

## Tree Related Work at DVRPC

2003 - DVRPC partnered with the US Forest Service, PA DCNR, PWD, the PA Urban and Community Forestry Council and American Forests to produce the Urban Ecosystem Analysis of the Delaware Region. That report was the first conducted for our region that measured the loss in tree canopy by type over a 15 year period from 1985 – 2000, when a lot of development was occurring, and it measured the ecological and economic impacts of those losses for detaining stormwater, improving air quality and sequestering carbon. The report raised awareness about loss of tree canopy in the region at the same time it cemented partnerships among us.

2007-2011 Our involvement was followed by our partnership with PHS, DCNR, Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Morris Arboretum for the TreeVitalize Municipalities program, which helped communities overcome obstacles to restoring and managing their tree canopy.

2008 Municipal Tree Management - Municipal Implementation Brochure

<http://www.dvrpc.org/reports/MIT015.pdf>

2010-2012 - DVRPC participated in the advisory committee for Azavea's development of Philly Tree Map and other tree planting prioritization tools

2013 DVRPC used the Philly Tree Map interface to create a Street Tree Inventory of neighborhoods in S. Philadelphia for the Parks and Recreation Department. <http://www.dvrpc.org/reports/13006.pdf>

2010-2016 DVRPC partnered with PHS to access PennVest funding, which provided money to plant nearly 5,000 street, park and riparian trees in suburban municipalities throughout SEPA, with over half of them going into disadvantaged communities such as the City of Chester and Norristown.