# SPATIAL INDICATORS AND METRICS MAPPING & REPRESENTATION



# TODAY'S CLASS

# PART 1

- 1. Why measure?
- 2. Indicators, metrics, targets
- 3. Spatial indicators of green network planning

# PART 2

4. Principles of mapping & visualizing metrics



WHY MEASURE?
MEASURE WHAT?

# **WHY MEASURE?**

Measuring clarifies and **elevates importance** (to many)

Enables **comparisons** between alternatives— which performs better and by how much?

Words + pictures + numbers speaks to a larger audience



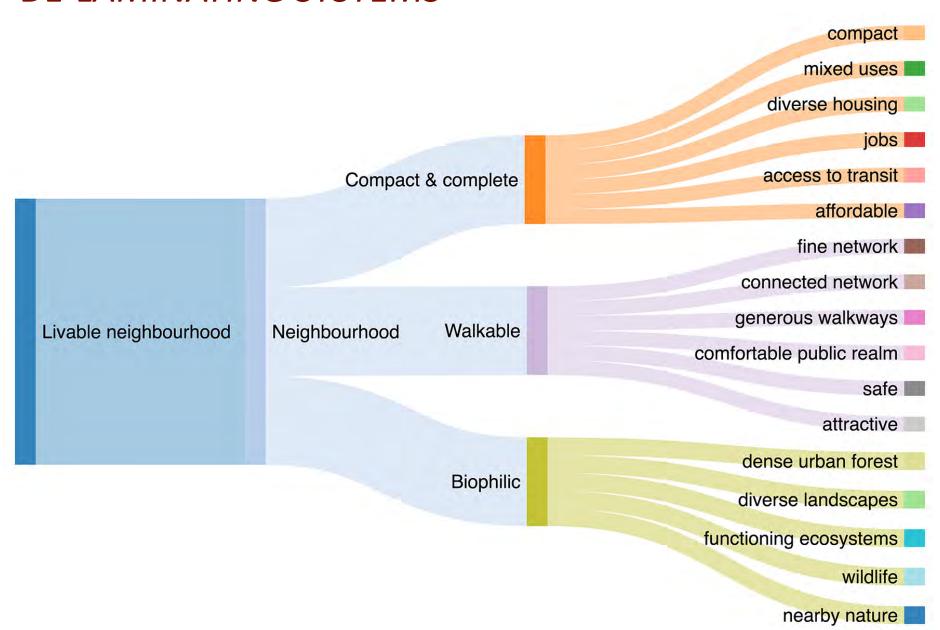
# CITIES ARE COMPLEX SYSTEMS OF SYSTEMS

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energy
water
goods
food
transportation
people

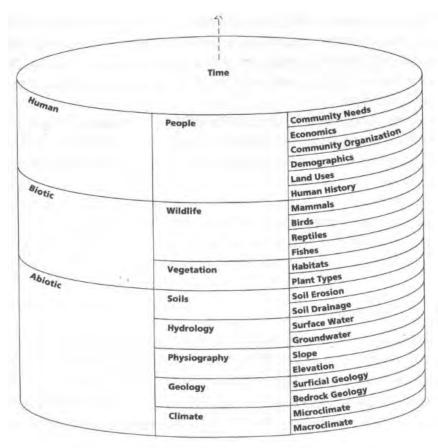


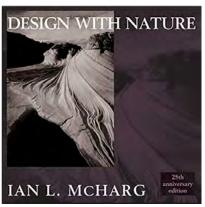
OUTPUTS
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sewage
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trash
exports
people

# **DE-LAMINATING SYSTEMS**

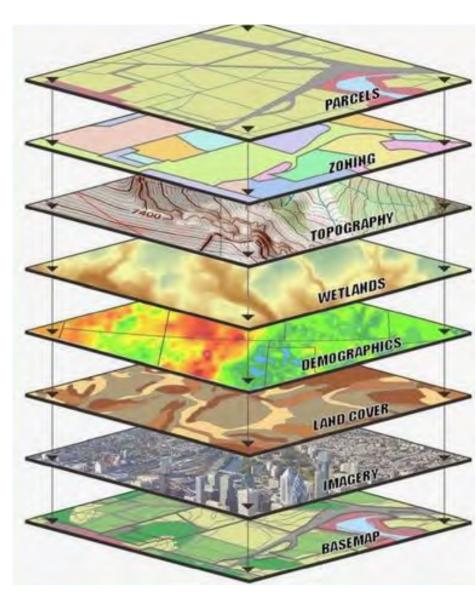


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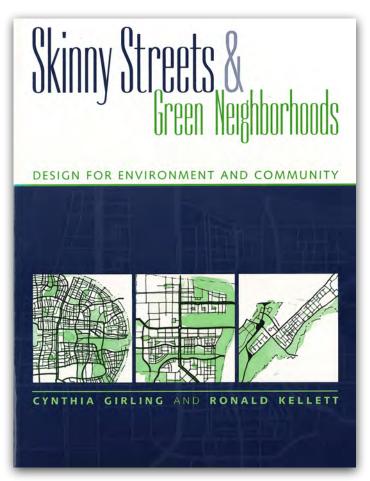


Ian McHarg's "layer cake"



"Father" of GIS

# "SKINNY STREETS" APPROACH



What are the essential **spatial** urban form drivers of green (sustainable) neighbourhoods?

What should we represent and measure to compare different neighbourhoods?

