Trees For Communities

San Ysidro

Urban Forestry Program

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About Urban Forestry

MISSION

The Urban Forestry Program plants, protects, promotes, and maintains trees for livable and sustainable communities.

VISION

Grow and maintain a world-class urban forest for San Diego.

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Tree Maintenance Provided by Urban Forestry

- Over 250,000 street trees and ~600,000 park trees
- Prunes 50,000+ palm and shade trees each year
- 1,200 park and street trees planted in FY23
- 6,000 Get It Done street tree requests per year
- Emergency tree pruning/removals for public safety

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About Trees for Communities

4.6 million for a multi-year tree planting program

The City is currently exhausting all feasible tree planting locations

Water trees for 3 years and provide ongoing tree maintenance

Plant new trees, expand existing, and create new tree wells

Plant new trees on City owned land

This program is implemented under a Supplemental Environmental Project pursuant to an agreement with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District. This information is available in alternative formats upon request.

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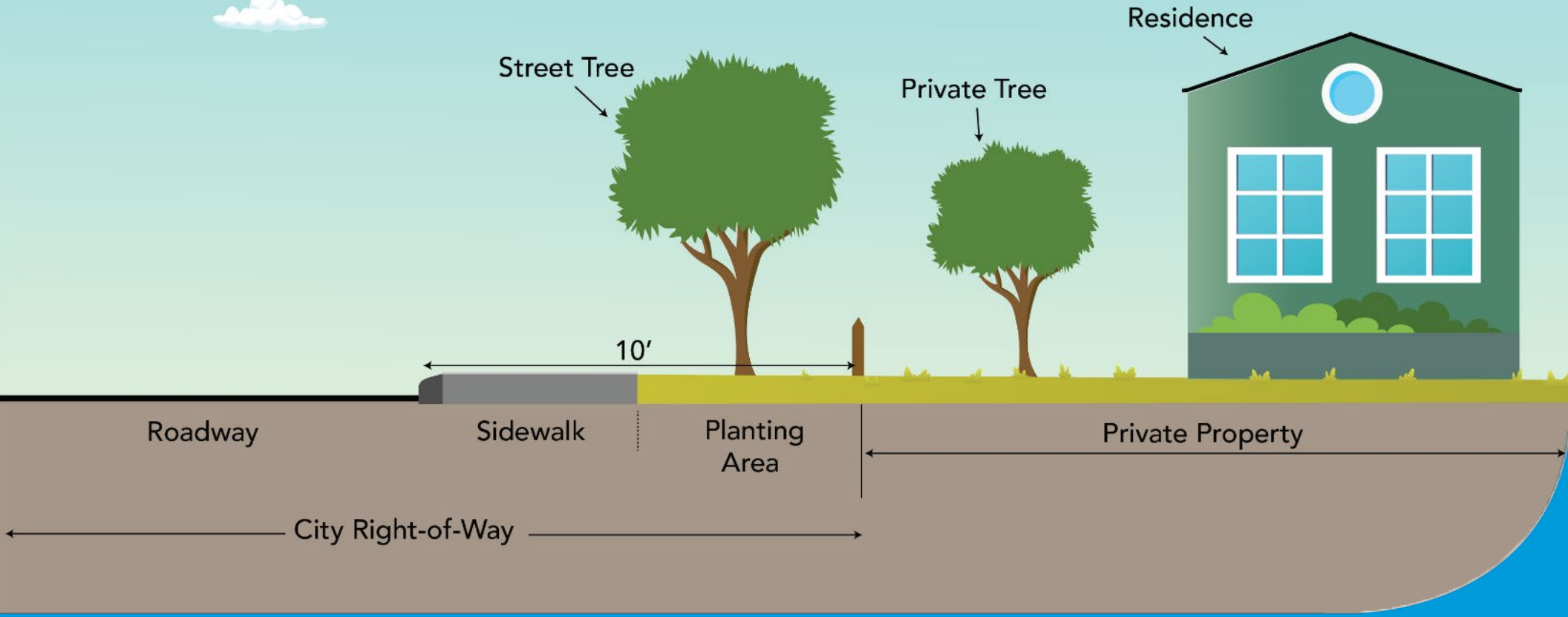
Understanding City Right-of-Way

