

Cornell Campus Tree Inventory



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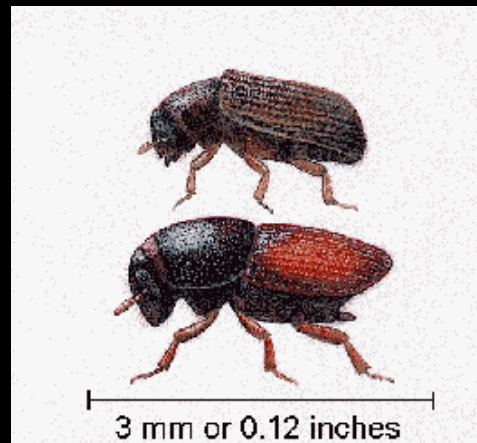
Tree Inventory Rationale

- Context for new tree plantings
- “What should I plant?”
- “What have you got?”
- “Manage proactively rather than reactively

Species Diversity and Invasive Pests



Elm Bark
Beetle



Emerald Ash Borer

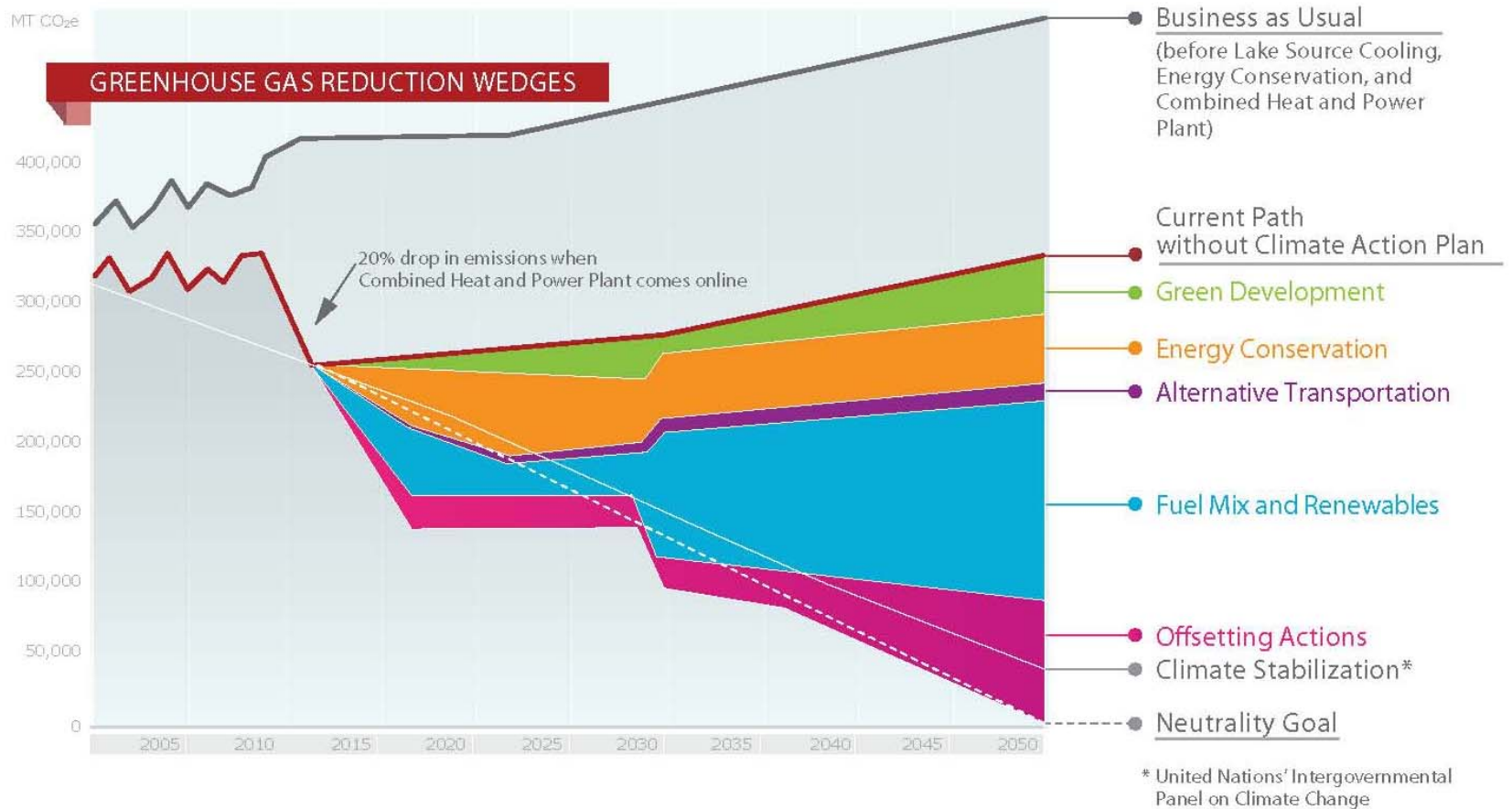


Asian Longhorned Beetle

Sustainability and Climate Change



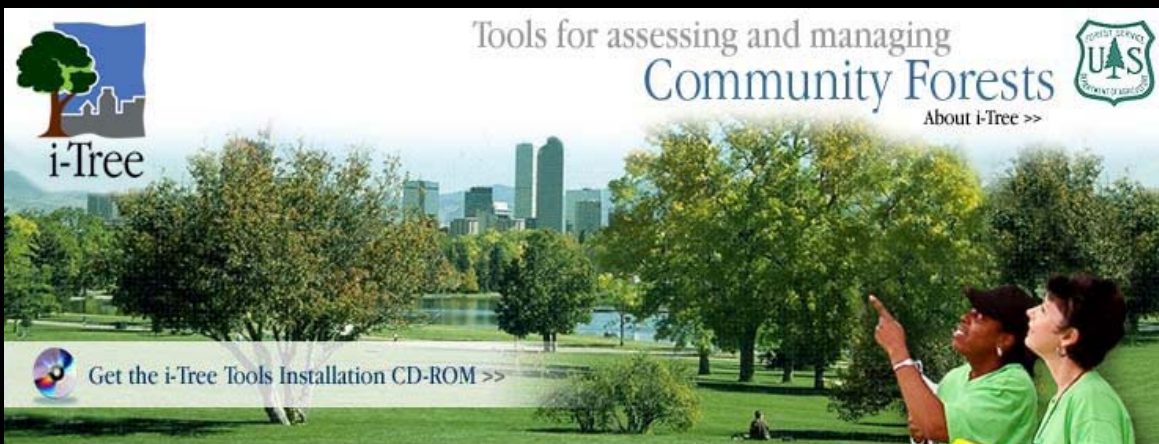


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Cornell: Action Plan for Climate Neutrality

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Community Forests
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Find out how to assess your community's *entire urban forest*.

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Assessing Street Tree Populations

Learn how to assess the *street tree component* of your community's urban forest.

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Access tools to help you strengthen your community's *tree management* efforts.

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What's New?

We are hard at work improving i-Tree based on your feedback from this spring and summer field season! [Here](#) are some of the updates to expect in the coming months.

The i-Tree Academy and Mid-Atlantic workshop materials are now available. [Download](#) all presentations, handouts, and exercises individually or in their entirety.

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STRATUM (Street Tree Management and Analysis Tool for Urban Forest Managers)

STRATUM Calculated Street Tree Benefits

- Energy Conservation
- Stormwater Reduction
- Air Quality Improvement
- CO₂ Reduction
- Stored Carbon
- Aesthetic/Other

How does a campus tree inventory differ from a typical street tree inventory?



