

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS

Tree Commission

Public Works

Urban Forestry Team



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CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

TREE COMMISSION PURPOSE

- To study and make recommendations to the City Council, Mayor's Office, City Staff, and community stakeholders with respect to the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy.
- To formulate an overall plan for the planting of trees and the health of the City's Tree Canopy and thereafter to annually review the plan and report recommendations to the Mayor's Office.
- Section 94.105, Ordinance Code

TREE COMMISSION PURPOSE

- To act as a motivating and coordinating body to encourage joint public and private participation in the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy.
- To review and make recommendations, if necessary, to the Council concerning the City's tree protection and landscape regulations.
- Section 94.105, Ordinance Code

TREE COMMISSION DUTIES

- To act as a coordinator for programs, projects, and activities related to planting projects and the health of the tree canopy between all public and private entities;
- To review expenditure proposals and plans for planting projects;
- To prioritize, with the input of District Council members, proposed planting projects based on established criteria for recommendation to the Council, and, when requested, the Commission may also make recommendations on other proposed tree planting projects;

TREE COMMISSION DUTIES

- To formulate a recommended priority project list, including an estimated implementation cost for each item, for tree planting and canopy maintenance, and to thereafter annually review the priority project list and report recommendations to the Mayor's Office;
- To help coordinate the maintenance of an inventory of the urban tree canopy with an emphasis on historic trees, exceptional specimen trees and other unique environmentally significant trees within the City;
- To assist in the establishment of educational and outreach programs to encourage proper management and maintenance of trees on private property in the City;

TREE COMMISSION DUTIES

- To conduct research studies, collect and analyze data and prepare maps, charts, and plans for the accomplishment of its purposes;
- To identify issues relative to the health and protection of public trees and recommend solutions to problems identified;
- To recommend to and help develop opportunities for the City's grant writing office for grants and solicitation of donations to support the City's tree canopy;
- To perform an annual audit of funded projects, the status of the inventory, and tree permits submitted to the City to be included in an annual report to the Mayor's Office and City Council; and
- To develop and maintain a tree canopy and existing tree inventory.

TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chris Miller-Councilmember

Nina Sickler-Public Works Director

John Moscarillo-Forester

William Burke-Landscape Architect

Susan Fraser-Urban Planner

Curtis Hart Real-Estate Professional

Vacant-Environmental Organization Rep

STAFF SUPPORT

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Jonathan Colburn, Urban Forestry Manager

Justin Gearhart, City Arborist*

Kenneth Hayes, Executive Assistant

ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Jose Reguerio

OFFICE of GENERAL COUNCIL

Susan Grandin

- * position funded from Tree Mitigation Fund revenue

TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS

Remove/Replace

630-CITY

Level 2

Level 3

TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS

All plantings are required to be on public property –

- Street rights-of-way
- Parks
- Schools
- Other public property

TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS APPROVALS

Remove/Replace – Public Works

630-CITY – Public Works

Level 2 – Tree Commission recommends,
MBRC approves

Level 3 – Tree Commission recommends,
MBRC approves

Remove/Replace Tree Planting Program:

Program for the removal and replacement by the City of Jacksonville of damaged, dead, dying, or hazardous street trees located within the City of Jacksonville rights-of-ways and parks.

Projects identified, approved and implemented by Public Works and Parks staff.

Image: Remove/Replace tree planting of a memorial tree at MOSH.



Remove/Replace Project Example: Removal on Monument Road



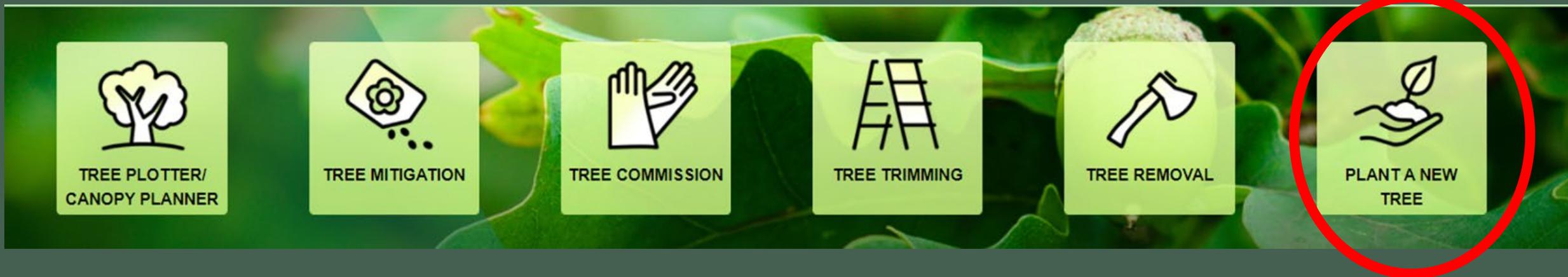
Replacement Trees – Monument Road



630-City Tree Planting Program

This program allows the City to plant trees within public street rights-of-way in Duval County based on adjacent property owner requests.

City Urban Forestry Staff provides tree selection recommendations, utility conflict assessment, inspection of each site and contract management.



Requests can be made by individuals through www.coj.net/trees or by calling 630-City and requesting a tree planting.

