

# i-Tree

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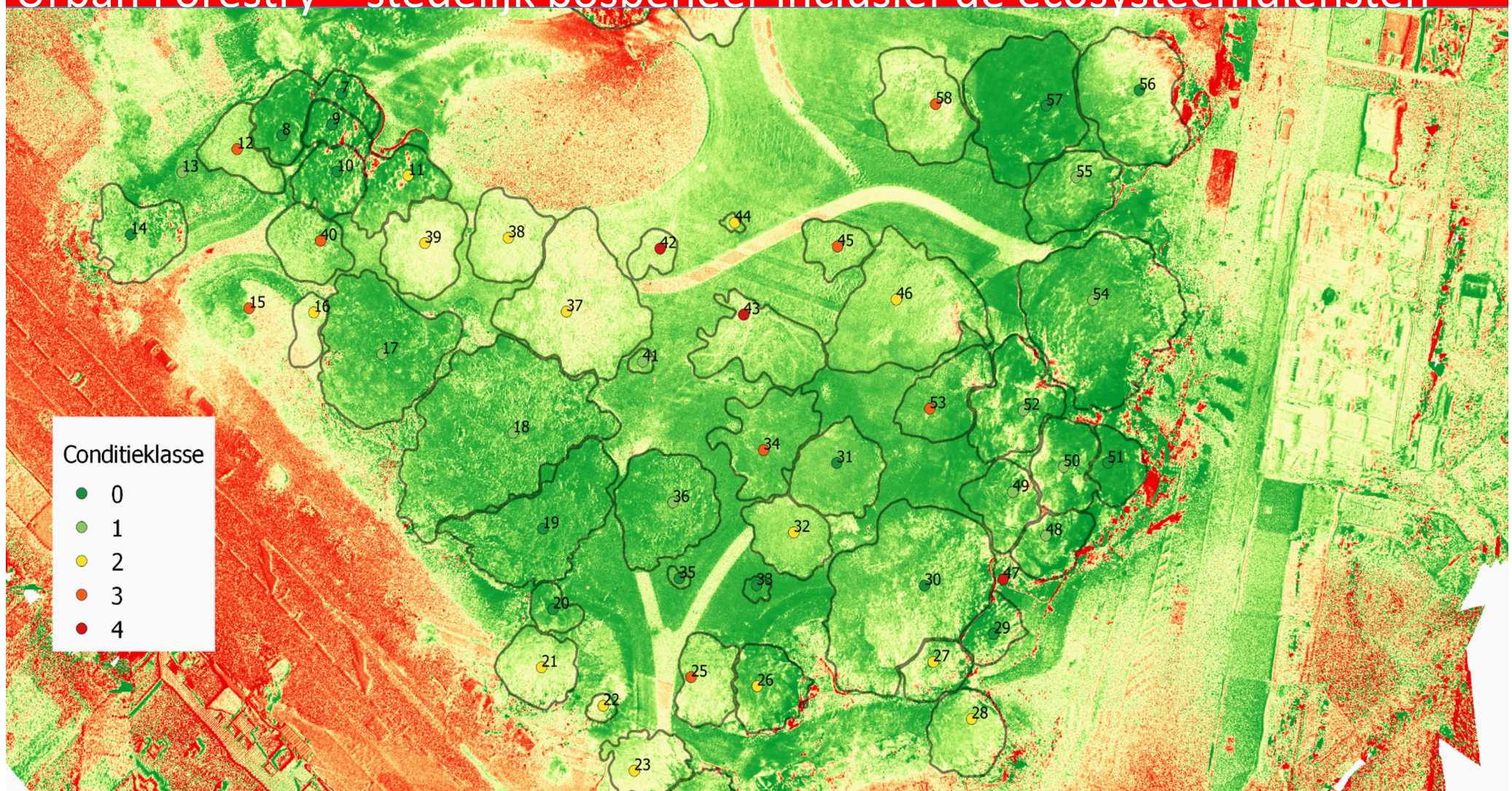


A photograph of a tree trunk on a sidewalk. The tree trunk is large and has a rough, textured bark. It is surrounded by a circular border of grey stones. The ground is dark asphalt with some fallen leaves. In the background, there is a grey wall and a red door. The word "intro" is overlaid in white text on a black rectangular background in the lower center of the image.

intro



Urban Forestry = stedelijk bosbeheer inclusief de ecosystemendiensten



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missie

*beheer van stedelijk bos*

*beleid van stedelijk bos*

*belang van stedelijk bos*





samenwerking



# I-tree is....

- Een verzameling van software tools voor ecosysteemdiensten
- ontwikkeld in VSA in 1990 door de nationale bosbouwdienst
- voor het urban forest
- De referentie voor ecosysteemdienstenvalorisatie (I-tree eco)





terminologie



An aerial photograph of a city street. A wide, multi-lane road runs vertically through the center. On either side of the road is a dense, lush green forest. Buildings of various heights and colors are interspersed among the trees. A yellow bus is visible on the road. The text 'Het stedelijke bos = ecosysteem' is overlaid on the left side of the image, enclosed in a white rectangular box.