# **VOCABULARY**

GREEN serving primarily ecological functions

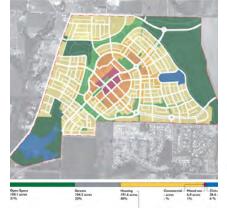
GRAY serving primarily urban functions

NETWORK spatial corridors and systems

FABRIC residual spaces 'within' networks

Spatial urban **form** 

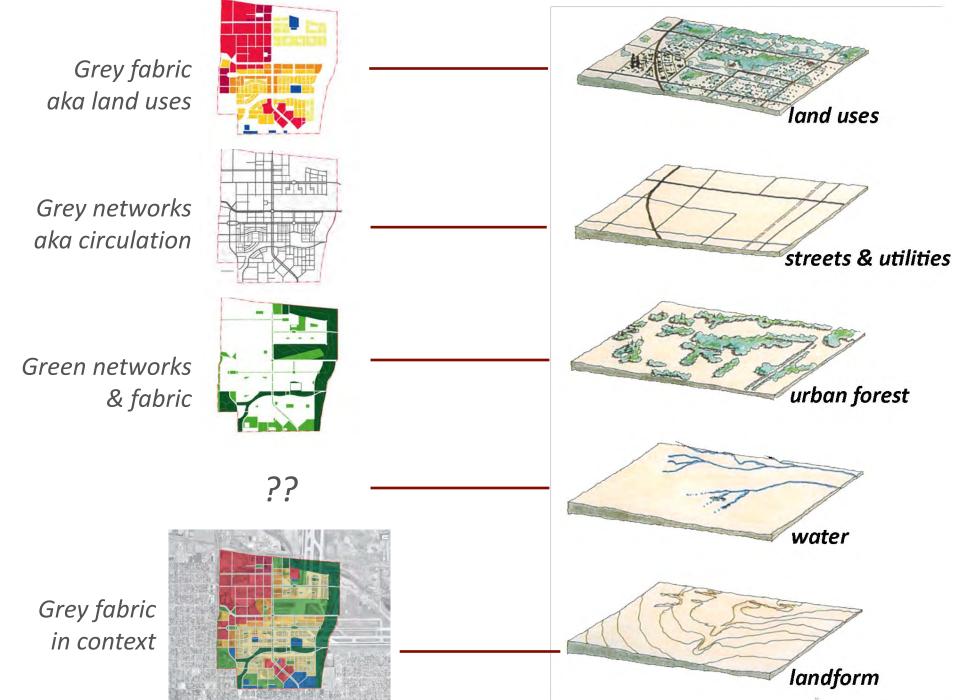
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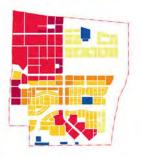








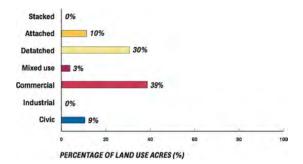
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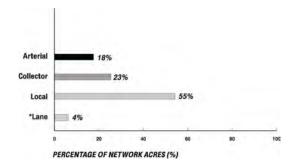








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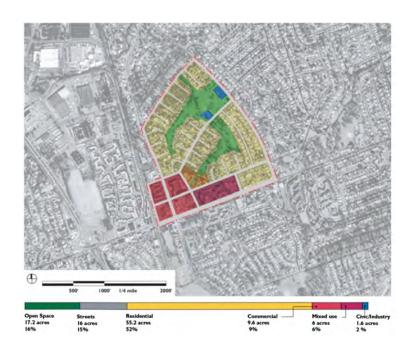
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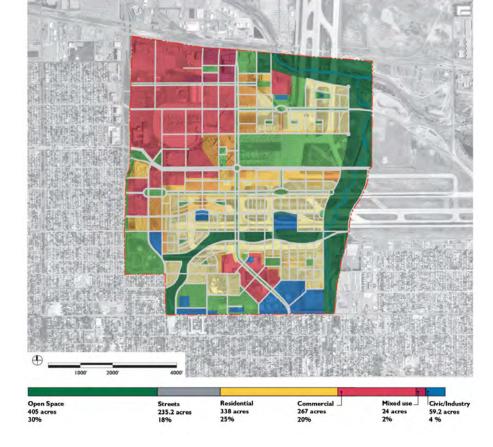
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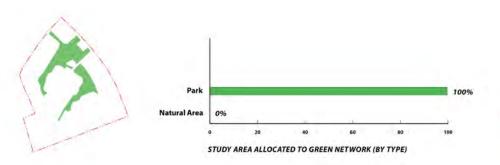
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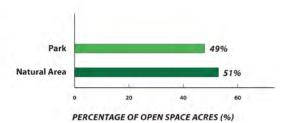
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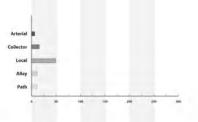


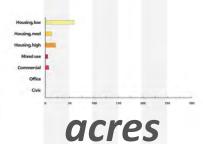


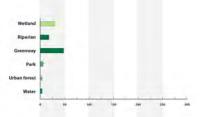
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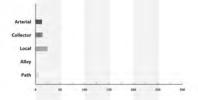


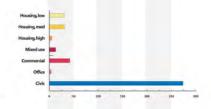


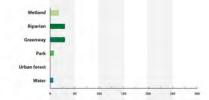
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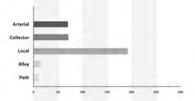


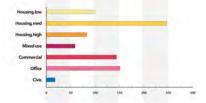


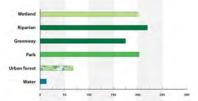
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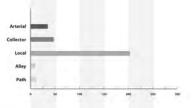


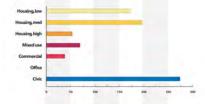


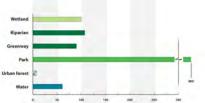
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# **DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORKS**



Decision framework used by Design Centre for Sustainability

# What are indicators?



#### **INDICATOR:**

Ways to to evaluate progress toward goals and objectives

PURPOSE— explicit relationships between big picture goals and specific strategies or actions

compare one alternative to another

# **INDICATORS**

- each indicator— an expression of a desired outcome
   + a measure for evaluation/comparison
- reveal desirable performance
- basis for comparing one proposition to another

#### *Primary source:*

Kellett, Ronald. 2009. "Sustainability Indicators for Computer- Based Tools in Community Design FINAL REPORT." Ottawa, ON.

# What are metrics? and targets?



METRIC= Method for measuring or measurements

TARGETS:

Very specific numeric goals

#### **METRICS**

Metrics are the **actual measures of performance** that enable consistent measurement of most important factors.

- should be logical and well visualized
- must be relatively easy to measure and objective
- common and accepted in research

#### GREENEST CITY ACTION PLAN

# 5/ ACCESS TO NATURE

GOAL

GOAL: VANCOUVER RESIDENTS ENJOY

INCOMPARABLE ACCESS TO GREEN SPACES,

INCLUDING THE WORLD'S MOST SPECTACULAR URBAN FOREST.

2020 TARGETS:

**TARGET** 

 ALL VANCOUVER RESIDENTS LIVE WITHIN A FIVE-MINUTE WALK OF A PARK, GREENWAY OR OTHER GREEN SPACE.

Indicator/metric

**Indicator:** Percent of city's land base within a five minute walk

to a green space.

Baseline (2010): 92.6%

Actual (2014): 92.7% (+0.1%)

TARGET Indicator/metric

PLANT 150,000 NEW TREES.