In many ways they are the same
We still need to know Tree ID



Maples are not the only trees out there

We still measure DBH the same

DBH (diameter at
breast height) –
approx 4 ½ feet



We still need to establish parameters



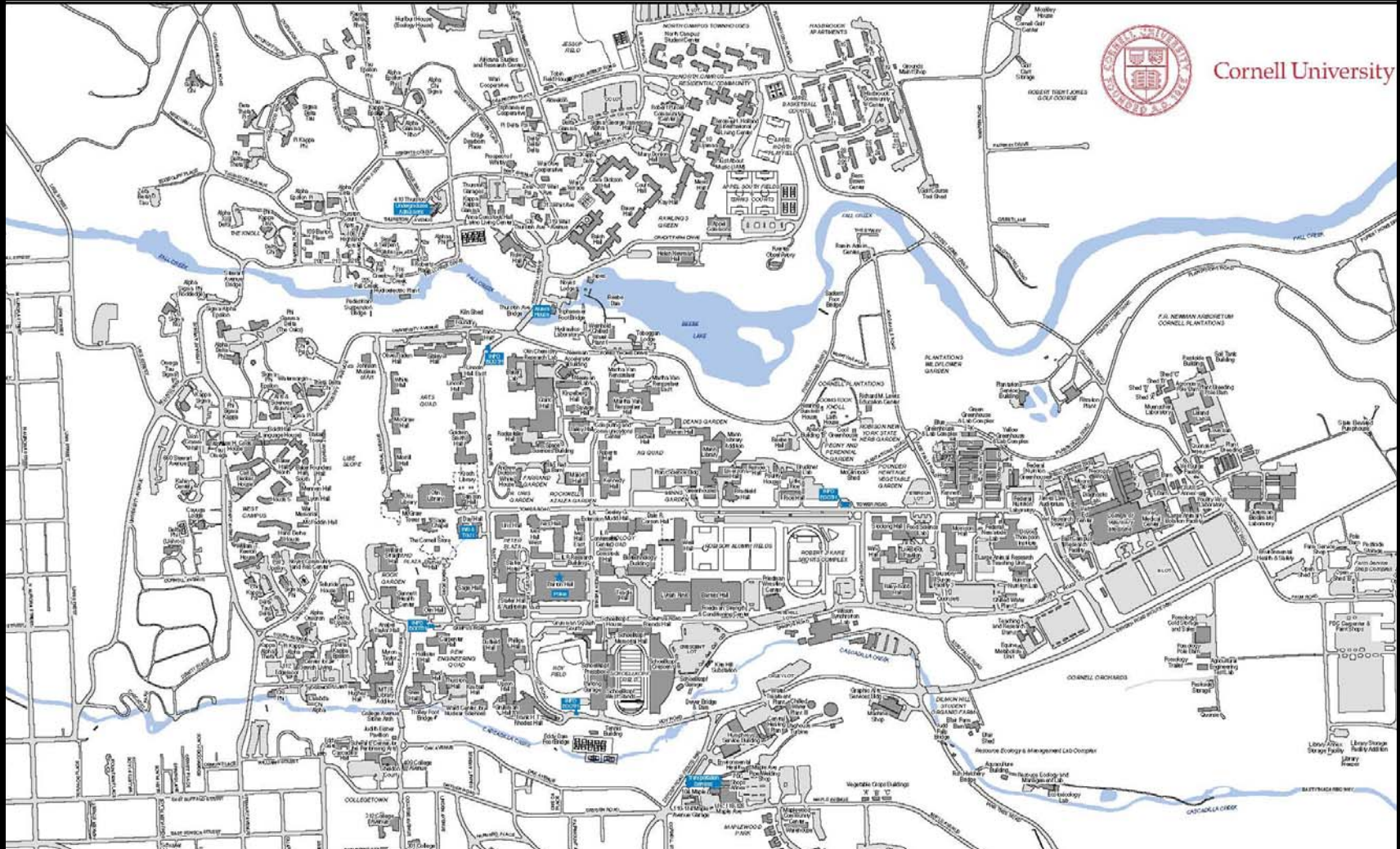
What data fields besides species and DBH?

We still need to establish parameters



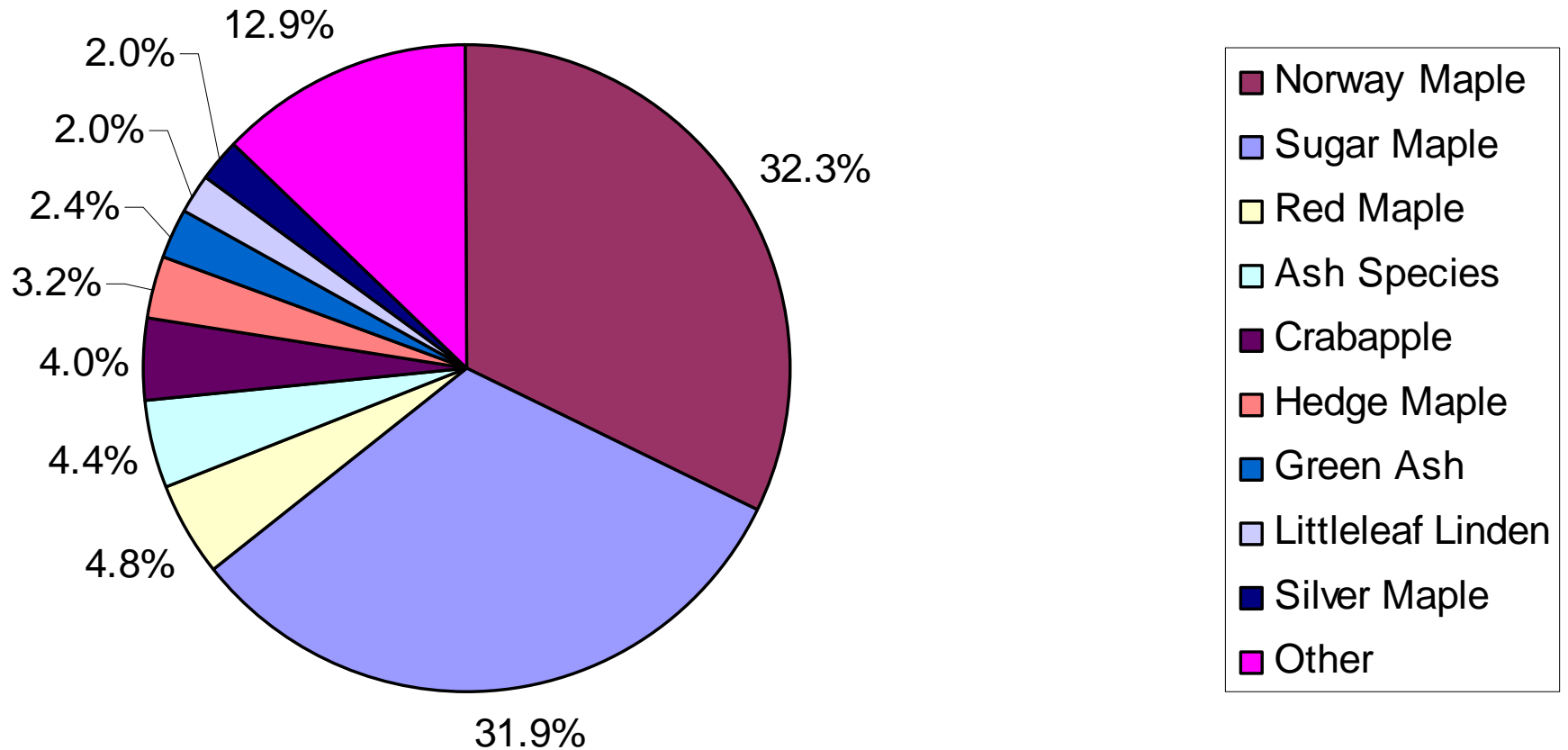
Are we counting shrubs as well as trees?