Het stedelijke  
bos = ecosysteem



# De Postzegelboom in Den Haag

## I-TREE ECO BOMENPASPOORT

|                                                              |                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Standplaats                                                  | Den Haag, Paleis Noordeinde |
| Naam                                                         | Postzegelboom               |
| Soort                                                        |                             |
| Paardenkastanje ( <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> 'Baumannii') |                             |
| Diameter kroon                                               | Leefduur                    |
| 23 m                                                         | 138 jaar                    |
| Stamdiameter                                                 | Hoogte                      |
| 107 cm                                                       | 17,4 m                      |

Waterafvang  
5.700 liter per jaar

Kroonoppervlak **380 m<sup>2</sup>**

Kroonbedekking in woonwijk  
van 10% naar 25%  
= **2 °C** temperatuurdaling

Bladoppervlak  
= **1,7 m<sup>2</sup>**  
pos

**CO<sub>2</sub>-vastlegging**

**45,5 kg/jaar** =  
uitstoot van een  
autorit van 425 km

Filtret per jaar  
**1,6 kg**  
luchtvervuilende  
stoffen  
uit de lucht

Stamdiameter  
= **169** bomen  
met een diameter van 4 cm

**570**  
emmers  
van 10 liter

CO<sub>2</sub>-voorraad  
**3.973 kg**

De Postzegelboom staat in Den Haag, voor Paleis Noordeinde. Hij dankt zijn naam aan het feit dat er onder en om de boom jarenlang postzegels werden verkocht en geruild.

Groene baten van de postzegelboom:

- waterafvang € 6,50 per jaar
- afvang luchtvervuiling € 16 per jaar
- CO<sub>2</sub>-vastlegging € 16 per jaar
- CO<sub>2</sub>-voorraad € 1.407





## Lower East Side

### Neighborhood Statistics

|                   |                                                    |               |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Trees on the Map  | Activities Reported                                | Trees Favored |
| 2,005             | 1,618                                              | 128           |
| Number of Species | Most Common Species                                |               |
| 80                | <a href="#">Thornless Honey Locust</a>             |               |
|                   | 391 trees, 20% of Lower East Side trees on the map |               |

### Recent Tree Care Activities

- The [Pin Oak](#) near 234 East & #x20; 3 Street was Managed Soil on 04/25/2019
- The [Pin Oak](#) near 226 East & #x20; 3 Street was Managed Soil on 04/25/2019
- The [Japanese Pagoda Tree](#) near 226 East & #x20; 3 Street was Managed Soil on 04/25/2019

### Ecological Benefits

Benefits are calculated using formulas from the U.S. Forest Service. Learn more about the [benefits of trees to NYC](#) →

- 💧 Stormwater intercepted each year  
1,952,033 gallons Value: \$19,325.12
- ⚡ Energy conserved each year  
1,343,695 kWh Value: \$169,634.66
- 😊 Air pollutants removed each year  
2,472 pounds Value: \$12,925.54
- 🌱 Carbon dioxide reduced each year  
700 tons Value: \$4,674.34
- 💰 Total Value of Annual Benefits  
\$211,234.03