**Indicator:** Total number of additional trees planted.

Baseline (2010): 0

Actual (2014): 37,000

**2050 TARGET:** 

TARGET

INCREASE CANOPY COVER TO 22%.

metric

Baseline (2013): 18%

Note: Development of a biodiversity target is currently underway.

# ALL INDICATORS vs. SPATIAL INDICATORS

**Spatial** = measurable from physical form (geographic)

i.e. not behaviour, not opinion, not processes

# City of Vancouver indicators dashboard

# **DASHBOARD**

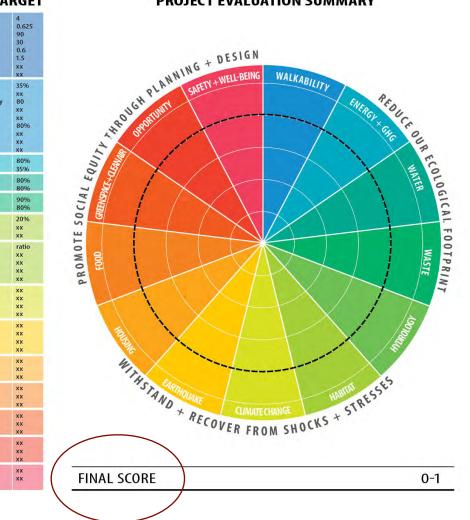
#### **DATA INPUT**

	Total Land Area (m2)	
	Ownership (private, public, NGO)	
	Preferred Site Ranking (1-5)	
	Walkability Rating (refer to Walkability Index)	
	Transit Proximity Rating (refer to Transit	
	Cycling Proximing Rating (refer to Cycling	
	Disaster Hub Proximity Rating	
	Healthy Food Proximity Rating	
	Childcare Proximity Ranking	
	Education Proximity Ranking	
	Employment Proximity Ranking	
	Information Technology Access Ranking	
	Seismic Vulnerability Rating Site	
	Seismic Vulnerability Rating_Design	
	Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Rating	
	Critical Infrastructure Vulnerability Rating	
	Total Building Gross Floor Area	
	Total Residential Building Area_Tenure	
	Sub-Total Residential Area (supportive housing/	
	Sub-Total Residential Area (non-market	
	Sub-Total Residential Area (purpose-built	
	Sub-Total Residential Area (market housing)	
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	Sub-Total Commercial Area (green jobs)	
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X	Sub-Total Commercial Area (other jobs)	
	Total Civic Building Area (culture, sport,	
	Total Communal Amenity Space Area (m2)	
	Average Residential Unit Area	
	Average Household Size	
	Average Floor Area per FTE employee	
	On-Site Renewable Energy	
	On-Site Wastewater Treatment (ranking)	
	Photovoltaic Potential	
	Urban Heat Island	
	Energy Performance Target (ranking)	
	Water Performance Target (ranking)	
	Waste Performance Target (ranking)	
	Food Performance Target (ranking)	
	Construction type_embodied energy (ranking	
	Construction type_seismic performance (ranking	
	Construction type_material (ranking 1-5)	
	Total Parking Stalls	
	Total Electric Charging Stations	
	Total Car Share Parking Stalls	
	Effective Pervious Area (m2)	
	Total Tree Canopy (m2)	
	On-Slab Softscape (m2)	
	Off-Slab Softscape (m2)	
	Rainwater Storage Capacity (m3)	
=	Total Right-of-Way Width (m)	
	Design Speed	
	Design Volume	
	Truck Route (y/n)	
	Curb-to-Curb Width (m)	
TS	Boulevard Width (m)	
ш	Softscale Width (m)	
3	Sidewalk Width (m)	
S	Tree Canopy Width (m)	
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щ	Existing Condition (Ranking 1-5)	
AC		
SP	Effective Pervious Area (%)	
Z	Solar Access (Ranking 1-5)	
<b>OPEN SPACE</b>	Index of Open Space Functionality	
0	Index of Habitat Quality	
	Rainwater Storage Capactiy	

# 53 indicators

INDICATOR	METRIC 1	ARGET
Preferred Sites Intersection Density Proximity to Daily Needs Residential Density Land Use Diversity Jobs-Housing Balance Pedestrian Connectivity Pedestrian Comfort	Ranking (1 to 5) Number of intersections / acre % of GFA within 400m of daily needs People per acre (net parks) Simpson's Diversity Index Job: Dwelling Ratio Connectivity metric % of network that is pedestrian-friendly	4 0.625 90 30 0.6 1.5 xx
On-Site Renewable Energy Photovoltaic Potential Building Energy Performance Embodied Energy Renewable Electricity Grid Low Carbon Transit Cycling Infrastructure On-Site Parking Provision Car Share Parking Ratio	% of on-site renewable energy Photovoltaic Envelope to Floor Area Index % GFA built to LEED Gold or equivalent energ Embodied Energy Index % Electric Charging Stations % GFA within 400m of Low Carbon Transit Cycling Infrastructure Index Parking: Dwelling/Job Ratio Car Share Parking Ratio	35% xx 80 xx xx 80% xx xx
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Housing Tenure Diversity Affordable Housing Family Housing Accessible Housing	Housing Tenure Diversity Affordable Housing Family Housing Accessible Housing	xx xx xx xx
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#### PROJECT EVALUATION SUMMARY



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**Intensity**— How dense or concentrated?

**Distribution**— Are they evenly distributed across the landscape?

**Proximity**— Are populations close to them? How close or far?

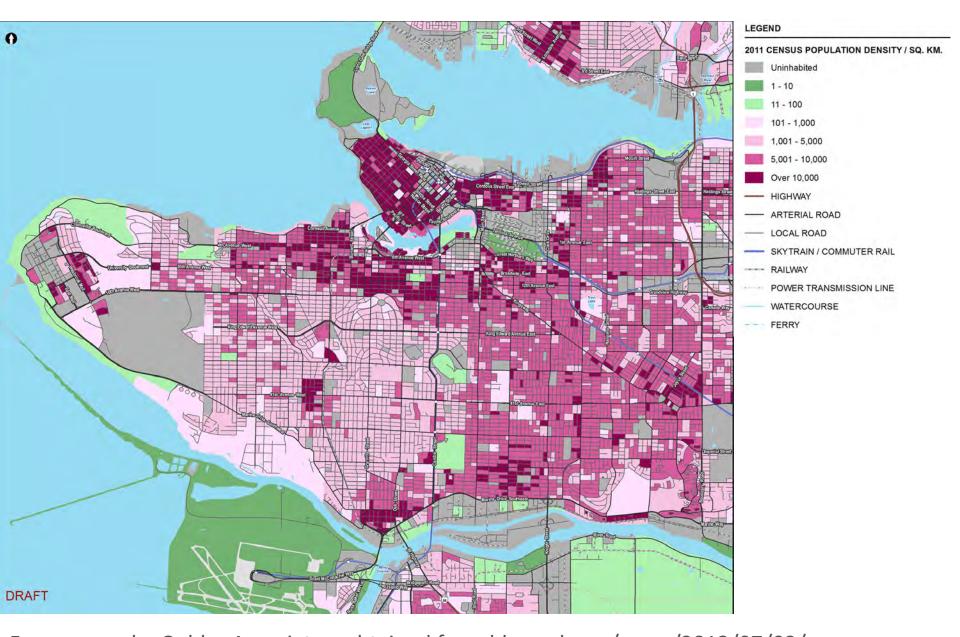
**Connectivity**— Are elements interconnected?