We still need to establish parameters



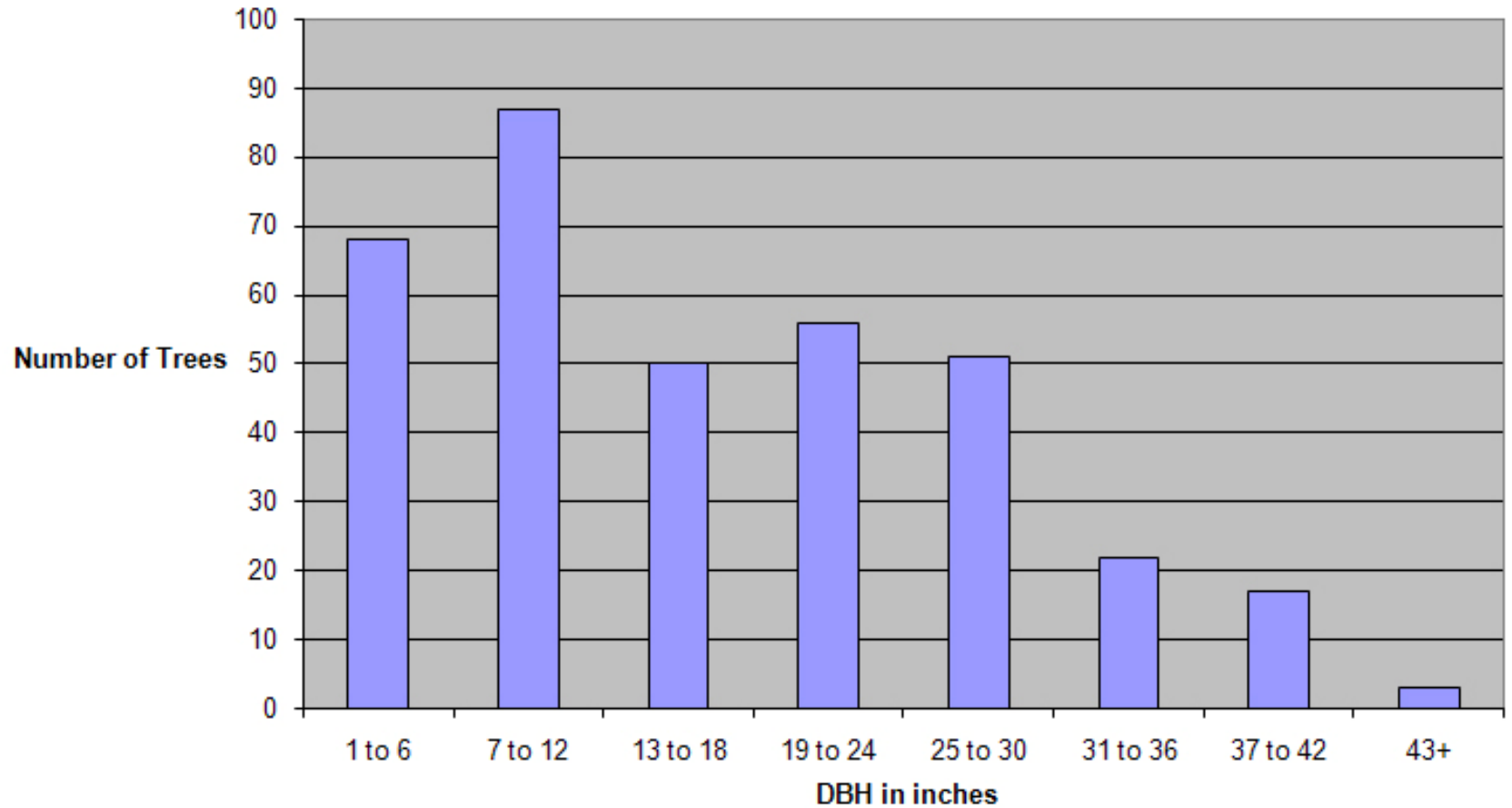
What is the extent of the inventory?