630-City Tree Planting

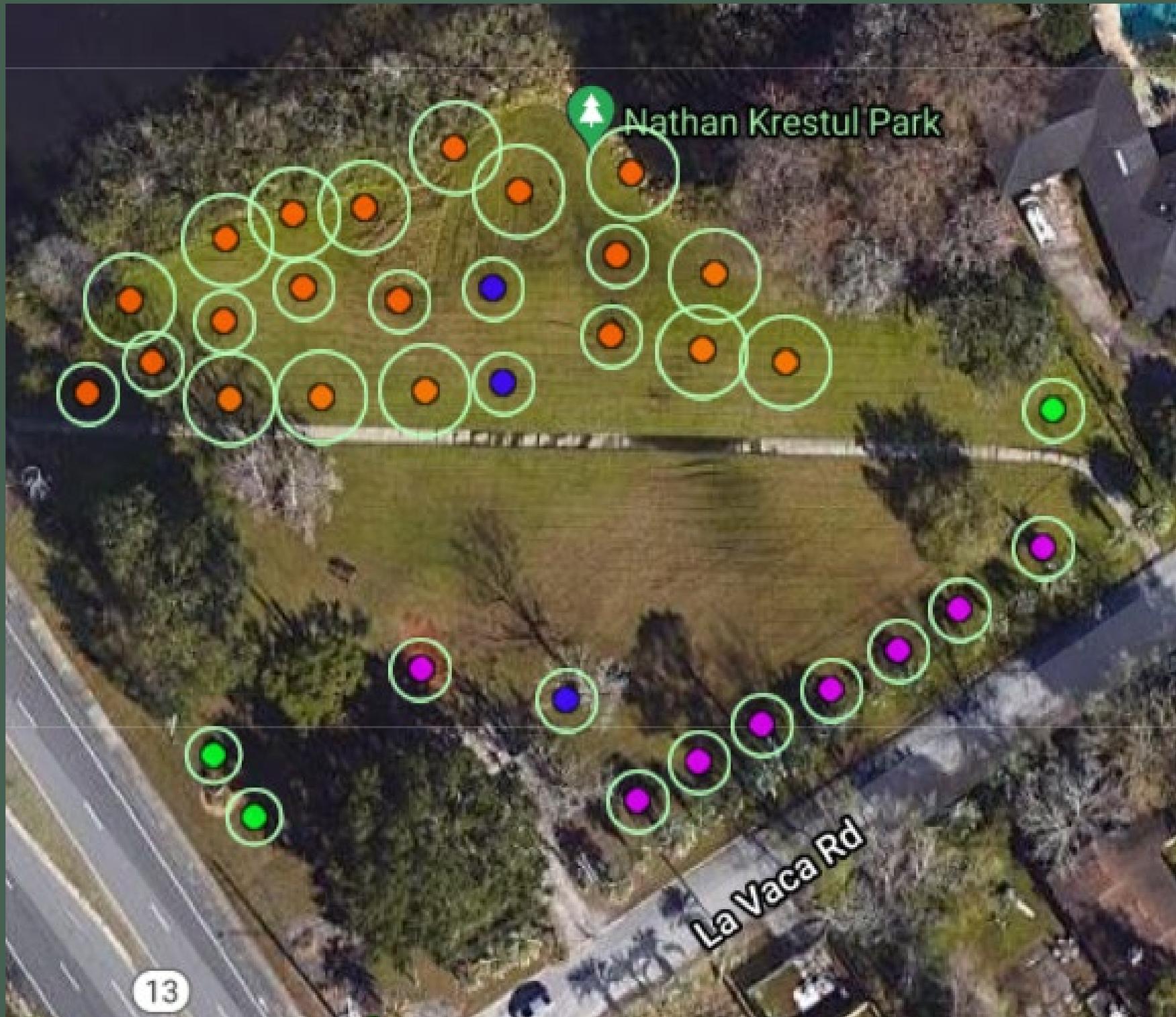


Level 2 Tree Planting Program.

Projects are requested by individual citizens or by organizations including City Departments; individual Council Member requests; and HOAs.

City staff provides design, contract management, installation oversight, and inspection.

Level 2 Tree Planting Project - Nathan Krestul Park



*Requested by "Friends of Krestul Park"

Before Project at Krestul Park:



After Project Completion at Krestul Park:



Level 3 Tree Planting Program

Non-profits, Special Districts, other units of local government and HOAs may request funding for a tree planting project on public land.

The requesting organization is responsible for the project design, bidding, contract management, installation, and maintenance during the warranty period.

