

WHAT IS TREES FOR TAMPA?

Growing a Greener, More Livable Tampa



Why Trees Matter for Tampa:

- **Losing Our Canopy:** Recent data shows a trend of tree canopy loss in our city.
- **Impacting Our Environment and Streets:** Canopy loss reduces the ecological benefits of trees and the comfort of public spaces.
- **Addressing Climate Change:** Trees play a crucial role in cooling our city and mitigating climate-related issues.



Our Goals:

- **Boost Tree Canopy:** Increase the number of trees planted annually across Tampa.
- **Increase Public Planting:** Utilize ecological data to identify optimal planting locations in public spaces, including along streets for shade and safety.
- **Support Private Planting:** Encourage residents to plant trees on their property to expand our green spaces.
- **Develop Cool Urban Corridors:** Strategically plant trees along pedestrian-oriented corridors identified as heat islands.
- **Enhance Street Aesthetics:** Beautify our public spaces and create more inviting pedestrian environments.
- **Increase Maintenance Resources:** Ensure the long-term health and benefits of our urban forest.

