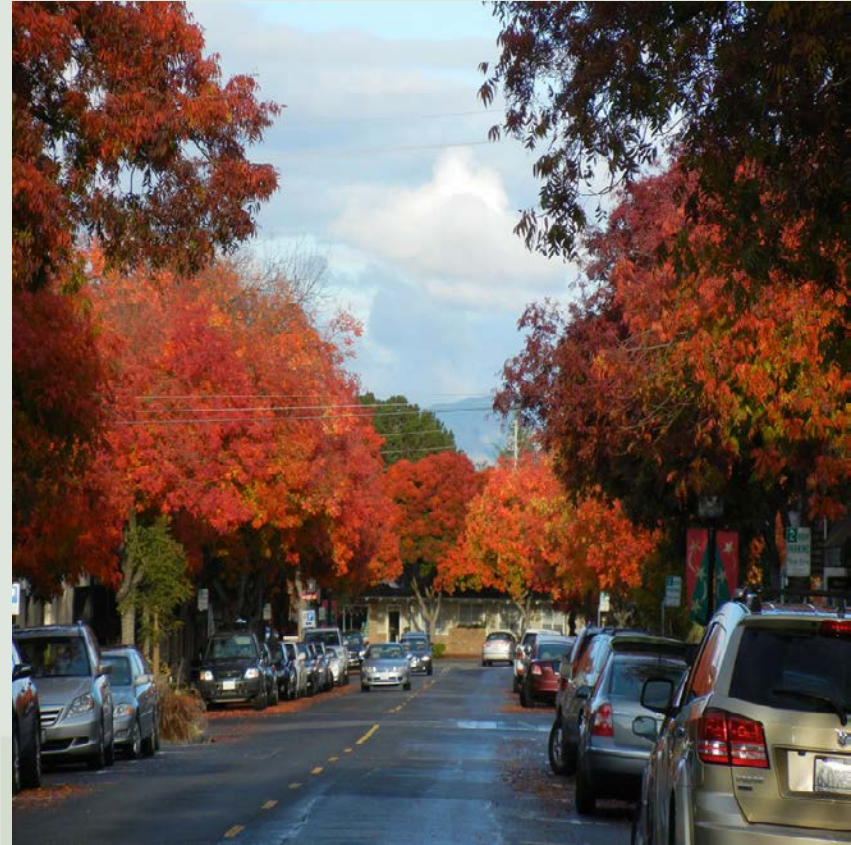
- Overview of Presentation
 - Tree Inventory
 - Tree Assessment
 - Tree Removal Permits
 - Public
 - Private
 - Notification Process



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Tree Inventory Goals

- Establish a comprehensive database of city-maintained urban forest
- Determine community benefits
- Identify immediate risks and determine prioritized maintenance needs
- Identify long-term management strategies



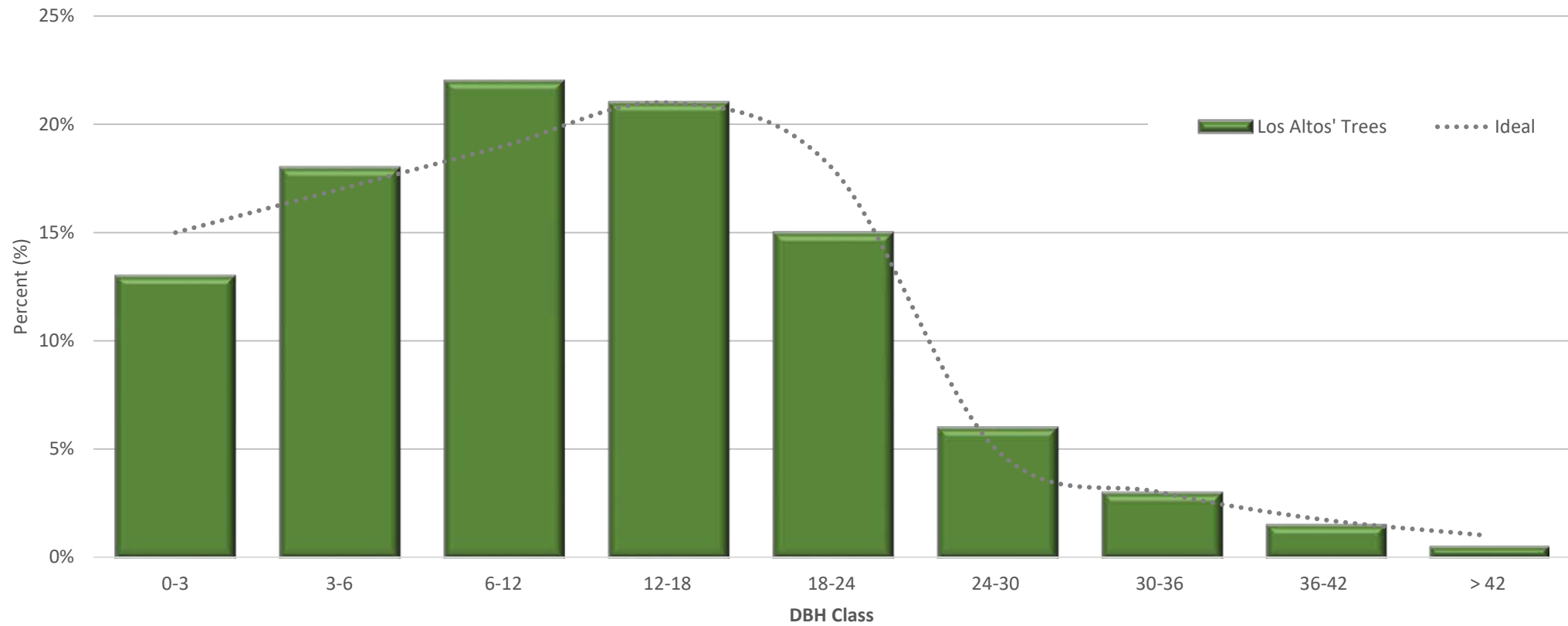
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Tree Assessment