**Diversity**— Are all of the elements the same or similar? OR is there a diversity of elements?

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**Intensity**— relative density or concentration of something (people, dwellings, jobs...)

Examples: population density; dwelling density; hectares of greenspace/1000 people



From a map by Golder Associates, obtained from blogs.ubc.ca/maps/2013/07/03/vancouverpopulationdensity/

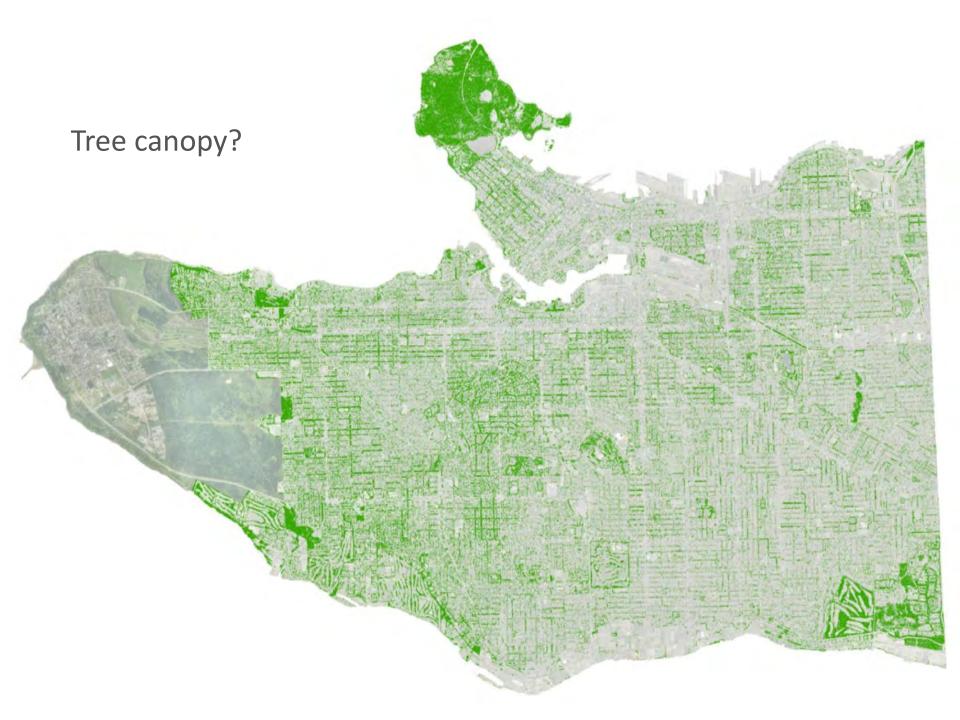
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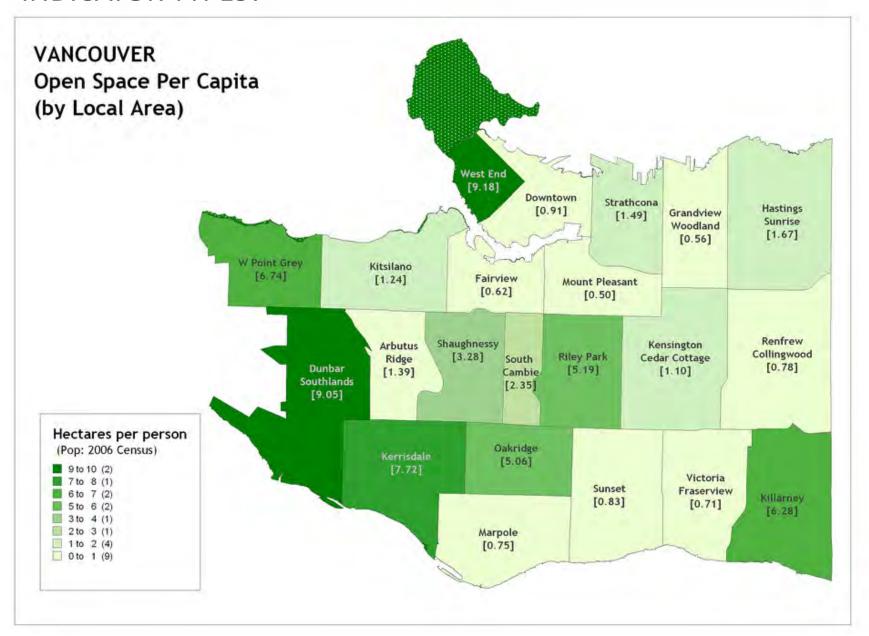
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Are the beaches in Vancouver equitably distributed?

Are swimming pools equitably distributed?