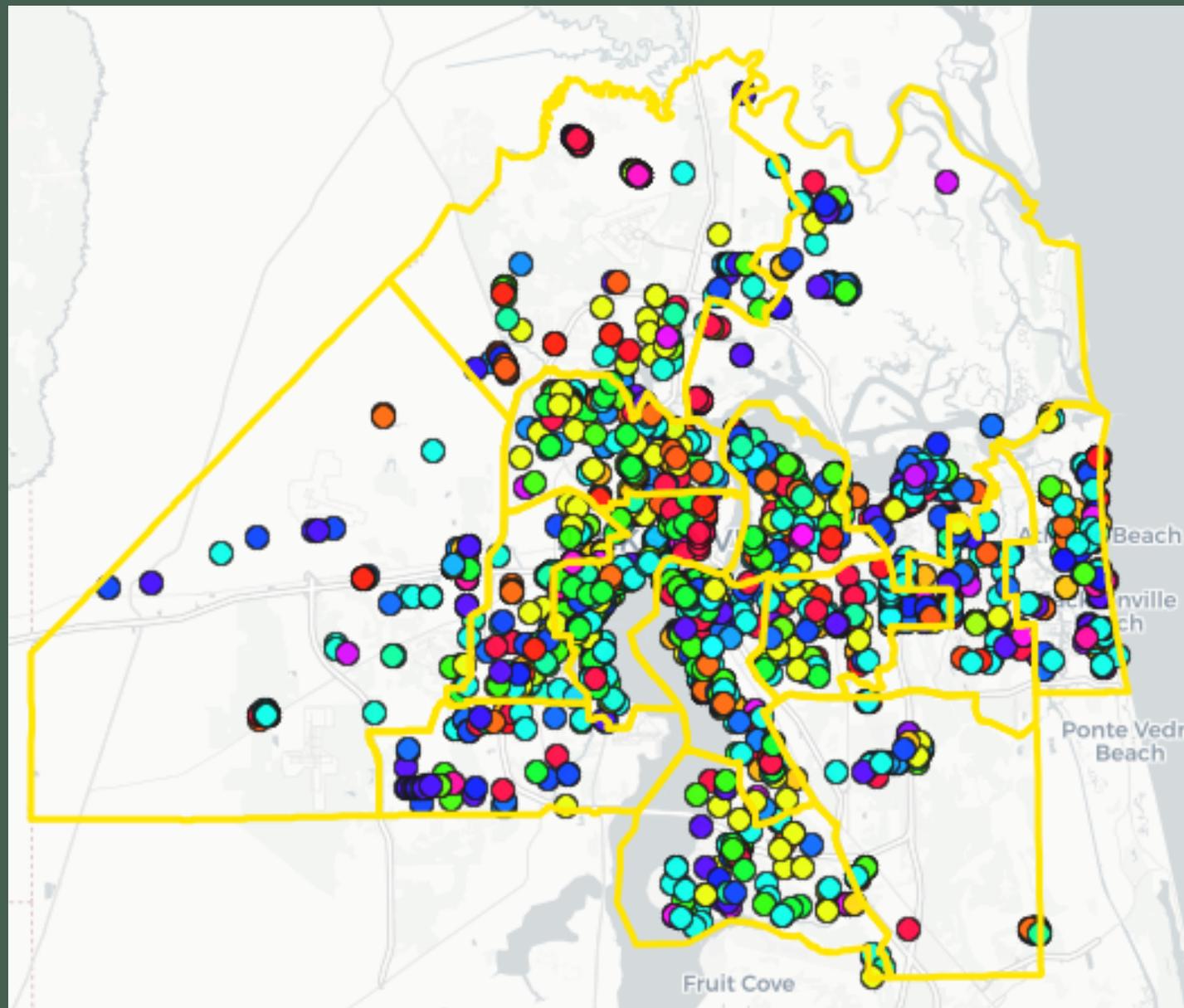
City Arborist and Landscape Architect provides project review and inspections.



CM White at ribbon cutting for Equestrian Center.