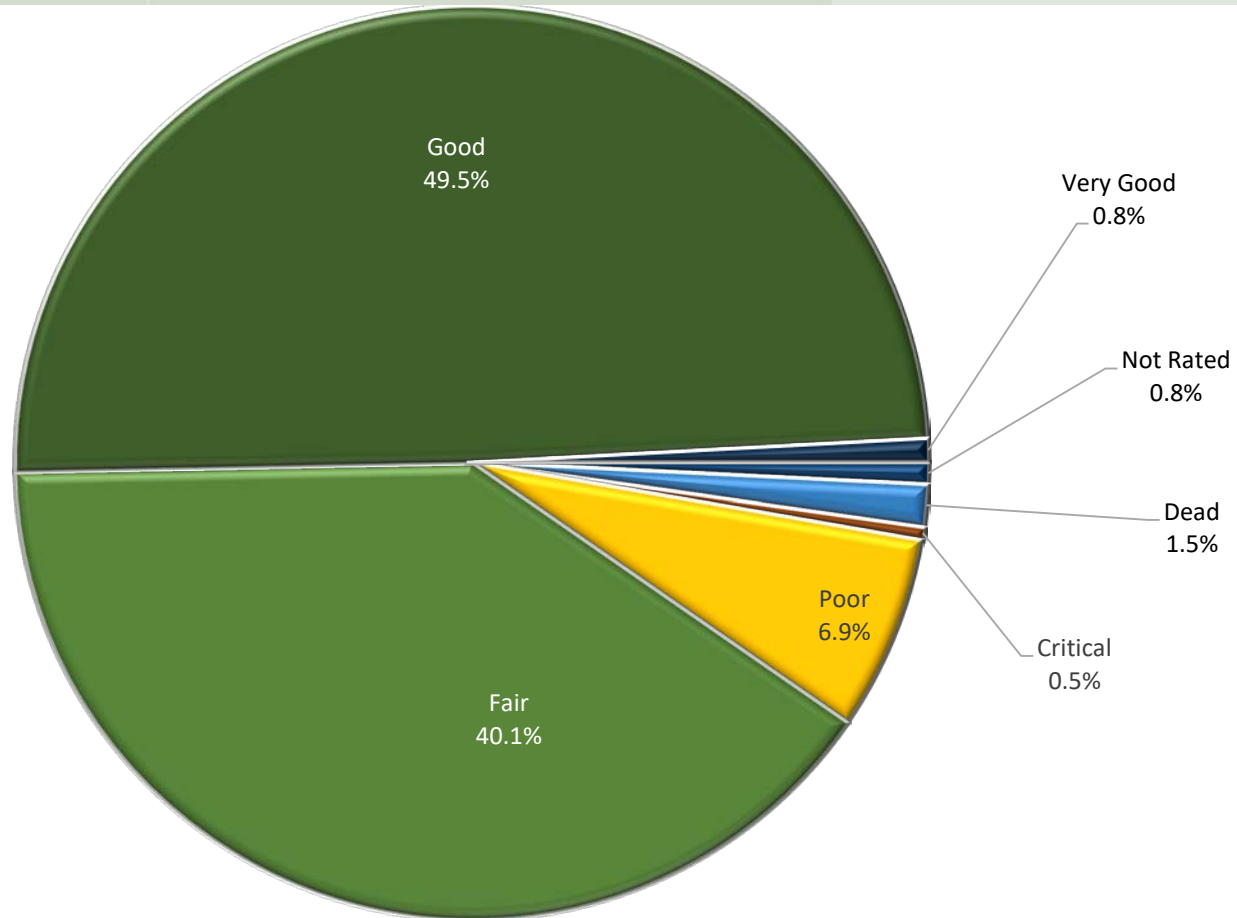
- Over 6,470 trees with 152 unique species
- Replacement value: ~\$21.5 M
- Community benefits: ~\$4.8 M
- Tree age distribution is near ideal
- Over 90% trees in very good, good and fair categories



Relative Tree Age Distribution



Tree Condition Summary



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Key Long-term Management Recommendations and Implementation

- Increase species diversity
 - Will retain arborist to evaluate existing recommended tree list
- Provide regular inspection and maintenance
 - Completed high priority tree removals and pruning, regular maintenance on-going
- Continue to maintain and update inventory database



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Tree Removal Permits

Private Permit Applications

- Public Land
- Private Land



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Notification Process

When Stand Alone Tree Removal Permit Approved

- Site is Posted With Notice for Ten (10) Days From Date of Approval
- This Starts the Ten (10) Day Appeal Process
- Appeals Go Directly to City Council



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- Target tree replacement ratio for tree removal permits is 1:1
- Replacement trees not required under certain circumstances (i.e. limited open area on a site or would overcrowd existing mature trees)
- Single-family projects (new houses, additions and remodels) typically exceed the 1:1 replacement ratio and often achieve a 2:1 ratio



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QUESTIONS