# **INDICATOR TYPES?**



From: Vancouver Public Space Network

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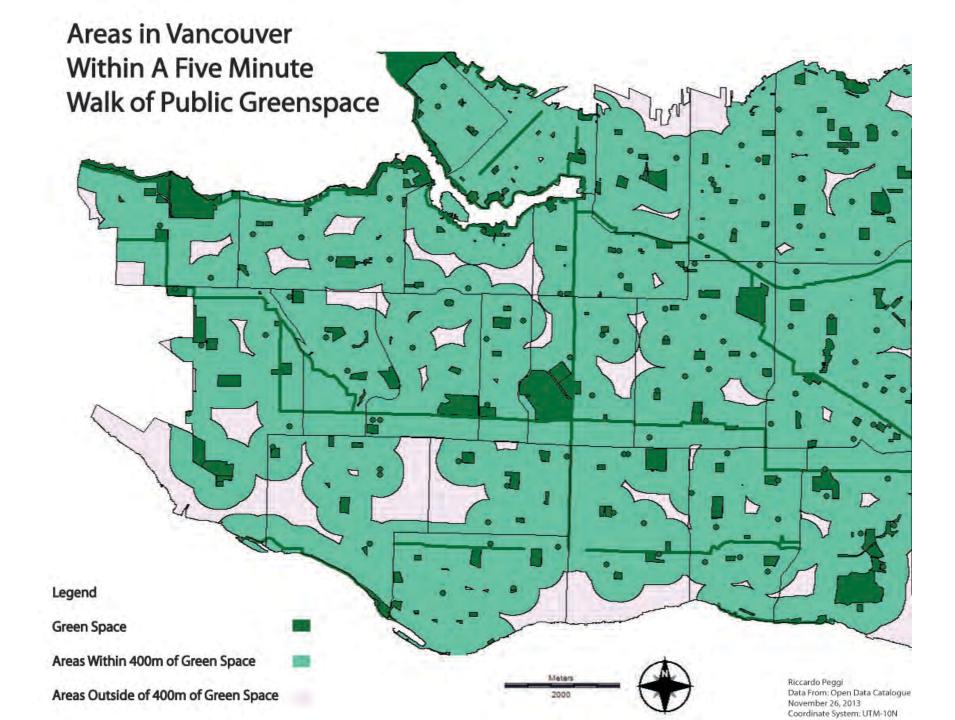
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i.e. distance from residences to parks or shops

OR numbers of residences or people within walking distance of parks, shops, etc.



# PROXIMITY- UBC Okanagen Master Plan

5 minute (400 m) walk to transit

5 minute (400 m) walk to hub





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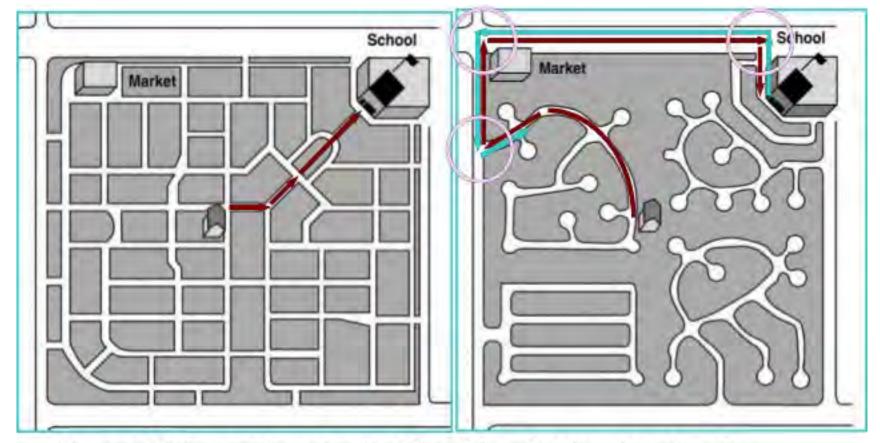
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i.e. are elements physically interconnected?

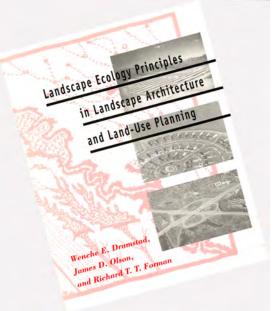


# Connectivity creates a pedestrian-friendly street system by:

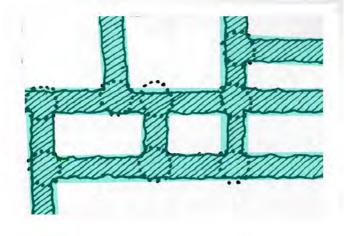
- Reducing walking distances;
- Offering more route choices, more quiet local streets;
- Dispersing traffic

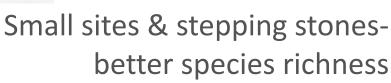
Oregon: Health and Transportation Partners

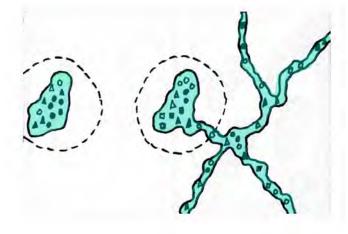
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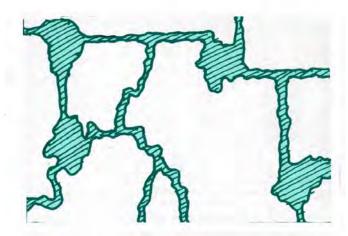
Intersecting corridorssome species richness







Sites connected with multiple corridorseven better species richness



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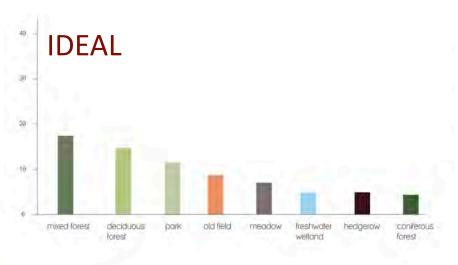
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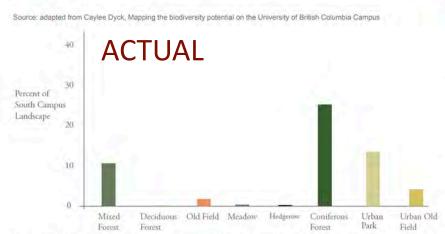
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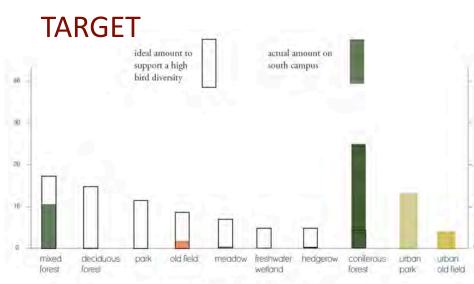
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**Diversity**— relative mix and variety of types of something (dwellings, shops, recreation facilities, trees...)
i.e diversity of habitat types; diversity of tree/plant species

