



Continually increase urban tree canopy capacity to provide air quality, water quality and habitat benefits throughout the watershed. Expand urban tree canopy by 2,400 acres by 2025.

Why is this outcome important?

Increasing the tree cover in communities is one of the most sustainable and cost-effective practices to improve both society and the environment. These benefits include, but are not limited to enhancing: water quality, public health, air quality, energy savings and community reinvestment.

Current Conditions:

- Number of communities with goals set (2004-2013): 45
- Number of communities with canopy assessments complete: 78

How was the outcome derived? Who came up with it?

In the [2007 Forest Conservation Directive](#), the states agreed to have 120 communities increase their tree canopy by 2020. This new outcome will track acres of expansion that better reflect changes on the ground that are most beneficial to the Bay.



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What was the basis or baseline?

The states agreed that 2,400 acres by 2025 represented a reasonable goal compared to previous goals that were considered.

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