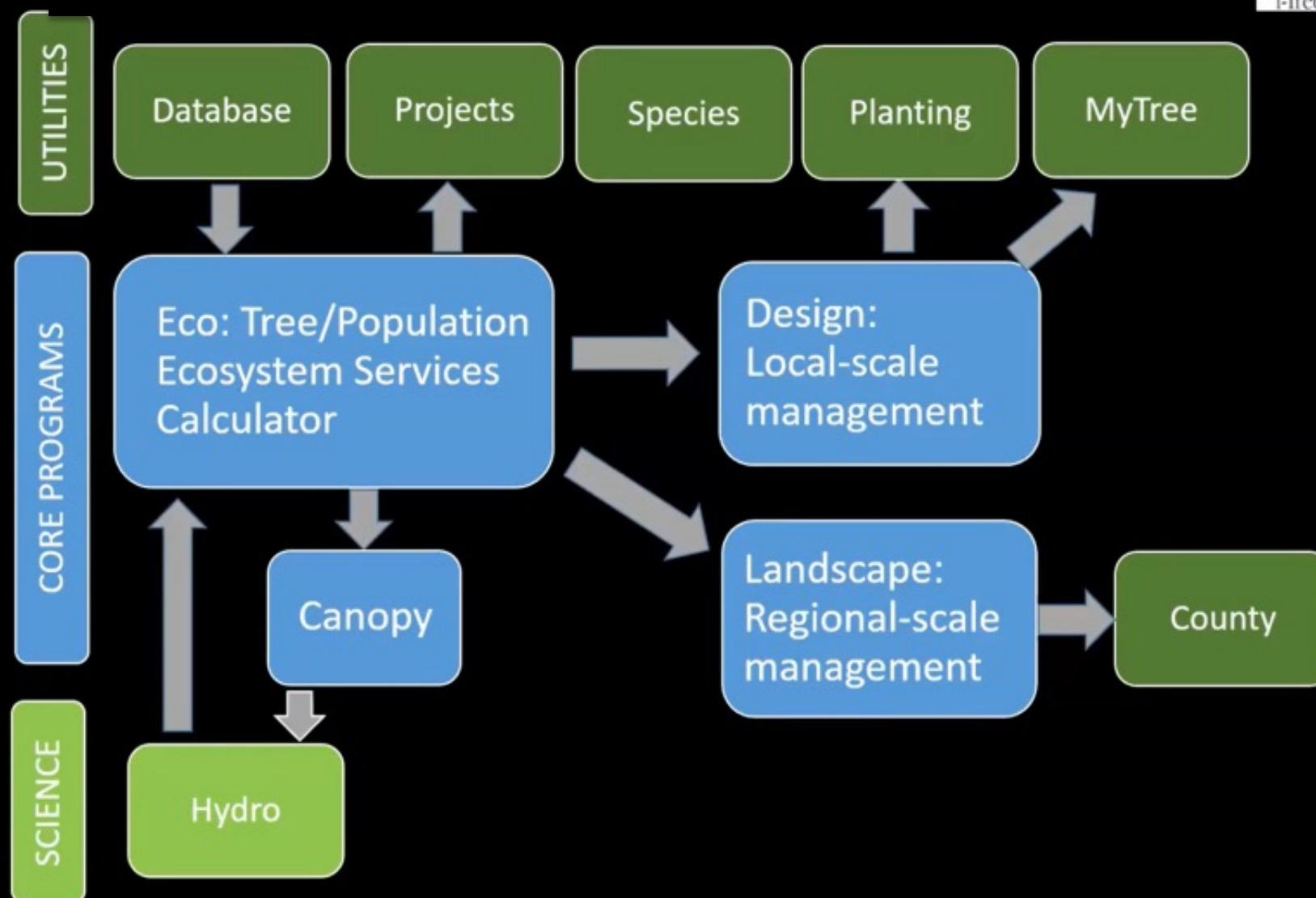






i-tree tools





Check [https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/gtr/gtr\\_nrs200.pdf](https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/gtr/gtr_nrs200.pdf)









1988-1994

Ontwikkeling methodiek (Chicago)

1996

UFORE model

Urban forest effects model

2004

STRATUM model

Street Tree Resource Assessment Tool for Urban Forest Managers

2005

Samenwerking USDA en Davey

2006

Launch i-Tree 1.0

2010

10 000 users + i-Tree canopy

2015

Launch i-Tree eco v6 + i-Tree landscape

2016

Mytree app in US en Canada (browser)

2018

Launch grote delen Europa (incl. Londen)