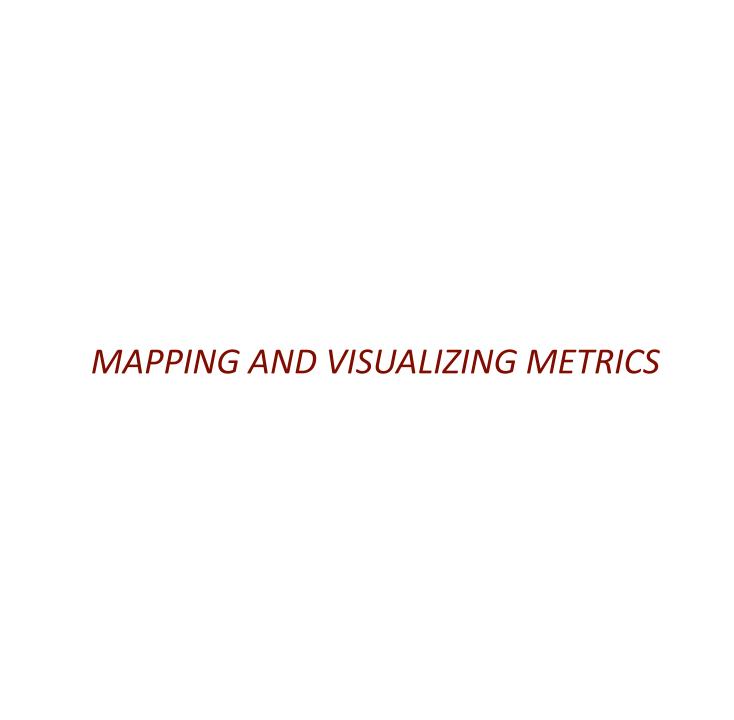








QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?



# PROJECT 2 INDICATORS

## LAND COVER

% areas of green vs gray land cover (as % of study area)

## LAND USE

% of each different land uses (as proportion of study area)

## TREE CANOPY

% coverage of public tree canopy (as % of study area)

Diversity of public trees (species, age, mature size...)

## **ACCESS TO NATURE**

% of study area within 100 meters & within 400 meters of "nature" BIODIVERSITY

Area with moderate and high habitat area (ha)

% of public greenery with moderate or high habitat value (as % of all green)

+ one other metric of your choice

## PRINCIPLES OF MAPPING AND METRICS

Identify the MOST IMPORTANT aspects to represent (map)

Understand what is being measured and why

Make them clear/legible

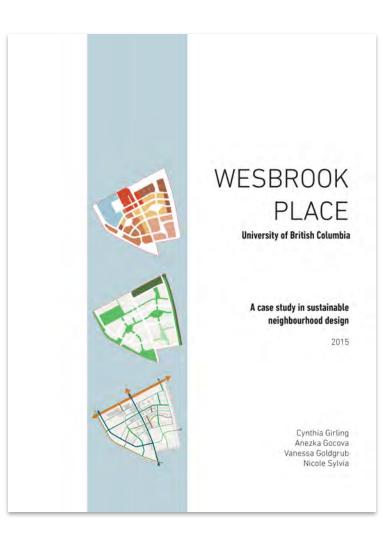
Eliminate non-relevant information

Cues to location

What are the MOST INFORMATIVE metrics?