Sidewalk Curb Adjacent



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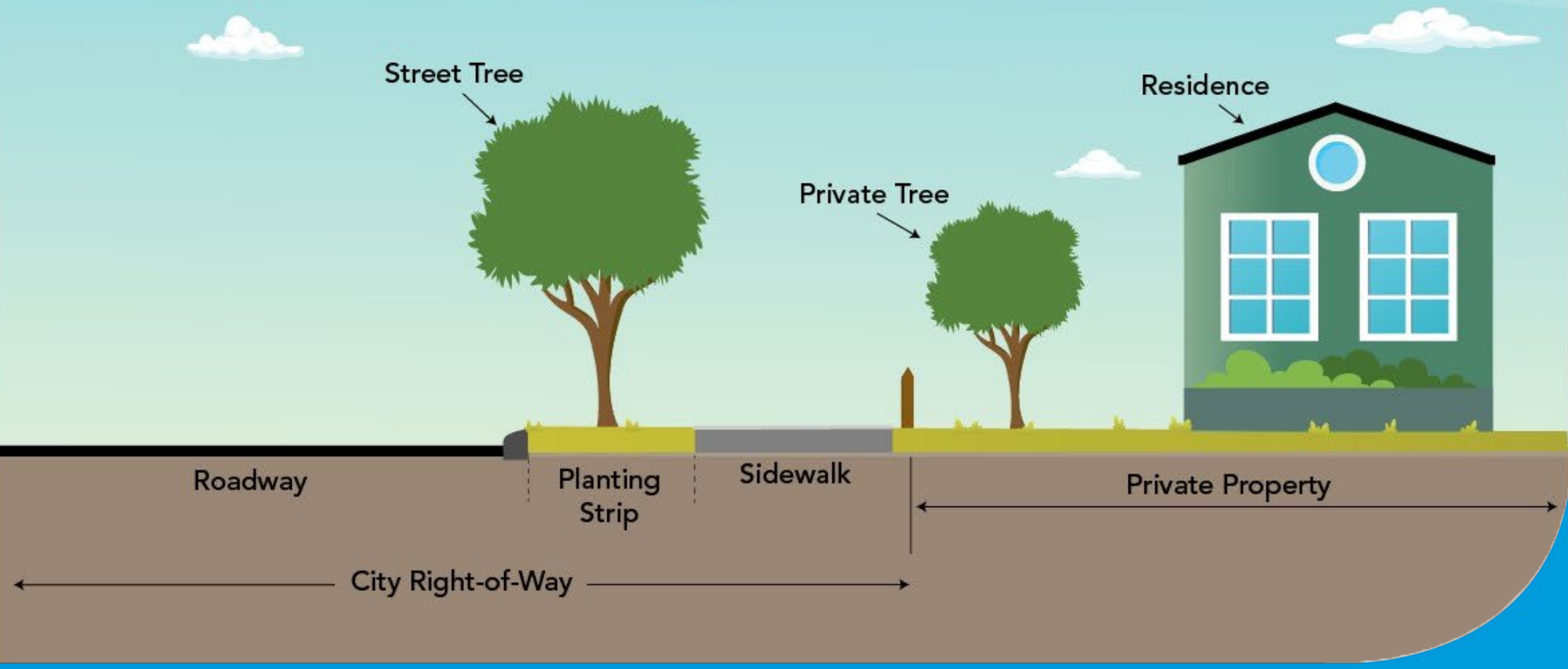
Planting Strip Curb Adjacent



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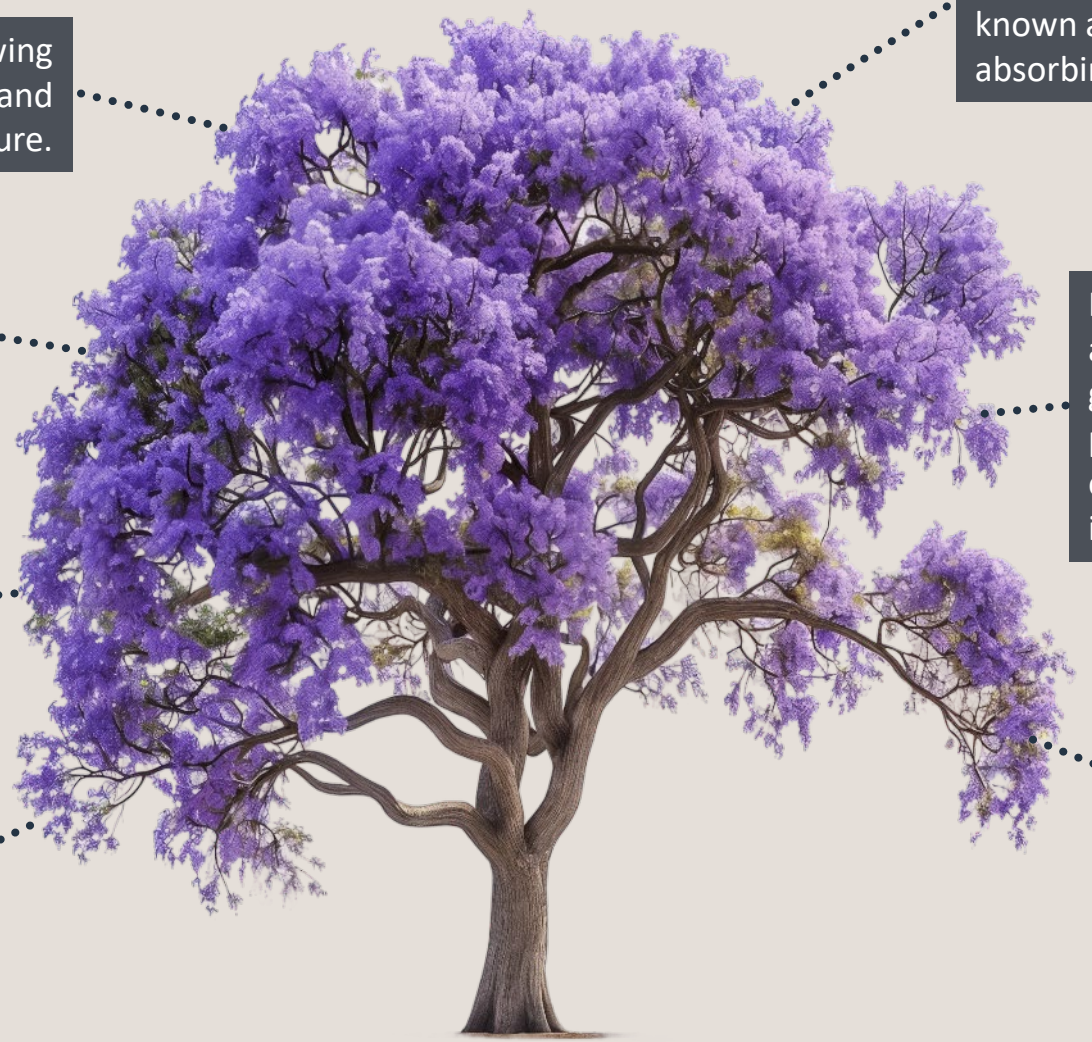
Benefits of Trees

