Infographics

Infographics are visual representations of data and information that make complex concepts more accessible and engaging to a broad audience.

For this initiative, we developed many pre-populated graphics, along with versions you can use to populate stats and graphics relevant to your initiatives. They communicate the benefits of trees and community gardens, which trees are best suited to your area, how green spaces can inspire community, and where to find helpful tools to assist you in your tree planting efforts.

You can use information from throughout the fact sheets and information sheets to populate templates or use the templates to create your own to match your specific initiatives. You can view and download these examples as well as others we have created on our website at spreadingroots.org.

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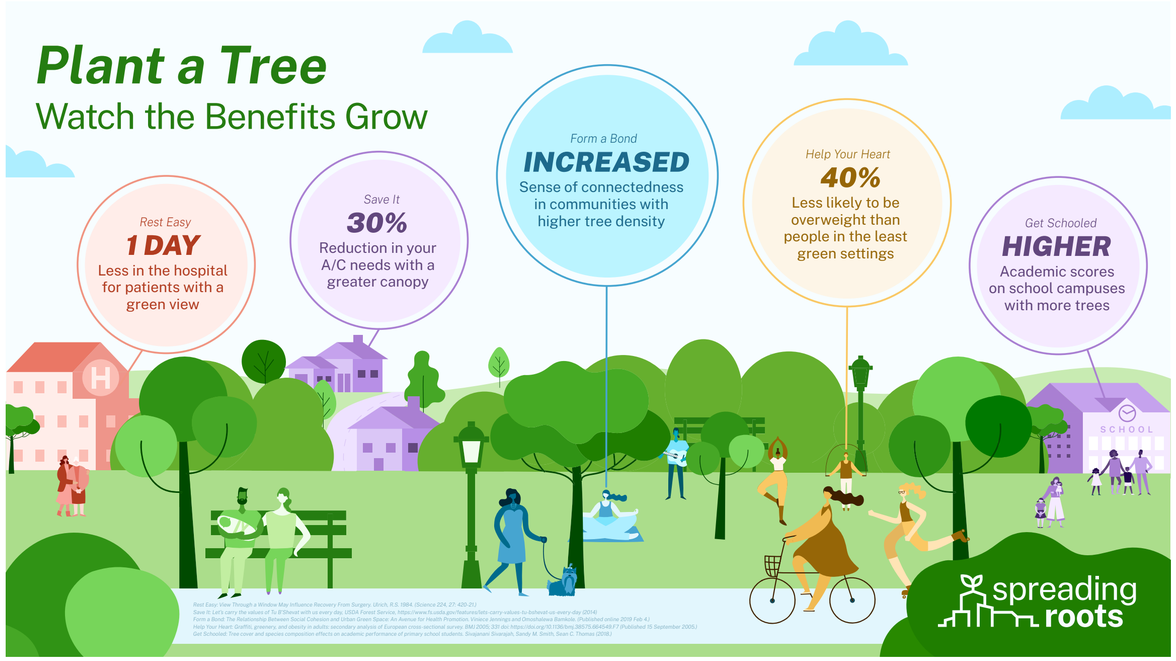

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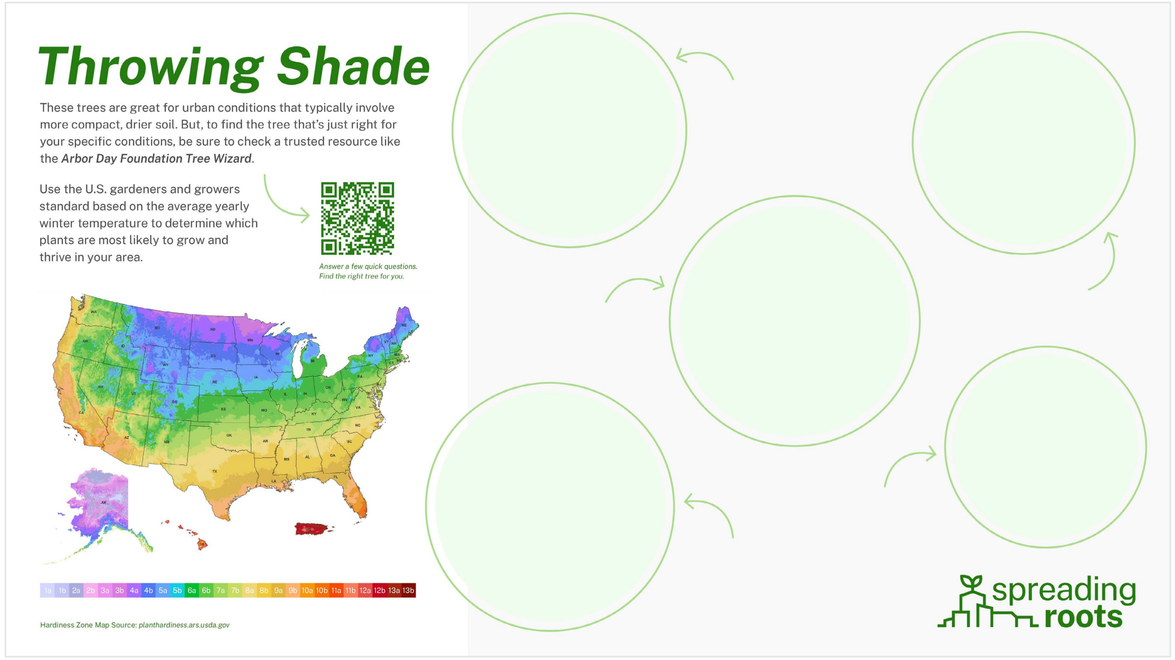