Show maps and metrics together

# SPATIAL ANALYSIS OF WESTBROOK PLACE



WESBROOK PLACE @ UBC

A compact, complete, walkable neighbourhood

A range of housing options

Easy access to transit

Green buildings

50% of residents study or work at UBC

First residents moved in 2008

GREENSPACE INTENSITY INDICATOR: % of site or land that is public open space

METRIC: 33.7 % of site area is park or conservation area



# Forest cover removed



2003

21 2002



Figure 3 1- 2009



Figure 3.1— 2013

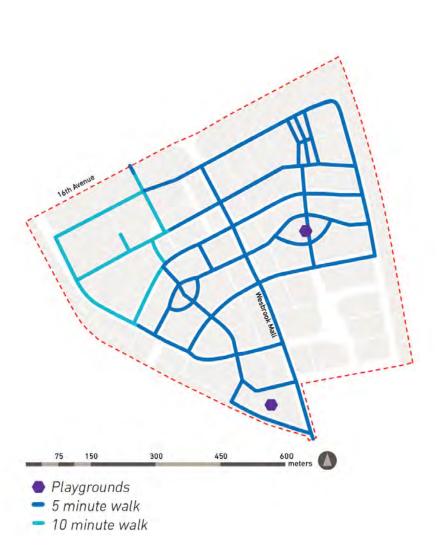
# Tree canopy replaced



1400 trees planted420 in public spacesPotential- 38% canopy cover

WESBROOK PLACE, UBC

# PROXIMITY/ ACCESS TO NATURE residences within 5 minute walk of parks, nature etc.

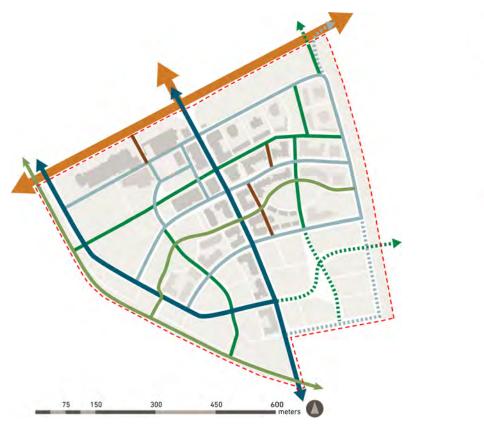


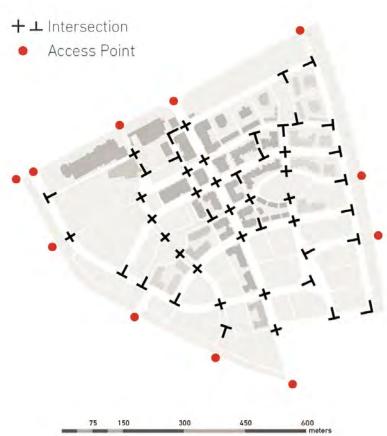


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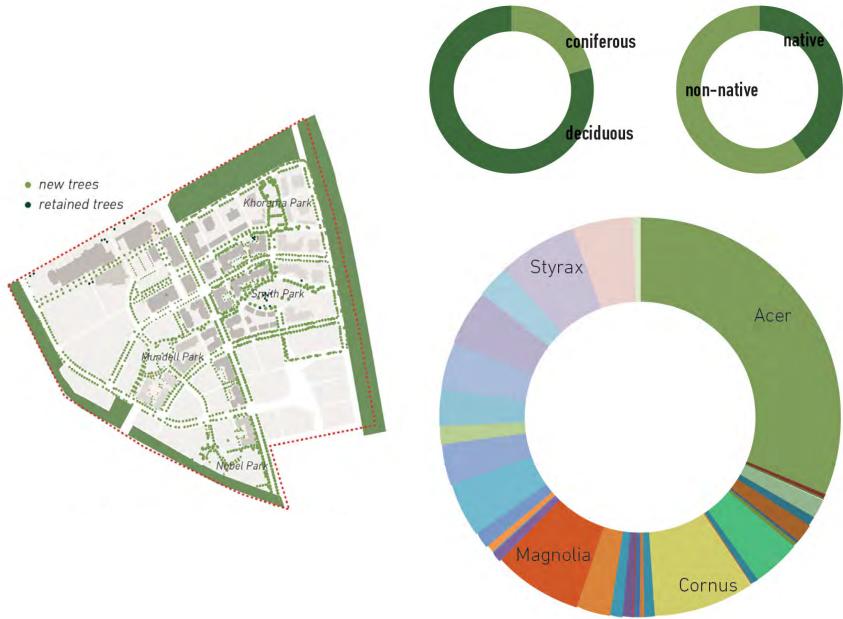
# NETWORK & CONNECTIVITY Street types and intersection density





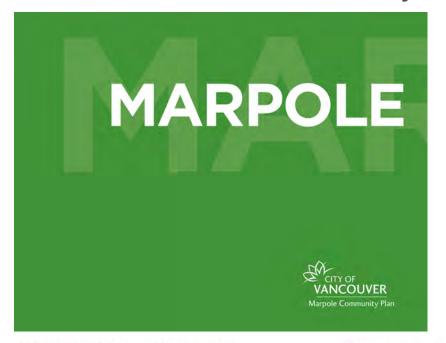
INDICATOR: Intersection density

# TREE DIVERSITY (newly planted trees)



WESBROOK PLACE, UBC

# MEASURED VISUALIZATIONS of the MARPOLE COMMUNITY PLAN

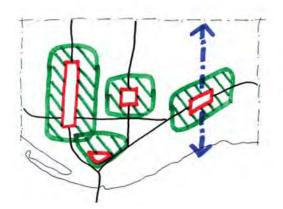


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Principle 6:
Protect and enhance public open spaces, PARKS and green linkages

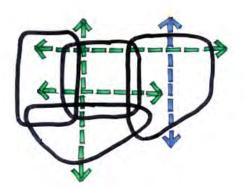
#### Focus Activity and Intensity

Higher densities and a mix of uses will be located close to existing shopping districts, transit services and areas where significant sustainability gains are possible (e.g., district energy sources).



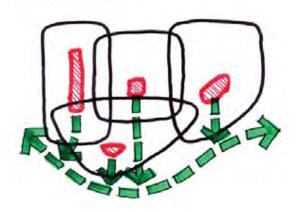
#### Connected Neighbourhoods

Marpole neighbourhoods will evolve to overcome the separation created by the major arterials crossing the community. Marpole will be better connected by public realm and transportation improvements.



#### Connected to the River

Connection to the Fraser River is an important community and city amenity. Future improvements will seek connection to its historical, industrial, recreational and ecological values.



# MEASURED VISUALIZATIONS of the MARPOLE COMMUNITY PLAN







Comparison of how many people are within a 5 minute walk of parks and green spaces





# ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL SERVICES

The number of residents and jobs within 400 meters of commercial services is a key feature of walkable

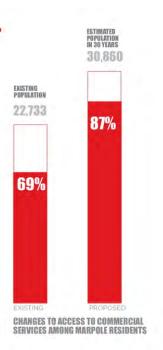
a key feature of walkable communities and an important means to reduce automobile dependency.

The proposed plan provides 26,848 Marpole residents the opportunity to walk to local services, a 42% increase over existing conditions.

87%

MARPOLE RESIDENTS
LIVE WITHIN

5 MINUTES
OF COMMERCIAL





Comparison of how many people are within a 5 minute walk of commercial services



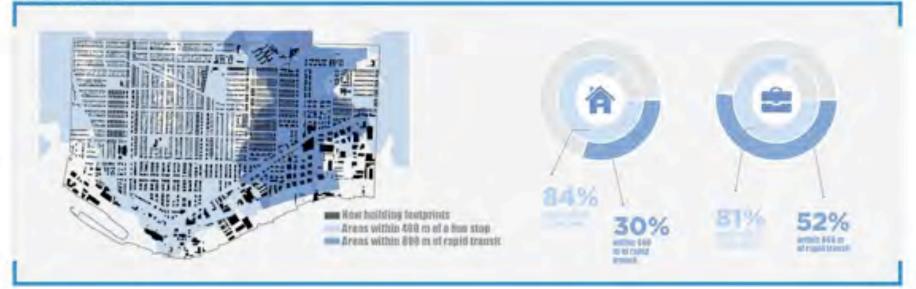
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# **EXISTING**





# **PROPOSED**

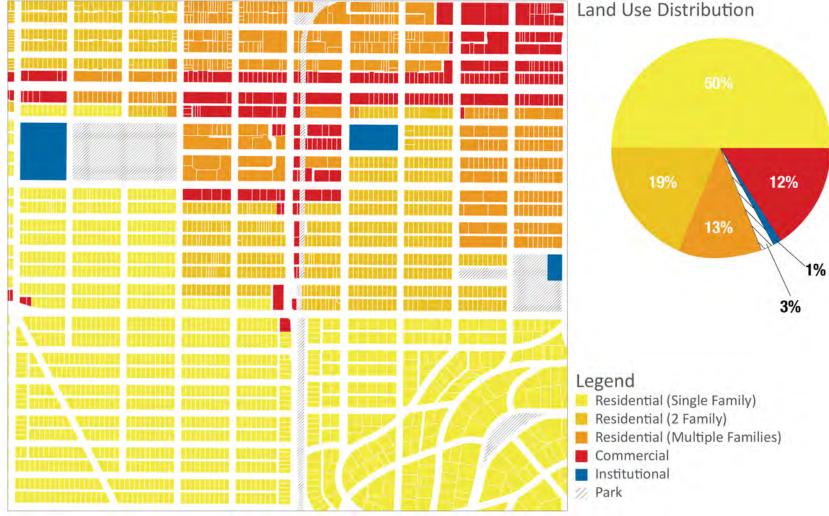




# EXAMPLES OF STUDENT WORK FROM LAST YEAR

#### Land Use

Site 8's land use distribution is faily homogenous, with 81% of the area being residential. The overall density of the area is relatively low, with 50% of houses being single family homes. The area is predominantly private with limited access to community services. Commerce is also limited, with a lot of concentration along the Broadway corridor but very little retail elsewhere.