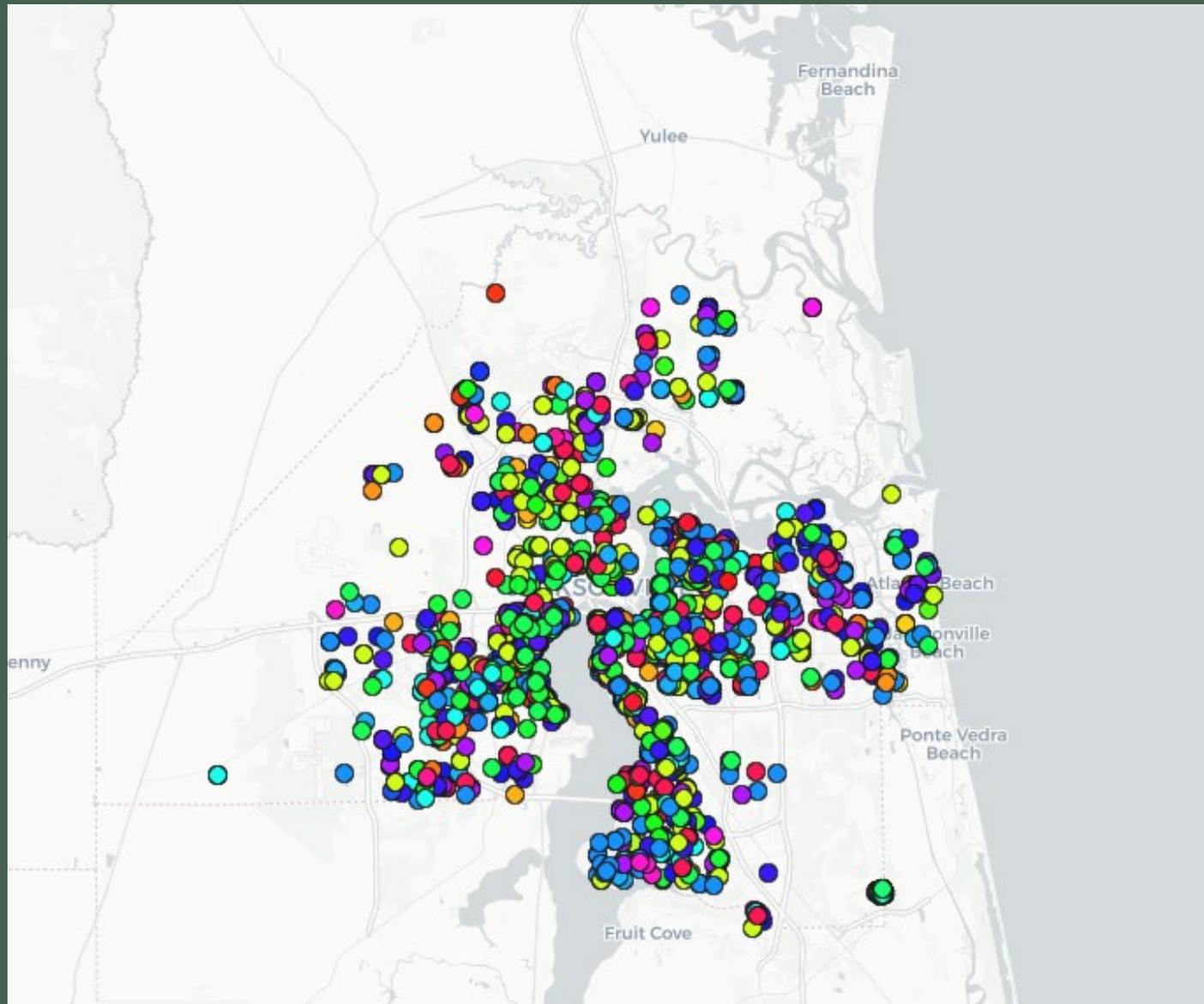
TREES PLANTED FY 2018 – FY 2023

13,358 Total Trees Planted



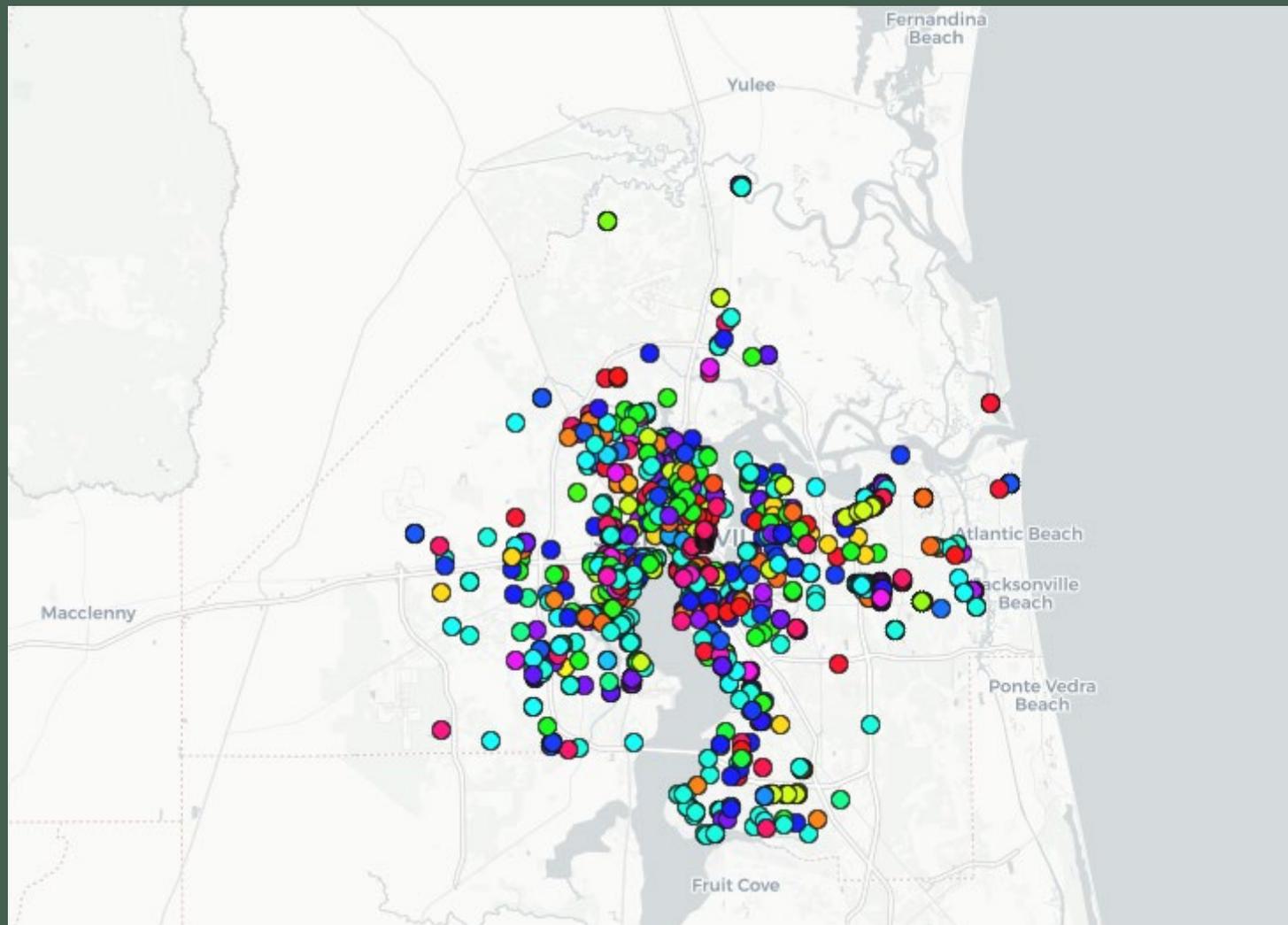
TREES PLANTED FY 2018 – FY 2023

4,143 630-City Trees Planted



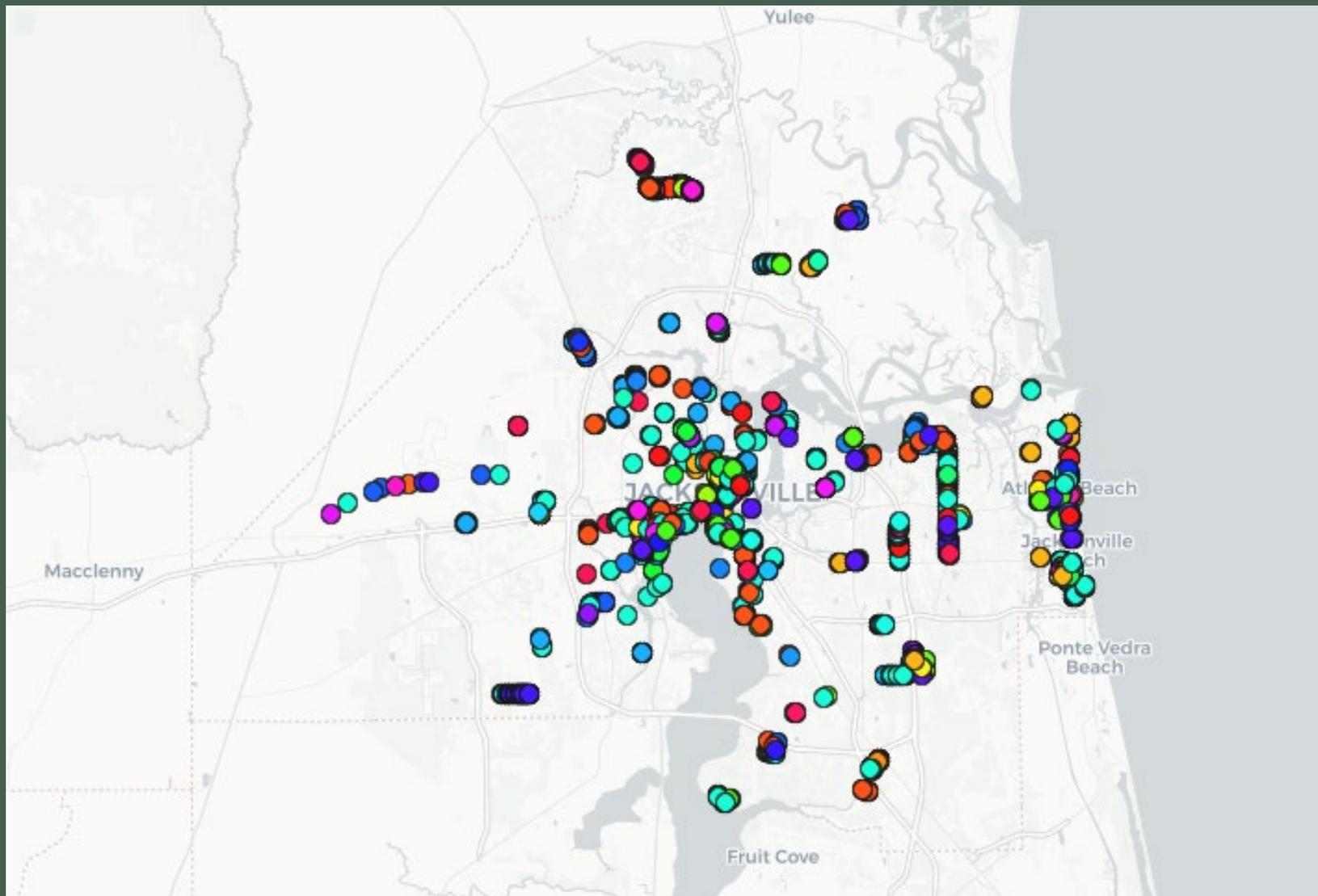
TREES PLANTED FY 2018- FY 2023

- 1,503 Remove and Replaced Trees



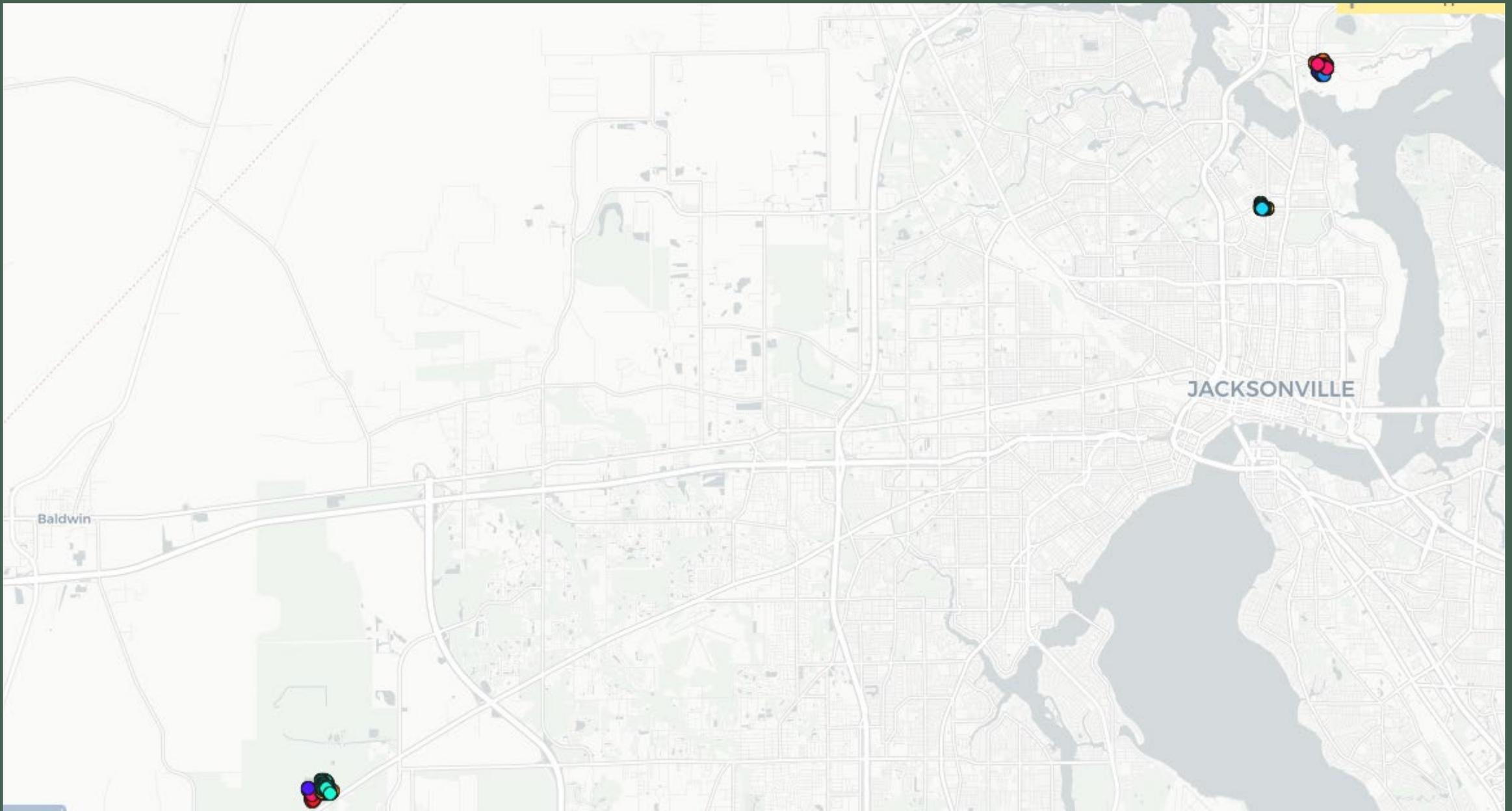
TREES PLANTED FY 2018 – FY 2023

7,316 Level 2 Trees Planted



TREES PLANTED FY 2018 – FY 2023

396 Level 3 Trees Planted



TREE MITIGATION FUND

FY 2023 Revenue \$ 7,149,433.01

Tree Mitigation Funds Available for Council Appropriation – Nov 2023

\$20,922,165.13 All Funds

Tree Mitigation Funds Available for Project Allocation – Nov 2023

\$ 1,343,938.66	Remove & Replace
\$ 2,575,224.82	630-City
\$ 4,751,713.46	Level 2
\$ 1,560,036.70	Level 3

Tree Mitigation Funds Obligated – Nov 2023

\$ 2,123,442.85	Remove & Replace
\$ 134,133.00	630-City
\$ 3,082,811.42	Level 2
\$ 128,397.95	Level 3

FY-2023 PROJECTS

2,979 TREES PLANTED

Remove & Replace	503 plantings	\$530,339.95
630-City	267 plantings	\$363,778.02
Level 2	2,209 plantings	\$3,133,762.66
Level 3	0 plantings	\$0 *