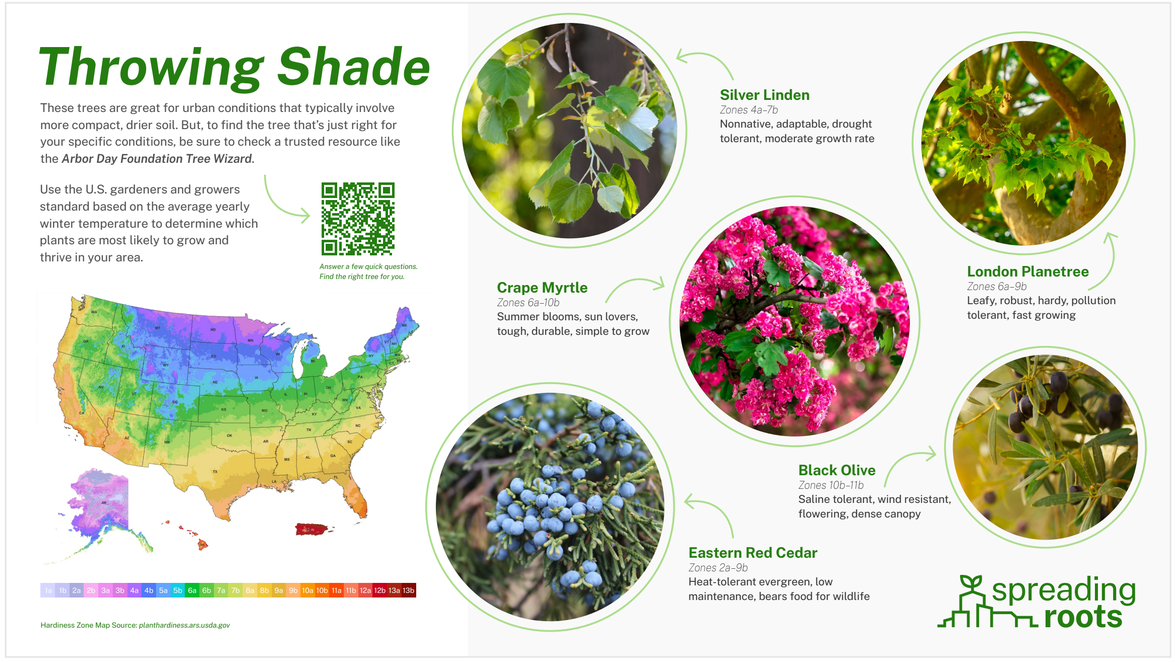

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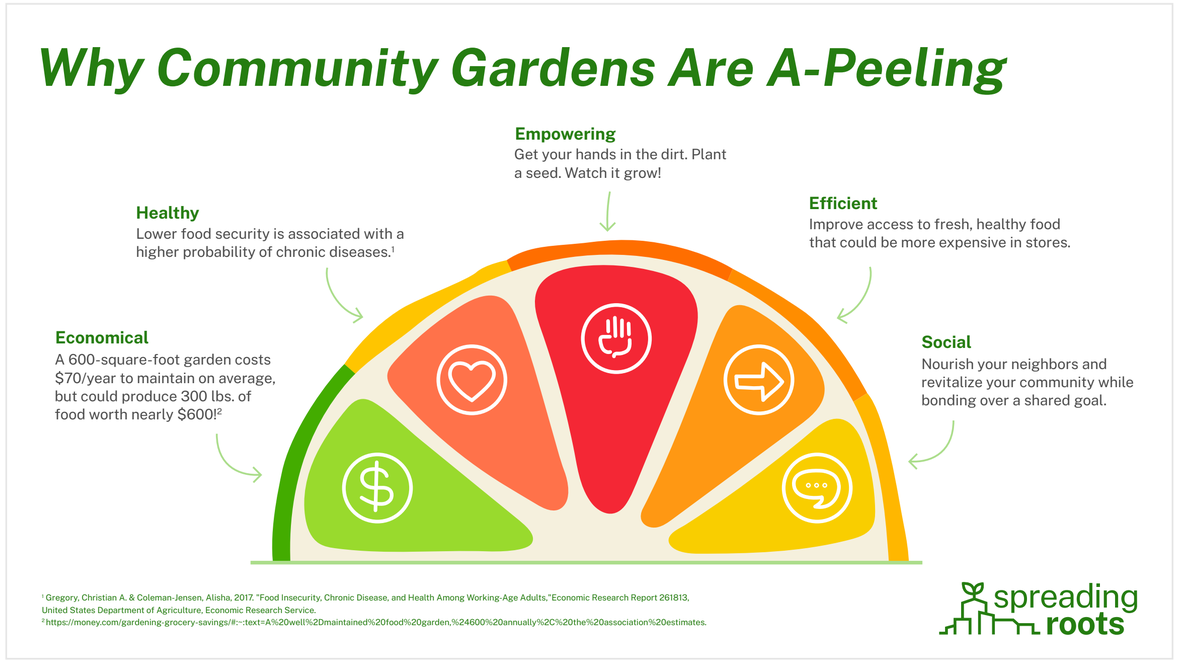

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Community Well-Being

Strong social connections have been linked to improved health and well-being.

Family
Green spaces are associated with greater longevity in older people. They also provide places for parents and children to engage in outdoor activities and spend time together.

Place-making and Time
Turning vacant spaces (lots etc.) into vibrant places that reflect a community's aesthetic and cultural values and strengths advance community centered revitalization.

Safety and Peace
Neighborhoods with homes fronted with street trees experience lower crime rates.

Connection and Civic Engagement
Communities where residents are immersed in trees and nature may be kinder and more compassionate

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Environmental Benefits

Trees, green spaces, and nature provide crucial environmental benefits to urban areas.

17.4M
Tons of Air Pollution Removed in the United States

80%
Runoff Reduction Compared to Asphalt

Approximately
1.83B
Trees Planted Globally Each Year

About
45°F
Cooler Under Tree Coverage

> "Green spaces create wildlife corridors in cities essential for the survival of urban wildlife."