We still analyze the data



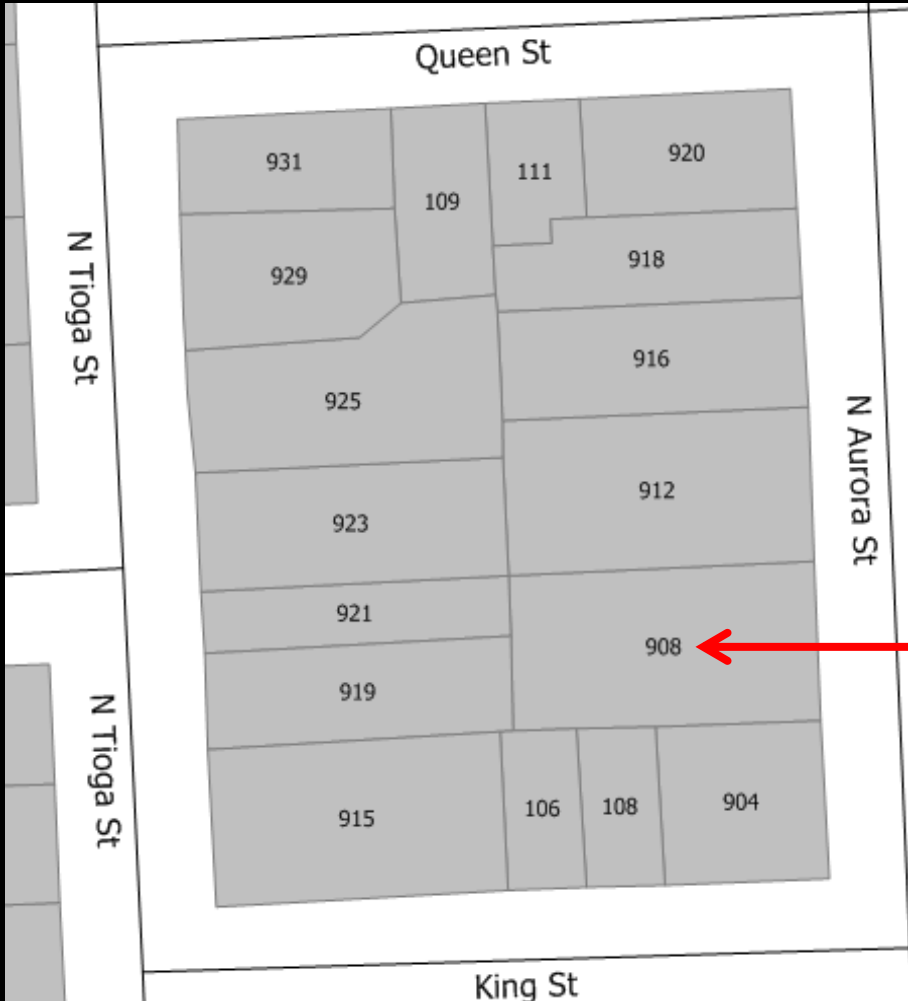
Species Distribution

We still analyze the data



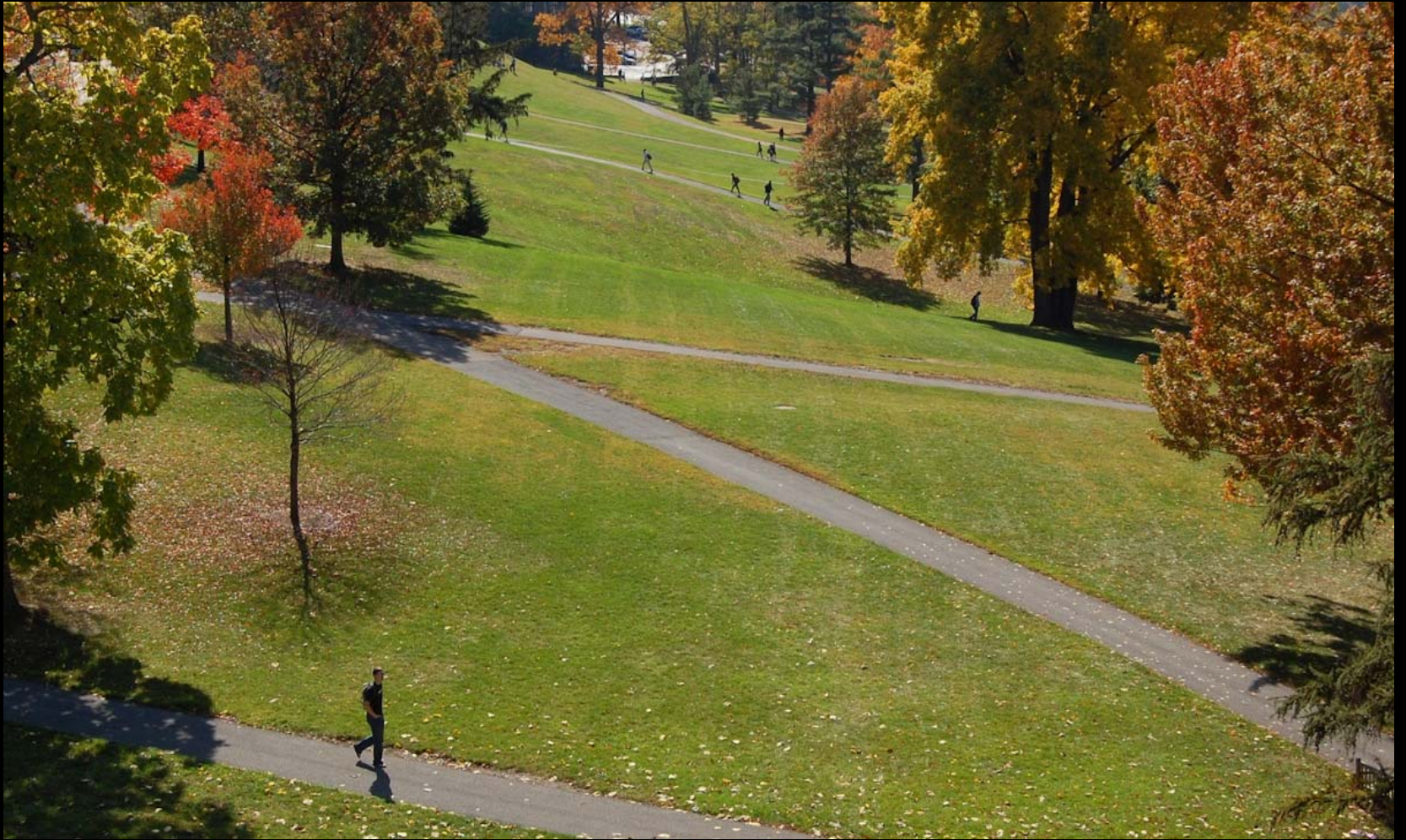
DBH Distribution

Major difference: location – how to locate trees

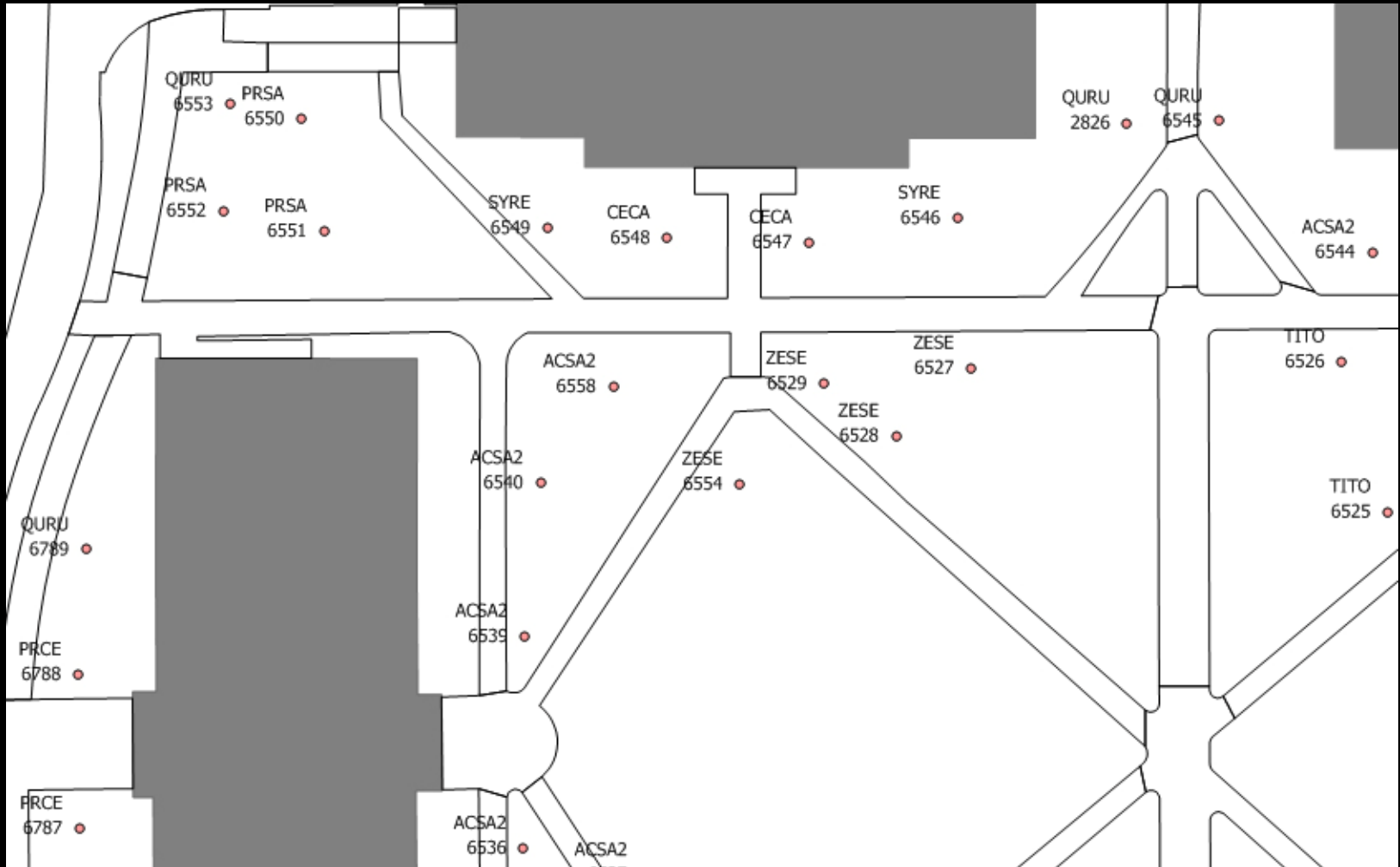


Street name and address # associated with parcel

What is the “address” for these trees?