Provide shade, allowing more time outdoors and less sun exposure.

Filter dust and remove toxic pollutants from the atmosphere.

Improve the aesthetic environment, absorb noise, reduce stress, and decrease crime.

Provide positive mental benefits and healing qualities



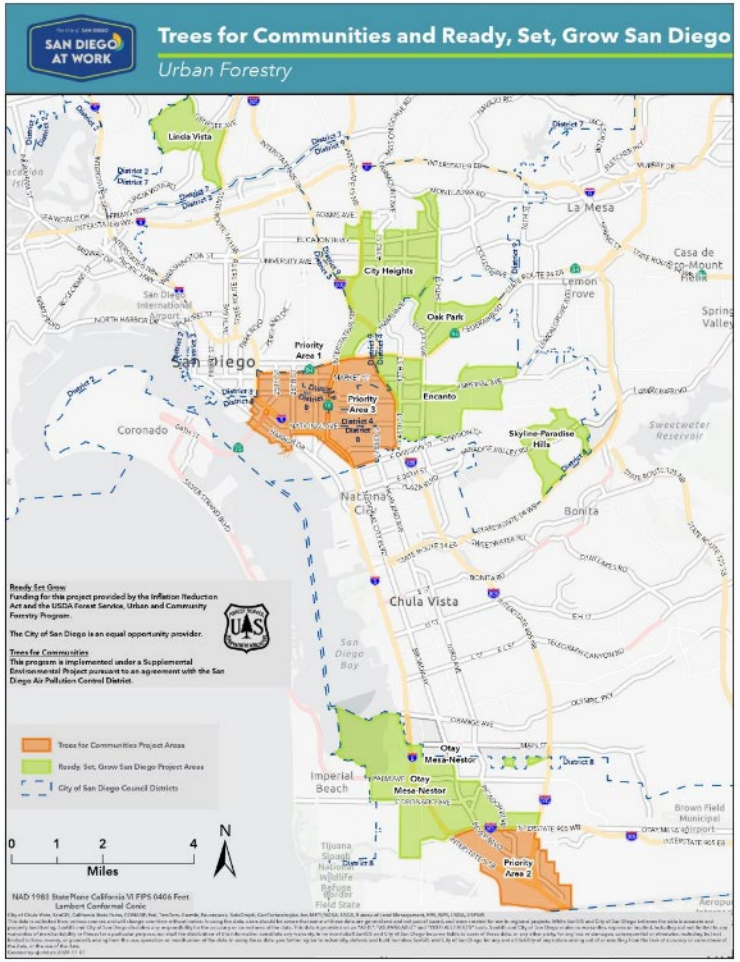
Water from roots is drawn up to the leaves where it evaporates, known as evapotranspiration, absorbing heat and cooling the air.

Intercept rainwater which aids soil absorption for gradual release into streams, preventing flooding, and extending water availability into dry months.

Freshen the air we breathe

Ready, Set, Grow San Diego

- $10 million in USDA Forest Service grant for multi-year planting program.
- Plant over 5,000 new trees, expand existing, and create new tree wells.
- Tree protection – Sidewalk repairs.
- 4 new positions to support projects
- Project kickoff – November 8, 2024
  - 11 trees planted
  - Over 150 volunteers
- South Bay communities: starting Winter 2025



Where We Are Now

San Ysidro

- 119 trees planted to date
- 1000th Tree
  - Planted on W Calle Primera
- Community Forum
  - Hosted Dec. 17
- Opt-in
  - Casa Familiar Canvassing
  - Direct Mail

Thank You

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Learn more at: www.sandiego.gov/TreesForCommunities