Special Projects

Adoption of a Strategic Plan- October 2022

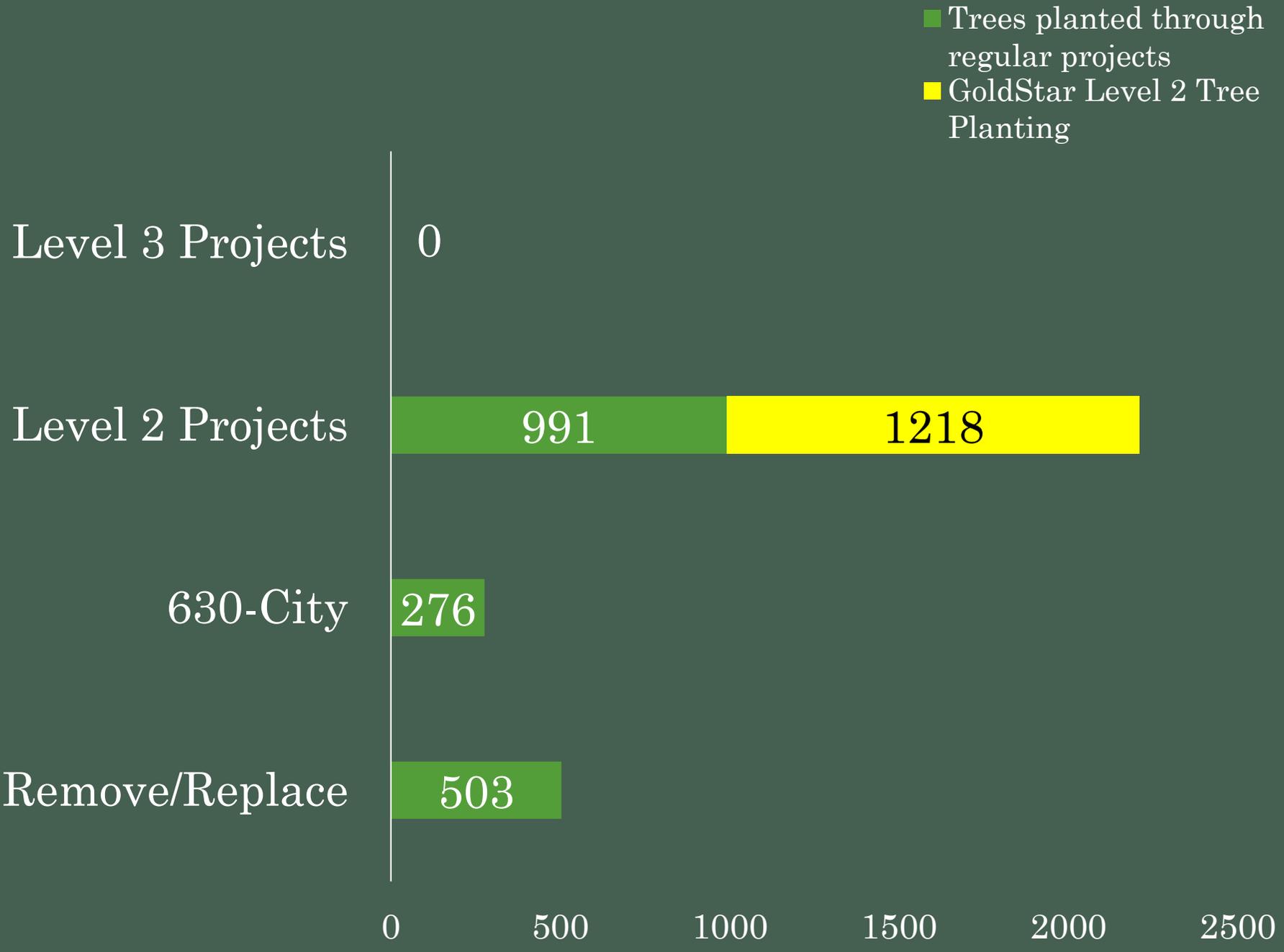
Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) Development started.

*Redesigned process and application for Level 3 projects during year.

URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN -IN DEVELOPMENT

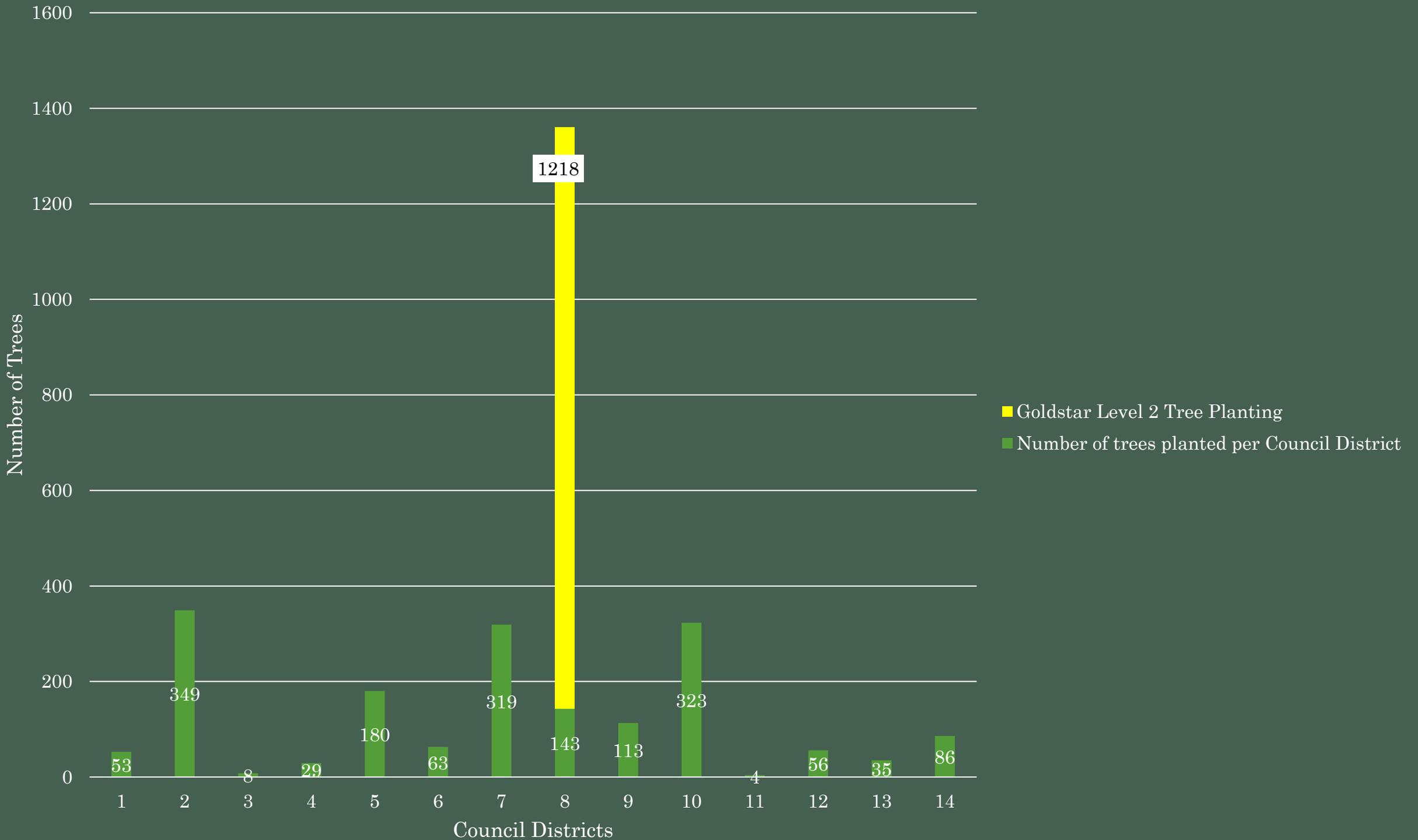
- An Urban Forest Management Plan gives public agencies detailed information, recommendations and resources needed to effectively manage public trees
- Tree Commission Urban Forestry Management Plan Implementation Committee formed in 2023.
 - Several meetings with stakeholders/subject matter experts have taken place.
- Legislation for \$500,000.00 is moving through Council March 2024.
- Scope of Work and Request for Proposals is being drafted and vetted by staff, ready for release upon Legislation approval.

TREES PLANTED PER PROJECT TYPE-FY 23:



*Level 2 Projects had a total of 2,209 trees planted.

Fiscal Year 23 Number Of Trees Planted Per Council District



*Council District 8 had a total of 1,361 trees planted.

Status of Tree Permits in FY 23 and Tree Inventory

- 482 Sitework permits (tree permits) were issued in 2023 by the Planning and Development Department.
- The latest Tree Inventory was conducted in 2019.



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TO: Peggy Sidman, Director/Council Secretary
Jacksonville City Council

FROM: Curtis Hart, Tree Commission Vice-Chair

DATE: November 15, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 Tree Commission Annual Report

Some of the Tree Commission's duties include acting as a coordinator for programs, projects, and activities related to planting projects and the health of the tree canopy between all public and private entities and to review expenditure proposals and plans for planting projects.

The Commission was established by City Council enactment of 2017-397-E on July 25, 2017. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. The first meeting of the fiscal year 2023 for Tree Commission was held October 19, 2022.

In Fiscal Year 23, the Commission has:

- Received \$7,149,433.01 in Tree Mitigation Fund Revenue.
- Spent \$4,027,880.63 on planting trees and warranties.
- Planted 2,979 Trees using the Tree Fund.
 - Approved thirteen Level 2 Tree planting projects for a total of 2,209 trees.
 - Planted 267 trees with the 630-CITY Planting Program where constituents may call in and request trees be planted in their public right-of-way.
 - Planted 503 trees with the remove and replace program, where dead, dying, hazardous trees are removed and planted with a healthy new tree.
- Completed a Strategic Planning process that led to the creation of nine goals for Tree Commission to help the commission better align with the duties tasked to them.

- Started discussion and planning of an Urban Forest Management Plan. This led to seven recommendations approved by the Tree Commission.
- Re-Designed the process and application documents for Level 3 Planting Program. This program is designed for non-profits to submit Tree Planting Projects, to be administered by the requesting organization. These proposed projects are presented to the Tree Commission for approval.
- Approved 8 new trees to the approved species list to help add diversity of plantings.

Tree Commission Members:

Curtis Hart, Vice Chair

Nina Sickler

Chris Miller

Susan Fraser

John Moscarillo

William Burke

Advisors:

Susan Grandin

Jonathan Colburn

Justin Gearhart

Jose Regueiro

QUESTIONS?



Thank you!