Solution: GPS to locate trees on a map



Each tree has X and Y coordinates

Another difference: right-of-way



Is the tree “in” or “out”?

Right-of-way usually not relevant



Within the campus, most trees are “in”

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Time Frame: Summer 2009

- Extent: “Main Campus”
 - ≠ Plantations + City of Ithaca
- Managed Trees (≠ “Natural Areas”)

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Data Collected:

- Species
- DBH
- Location (GPS)

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STRATUM Analysis

- Data Deliverable: GIS Shapefile
 - “Ground-truthing”

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Methodology:

- Data: Paper Form

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3				38	"	17	
4				39	AM	3	
5	PLAC	6		40	COPL	2	
6	"	6		41	QURU	2	
7	CECA	9		42	PEPL	9	
8	"	2		43	CECA	2	Purple
9	"	2		44	PEPL	6	
10	SLTR	24		45	AM	2	MS
11	"	27		46	"	2	"
12	PEGR	10	Papercut	47	PEPL	17	
13	SLTR	11		48	AM	2	MS
14	PEGR	15		49	A	4	FRNI
15	SLTR	24		50	COPL	3	
16	"	15		51	PEPL	3	
17	"	25		52	AM	2	MS
18	MASO	4	MS	53	FRPE	3	
19	PEGR	17		54	PEPL	18	
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29	ULCA	18	5 7	64	CRER	6	
30	"	15	30 24	65	"	6	
31	AM	4		66	CEOC	4	
32	PEPL	16		67	TSCA	5	
33	COPL	3		68	"	7	
34	"	4		69	1	4	
35	PEPL	7		70	"	3	

Advantages of paper:

- Quick and easy
- Assumes:
 - Knowledge of species codes
 - Few data fields

Disadvantages of paper:

- Manual entry of data into digital format (e.g. Excel spreadsheet)
 - Time-consuming and boring
 - Errors in data entry

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Methodology:

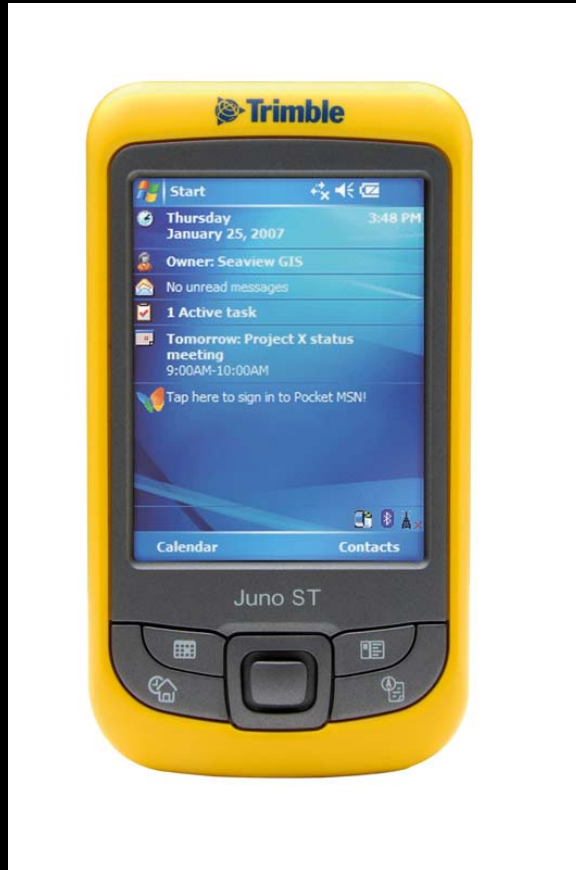
- GPS: Handheld Unit

GPS: Handheld unit



Garmin 60CSx GPS – accurate 3 to 5 meters
Waypoints download into GIS shapefile

Greater Accuracy



Higher Cost



GPS Coordinates → Rectify to Aerial Imagery



Ithaca orthoimagery: .5 ft resolution + 2007

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Associating GPS with Tree Data

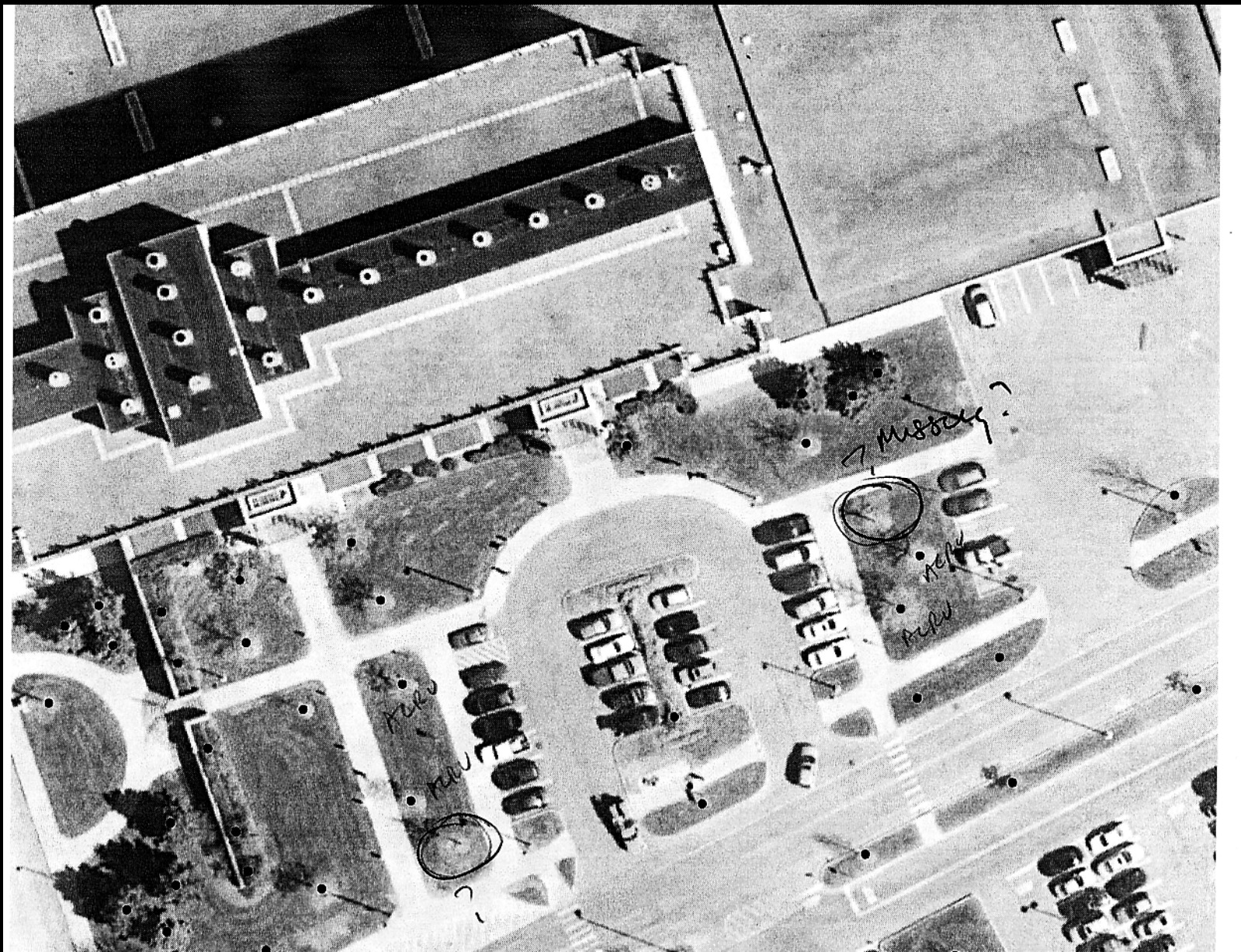
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176916	WAYPOINT	013	42.45986106	-76.4757036
176917	WAYPOINT	014	42.45990967	-76.47588531
176918	WAYPOINT	015	42.45995368	-76.47586587
176919	WAYPOINT	016	42.45974564	-76.47590619
176920	WAYPOINT	017	42.45974857	-76.47587232
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176927	WAYPOINT	024	42.45909034	-76.47579622
176928	WAYPOINT	025	42.45910032	-76.47644145
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Waypoint #s and Tree #s must be synchronized when tables are joined!



