Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LAPH)

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BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County's urban forest provides valuable contributions to public health for the most vulnerable residents of unincorporated communities. West Athens has an urban forestry goal in the County's West Athens Community Parks and Recreation Plan, informed by examining tree canopy coverage data for the neighborhood. Supervisorial District 2 (SD2) intends to increase the existing tree canopy coverage by creating greener streets that encourage people to walk and exercise, and that safeguard the community against rising urban temperatures.



EVALUATION

The evaluation is based on a CDC template that will analyze the process and the outcome of the tree planting project. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps will administer a community survey to residents who agreed to have a tree planted in front of their house. The community survey includes questions that aim to understand: the

reason for getting a tree planted, prior tree planting experience, watering behavior, likelihood of future watering, degree of knowledge about tree watering, and project satisfaction.