Green Canopy, Better World: Exploring the benefits of trees. (n.d.). Gardenia -Creating Gardens. https://www.gardenia.net/guide/green-canopy-better-world-benefits-of-trees

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Food Forests

Supporting ecosystems and connecting communities with nature.

Food forests are areas planted with many different edible plants of different heights and sizes. They are often arranged in patterns like natural forests with layers ranging from groundcover to tall trees. In addition to many annual plants typically grown in fruit and vegetable gardens that must be planted each year, food forests include perennial plants which do not have to be replanted year after year but will continue to grow for many years.

There are currently
85+
Food Forests in the United States

Benefits
Food forests can provide healthy food to eat as well as places to gather and stay healthy in the shade.

Starting and Upkeep
When choosing a site, consider whether it will be sunny or shady, and whether it will have water access.

Particular Plants
Location will affect which types of trees will grow best in your food forest.

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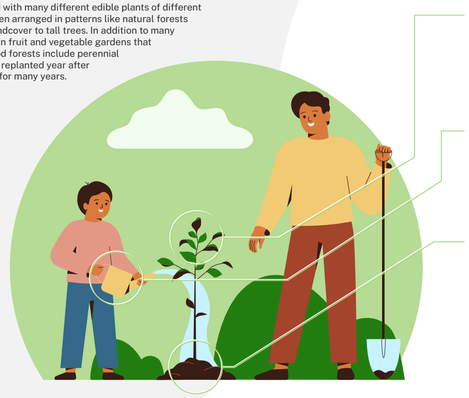

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