GPS “dead zones”



Ground-truthing: missing trees?

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- Species, DBH, and GPS for each tree
- 1st data taken – May 15, 2009 – 15 records
- May 26 to June 5 – 5898 records
- June 25 -- Initial data to Planning Dept (7000 trees)
- Sept 22 – “Final” version of data delivered (7900 trees)



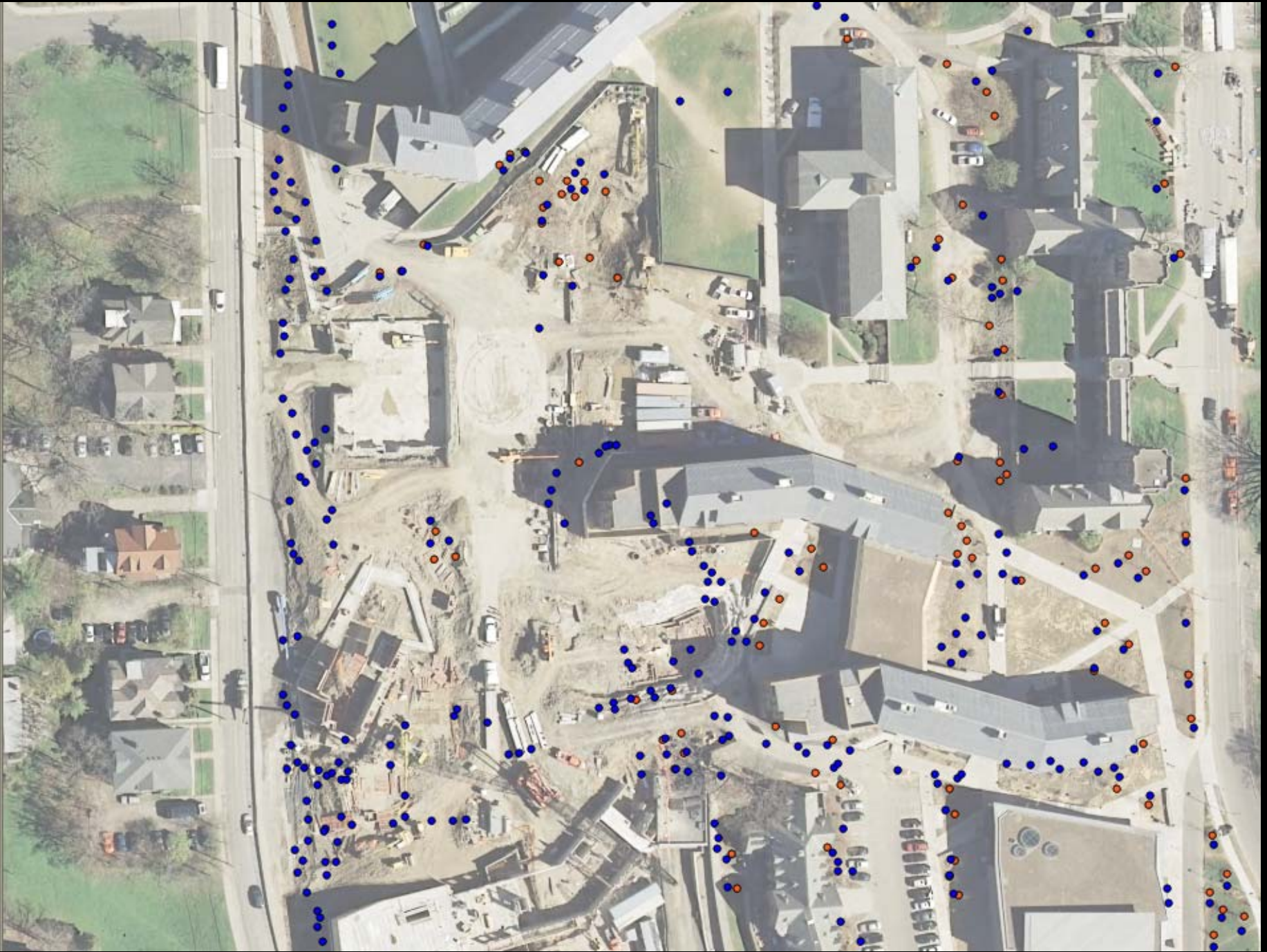


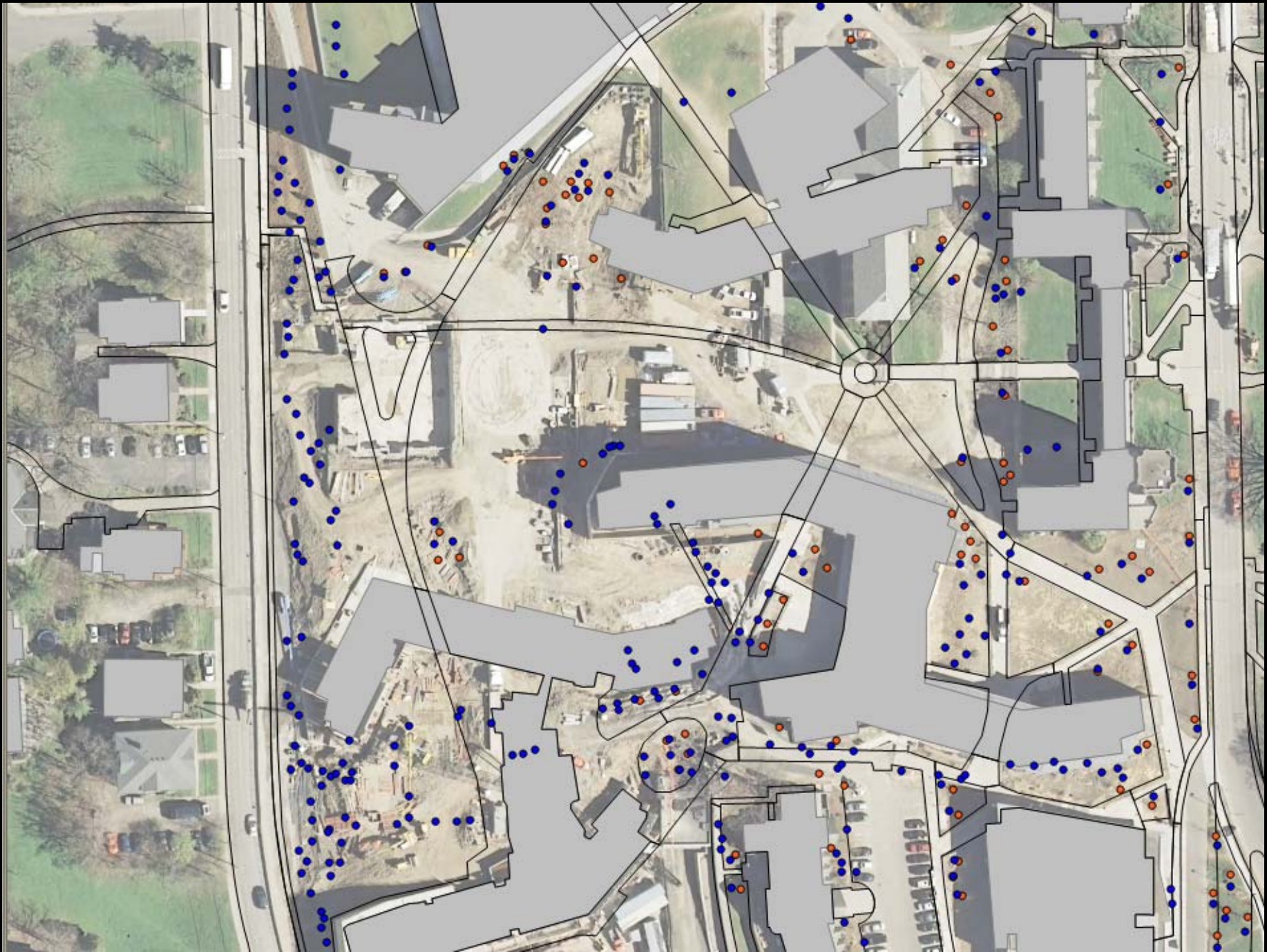








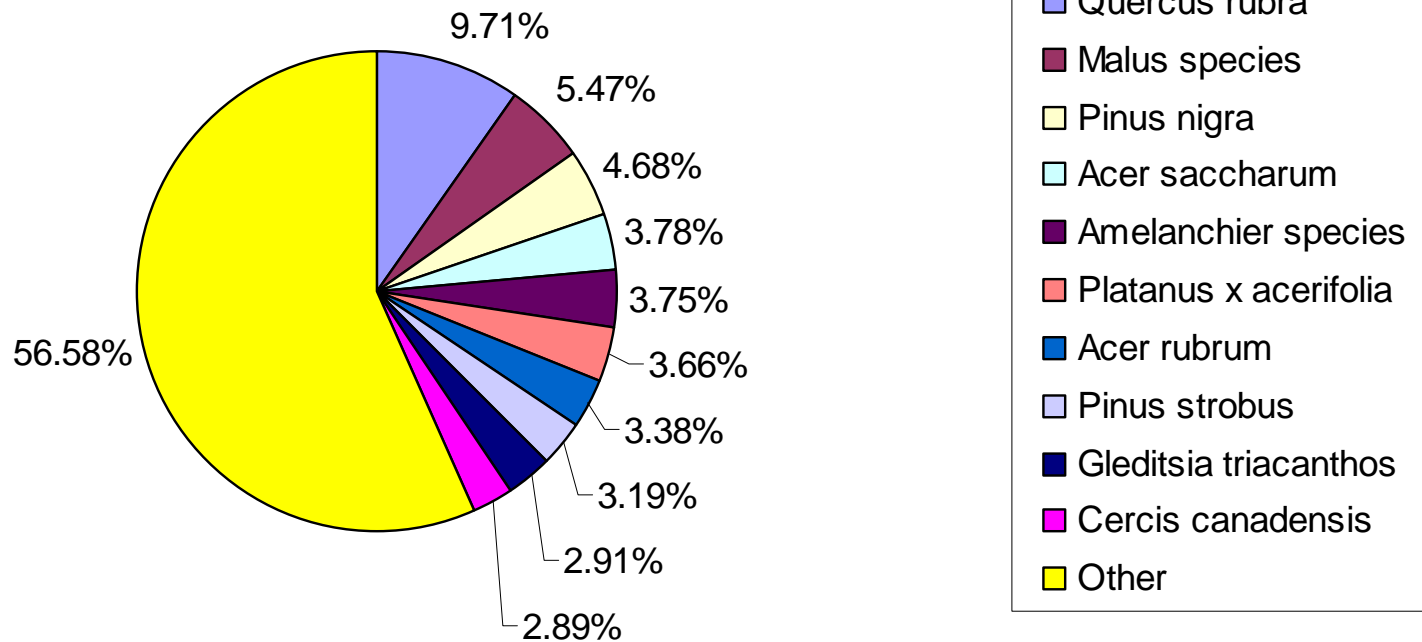






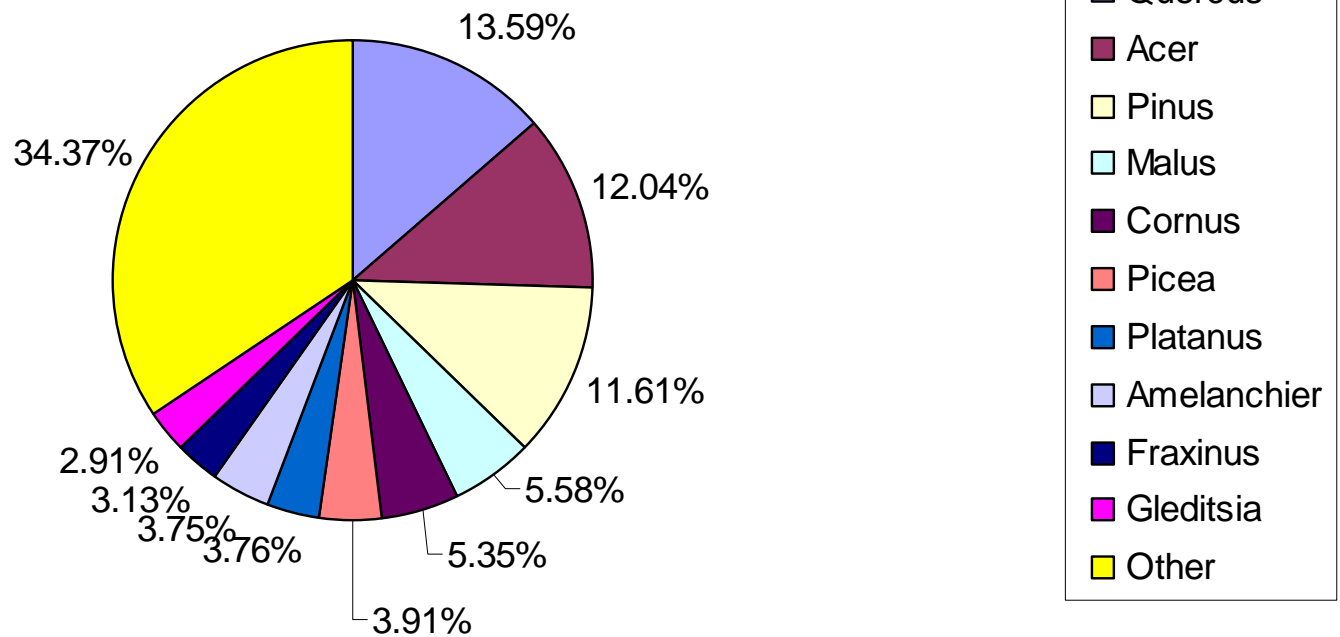
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Cornell Campus Tree Inventory 2009 10 Most Prevalent Species