Land Use, 1:10 000

#### Land Use

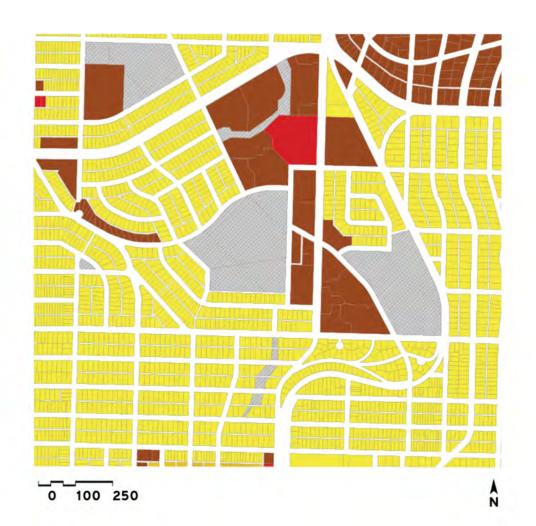
The commercial and comprehensive developments are clustered along Arbutus Street and King Edward Avenue, the main vehicular transportation networks through the site. The peripheral neighbourhoods are low density residential dwellings. Low density residential land usage is the most prominent on the site and is mainly comprised of single family homes.

## Legend

- Low Density
- Medium Density
- Comprehensive Development
- Commercial
- Public

### Land Use Density Area





## Analysis - Tree Canopy



### Legend

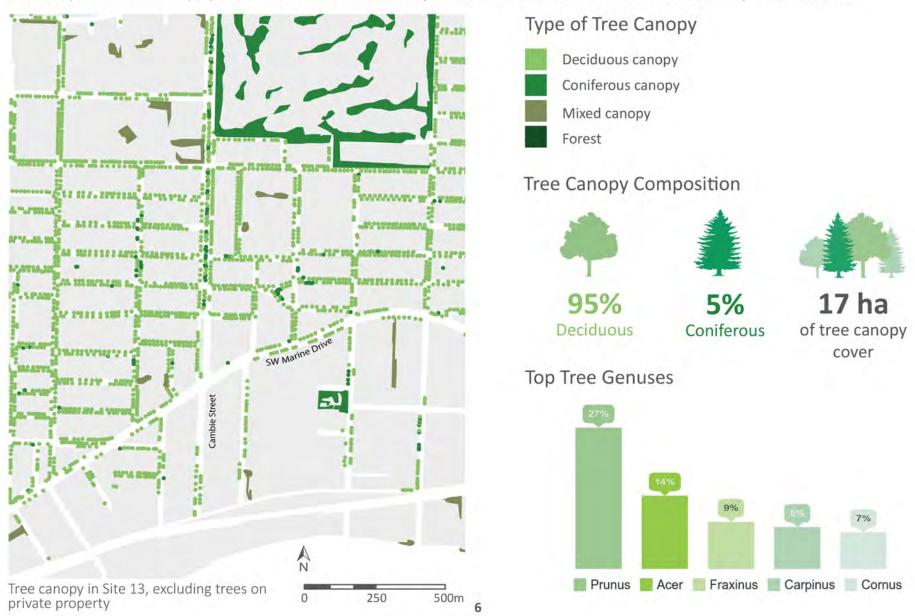
- Deciduous Canopy
- Evergreen Canopy
- Mixed Canopy
- Forest

### Analysis

Because of the dominance of low density residential use The site consists of around 20% of canopy covered area, which is very close to the city's 2050 goal of a 22% canopy coverage. However, as some significant canopied areas are located within the Jericho Land, future development might imply a net lost of canopy within the site. New interventions on public lands or new incentives on private lands might be critical for the site to achieve the city's goal of 22% canopy coverage. Regarding the street trees on site, more than 70% of the street trees on site is deciduous. Prunus, Acer, Platanus, Malus, Tilia are the most dominant street tree genus within the site. As these genus have colourful seasonal foliages/ blooms, this also suggest a high seasonal interest in site. Forest and mixed-canopy, which typically provide high habitat and ecological values, represent of a relatively small share of canopy area on site. This could suggest the need of increasing mixed canopied area or forest through interventions on site.

## **Existing Tree Canopy Conditions**

Site 13 is dominated by deciduous trees, with nearly 5% of street trees being classified as coniferous. This information reflects public trees only, however, private residential properties were observed with mostly deciduous trees while the Golf Course had mostly coniferous trees.



#### Assessment: Trees

While the site is dominated by cherry and maple trees, there are an assortment of genera to add diversity and reduce mono-cultural and genotypic concerns. Trees add variety and diversity of food sources, habitat, and animal niches.



### Legend

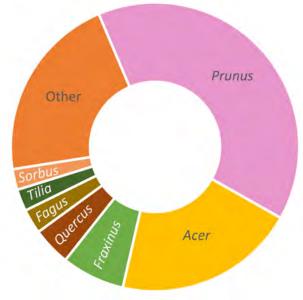
Deciduous CanopyEvergreen CanopyMixed CanopyForest

37 ha

13% proportion tree canopy cover

4158

### Tree composition



Proportion of street tree genera

#### Public Access to Nature

The area is predominantly private and the areas which are public are predominantly park spaces with some institutions (an elementary school & a community center). 80% of the site is within 400m of park space and there is a total of 1650 meters of walking trail, which is the Arbutus Corridor that spans the entire length of Site 8 & continues North to Granville Island.



Public vs. Private, 1:20 000

### Legend

- Privately-Owned Properties
- Public Properties
- Green Space
- Areas within 100m of nature
- Areas within 400m of nature



Access to Nature, 1:10 000

#### **Network and Circulation**

The major vehicular roadways are Arbutus Street and King Edward Avenue. The Arbutus Greenway is a north-south All Ages and Abilities active transportation network. Several bike networks run through the site including the most prominent one called Ridgeway. There are also two painted bike-lanes on the site with the lengthiest one located on King Edward Avenue.



## PROJECT 2 MAPS AND METRICS

- Keep the base map lean and clean (ghost background)
- Isolate the important information
- Simplify and summarize the most important points (not overly detailed)
- Pair up representation of metrics with relevant maps
- Use the class legends for your colour scheme
- Not too much text!

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?