



Tree Canopy Summit

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THE
QUEEN'S CROWN
CELEBRATING CHARLOTTE'S CANOPY





Street development in the Dilworth Neighborhood



Street scene Myers Park







Summit Goals

- ❑ Strengthen our collaboration
- ❑ Share successes, goals, challenges
- ❑ Learn together
- ❑ Collective problem solving

Agenda

- ❑ Ron Carlee, City Manager
- ❑ Matt Stephens, NYC Million Tree
- ❑ Transition to tables
- ❑ Group discussions & report-outs
- ❑ Wrap up
- ❑ Extended Q&A with Matt

Handouts



- ❑ Summit booklet
- ❑ Group discussion guides
- ❑ Summit evaluation – please turn in as you leave today
- ❑ Attendee list and Matt's presentation – treescharlotte.org

Managing Our Urban Forest



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Well Managed, Healthy Urban Forest

Community
Tree Planting,
Stewardship &
Education

Tree
Ordinance &
Land Use
Controls

Street Tree
Programs &
Capital
Projects

Urban Forestry Management Plan & Community Engagement

Keynote



- ❑ **Matthew Stephens, NYC Parks**
- ❑ 8 years with NYC
- ❑ Leads tree planting program,
MillionTree NYC
- ❑ BS in Horticulture, Illinois State
- ❑ MS in Public Horticulture, University
of Delaware



Wrap Up

Collective Progress



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- Planted or gave away 17,635 trees
- Promoted tree care across city, including banding 13,000 trees
- Established City's Tree Canopy Manager position
- Promoted native tree planting for wildlife (CROWN)
- Expanded NC Arbor Day celebration (CTAC)
- Advanced education programs with CMS and Discovery Place (Explore More Life; teacher development)

Collective Progress

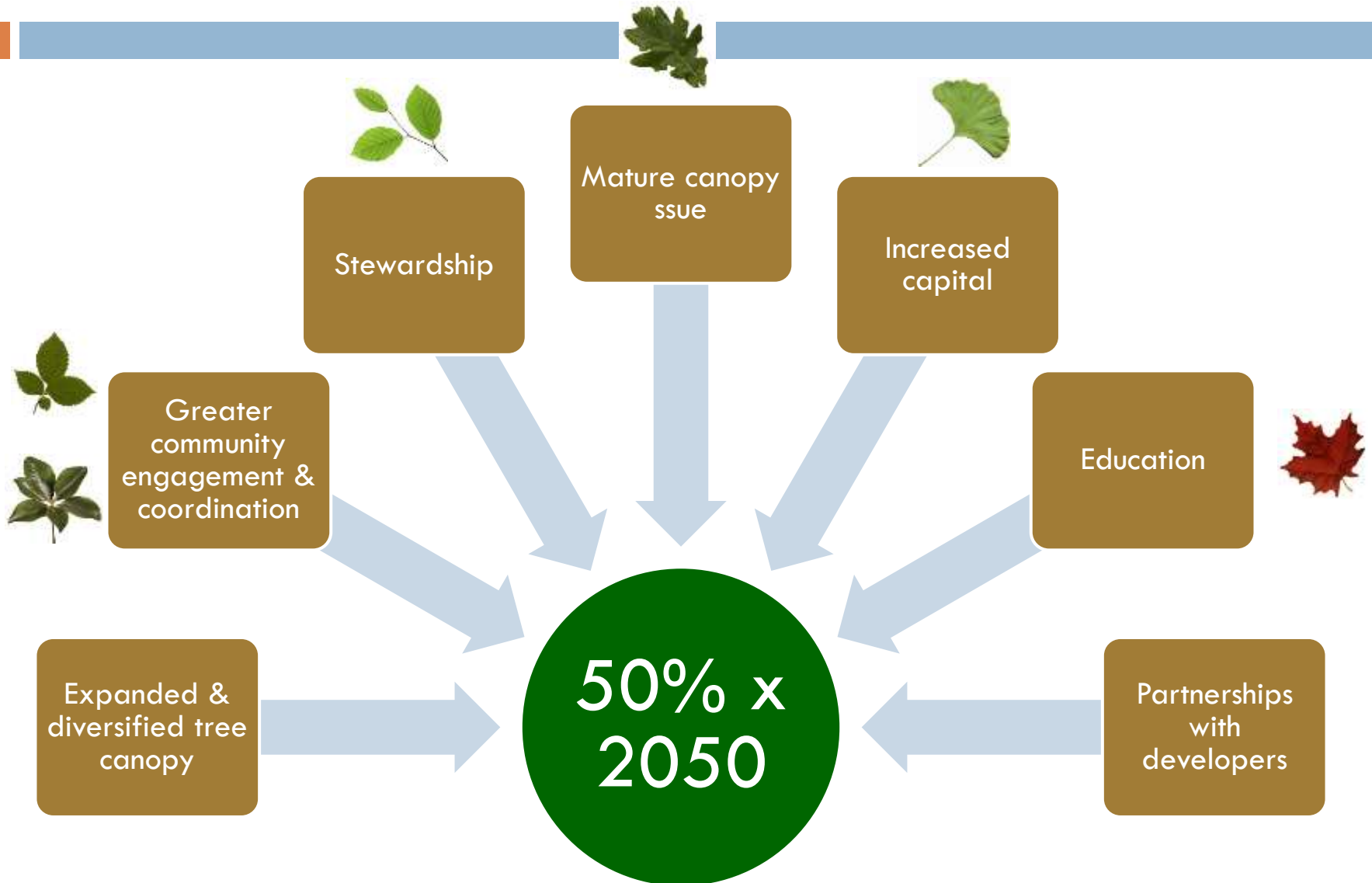


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- Expanded Queen's Crown inventory
- Raised awareness with radio spots, TV coverage, and numerous newsletters
- Expanded youth education at tree events
- Expanded resident education – mature canopy
- Preserved trees on development sites
- Tracked and highlighted tree-related legislation

Meeting the Goal

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“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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