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Species	Sequestered (lb)	Sequestered (\$)	Decomposition Release (lb)	Maintenance Release (lb)	Total Released (\$)	Avoided (lb)	Avoided (\$)	Net Total (lb)
Quercus rubra	176,914	591	-31,859	-8,024	-133	220,019	735	357,049
Malus species	25,150	84	-6,450	-2,786	-31	39,886	133	55,799
Pinus nigra	16,772	56	-5,054	-2,909	-27	52,555	176	61,363
Acer saccharum	37,419	125	-9,471	-2,345	-39	47,832	160	73,435
Amelanchier species	15,699	52	-3,011	-1,207	-14	16,020	54	27,500
Platanus x acerifolia	25,742	86	-3,730	-2,190	-20	51,697	173	71,520
Acer rubrum	16,149	54	-3,551	-1,343	-16	24,275	81	35,530
Pinus strobus	7,861	26	-1,988	-1,703	-12	26,107	87	30,276
Gleditsia triacanthos	24,971	83	-7,364	-1,741	-30	54,288	181	70,155
Cercis canadensis	14,122	47	-3,008	-1,007	-13	13,308	44	23,414
Picea abies	8,722	29	-2,389	-1,613	-13	28,768	96	33,488
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	10,551	35	-1,873	-1,047	-10	23,574	79	31,204
Pinus resinosa	9,394	31	-3,087	-1,504	-15	29,357	98	34,160
Tsuga canadensis	12,994	43	-2,559	-941	-12	12,644	42	22,138
Cornus florida	7,362	25	-1,492	-562	-7	7,400	25	12,708
Cornus mas	16,725	56	-4,495	-945	-18	12,804	43	24,090
Cornus kousa	9,555	32	-2,044	-639	-9	8,512	28	15,384
Acer platanoides	27,720	93	-4,796	-1,142	-20	24,236	81	46,018
Thuja occidentalis	10,081	34	-1,769	-752	-8	9,086	30	16,646
Prunus sargentii	8,675	29	-1,863	-605	-8	8,053	27	14,260
Acer x freemani	8,019	27	-1,506	-671	-7	12,064	40	17,906
Syringa reticulata	16,919	57	-4,842	-872	-19	12,014	40	23,219
Magnolia x soulangiana	10,683	36	-2,758	-616	-11	8,382	28	15,691
Crataegus crus-galli	6,404	21	-1,481	-449	-6	6,038	20	10,512
Other street trees	302,447	1,010	-64,839	-18,156	-277	429,708	1,435	649,160
Citywide total	827,049	2,762	-177,279	-55,770	-778	1,178,629	3,937	1,772,628

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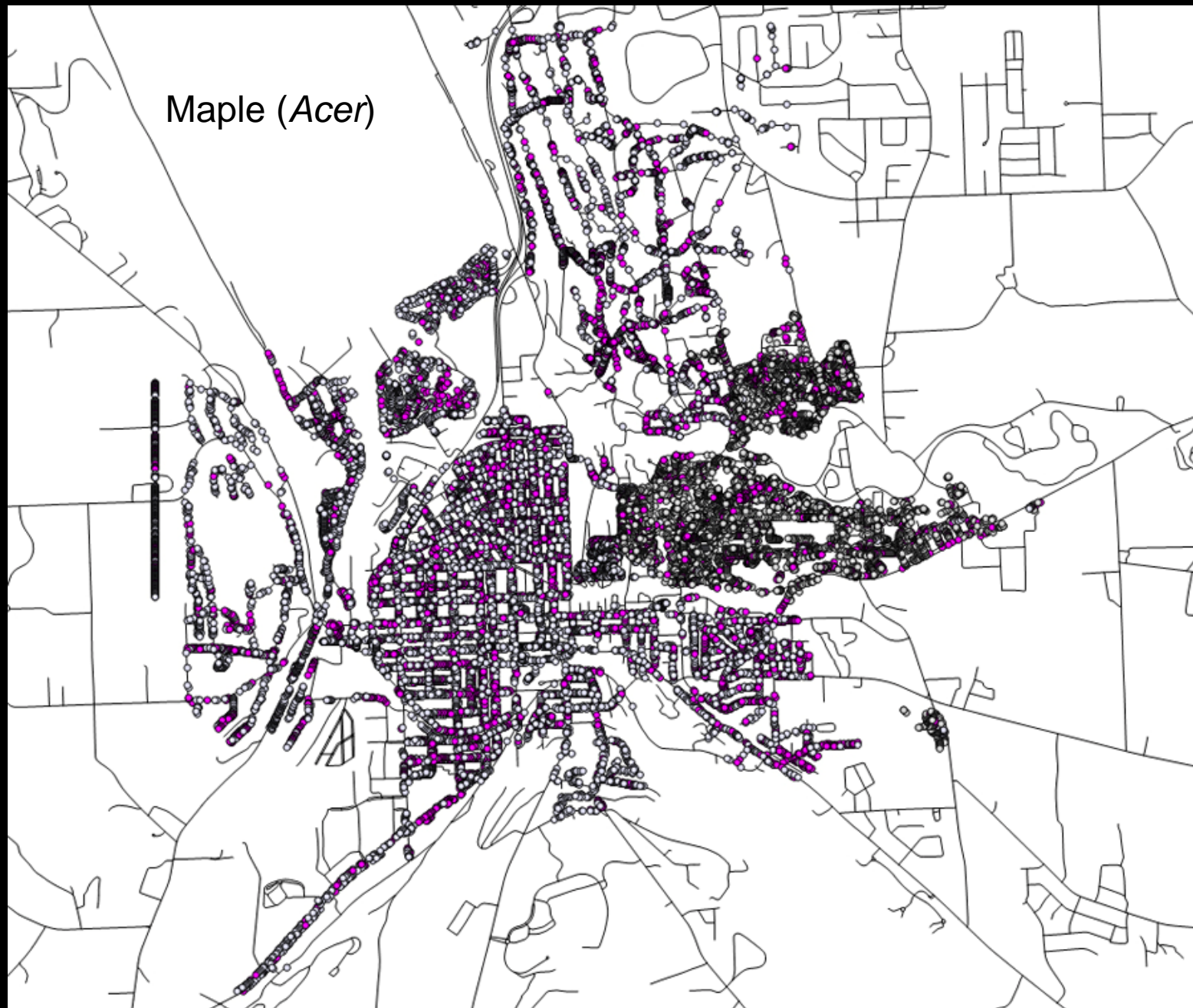




Ash (*Fraxinus*)



Maple (*Acer*)





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Community Forestry Conducting a street tree inventory

Introduction

This program offers smaller communities in New York State a cost-effective opportunity to obtain an inventory of all trees and planting spaces within the municipal right-of-way. Having an inventory is essential to developing a master plan to promote the long term health of the community forest and maximize the benefits it provides. Depending on the size of your



community and the availability of personnel, the SWAT Team can be hired to conduct an inventory. Consult the pages in this section to learn more about the SWAT approach to street tree inventories and to determine whether a SWAT inventory would be appropriate for your community.

Student Weekend Arborist Team (SWAT) - In 1 or 2 weekend days, trained groups of individuals consisting of Cornell University students and Master Gardeners from Cooperative Extension perform an inventory of your community trees for a fee plus expenses:

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