2019

Launch Nederland

> 400 000 users in 130 landen

katholieke hogeschool  
associatie KU Leuven







essentie



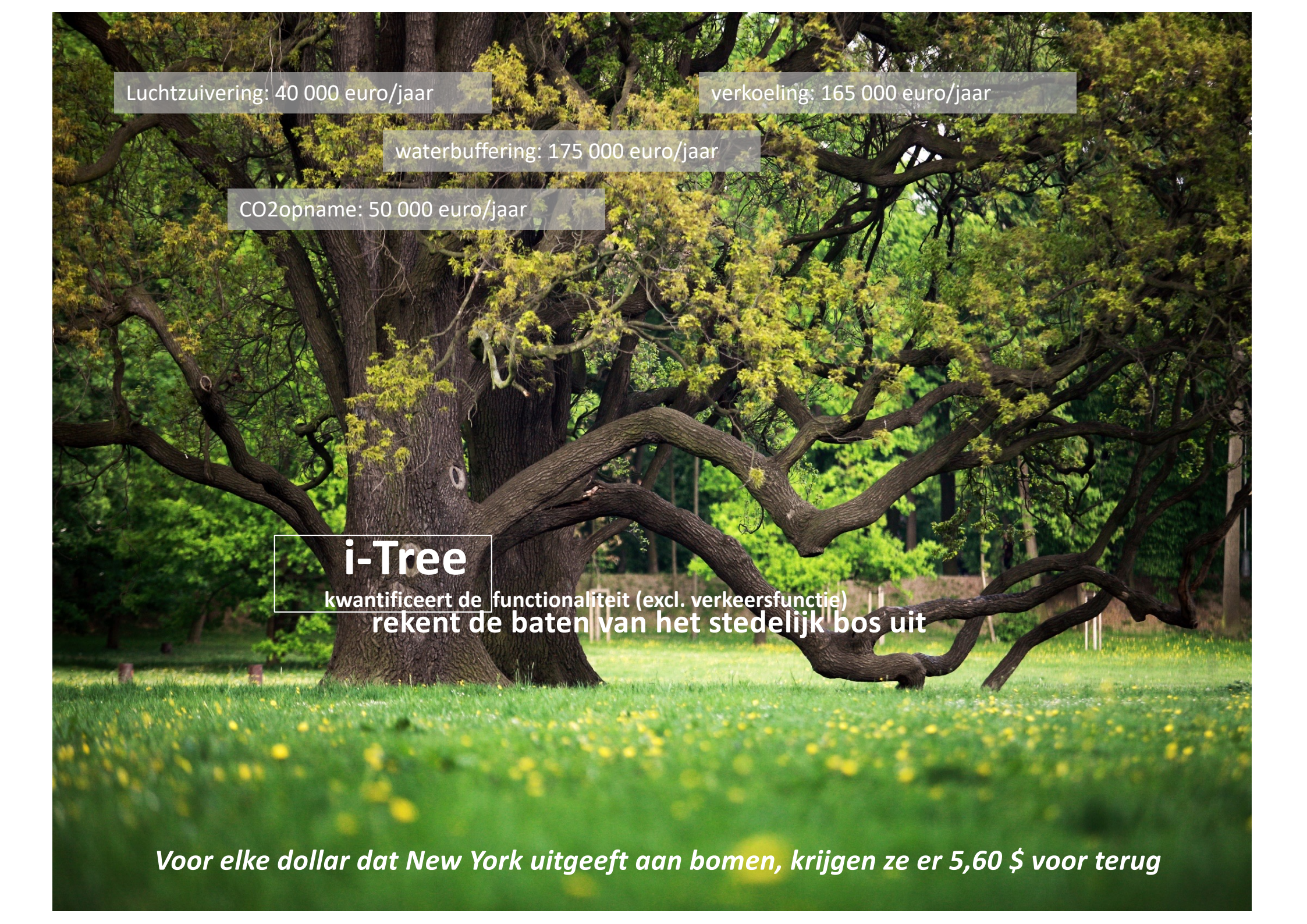
# Functie van bomen

- verkoelend effect
- waterbuffering
- luchtzuivering
- sociale cohesie
- (psychologische) gezondheid

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Luchtzuivering: 40 000 euro/jaar

verkoeling: 165 000 euro/jaar

waterbuffering: 175 000 euro/jaar

CO<sub>2</sub>opname: 50 000 euro/jaar

## i-Tree

kwantificeert de functionaliteit (excl. verkeersfunctie)  
rekent de baten van het stedelijk bos uit

*Voor elke dollar dat New York uitgeeft aan bomen, krijgen ze er 5,60 \$ voor terug*



A large, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots stands prominently in the foreground of a lush green park. The tree's canopy is dense with green leaves, some showing hints of autumnal color. In the background, a tall, slender stone monument with a golden top is visible, surrounded by other trees and a well-maintained lawn.

Wat moeten we dan doen?

beheer  
beleid

duurzaam en **functioneel** met bomen omgaan









## *Uniforme methode voor waardebepaling (VVOG)*

*De methode berekent enkel  
de waarde van de gehele  
boom, niet de waarde per  
ecosysteemdienst. Dit  
betekent dat het hoofddoel  
ervan is om de kost te  
schatten van de vervanging  
van een gelijkwaardige  
boom. Dit is heel wat  
anders dan het uitrekenen  
van de ecosysteemdienst.*



A photograph of a street lined with trees in full autumn foliage, displaying vibrant yellow and orange leaves. The street is paved with cobblestones and has several cars parked along both sides. On the left, there's a white van, a red car, and a blue and white van. On the right, there's a silver car and a dark SUV. In the background, multi-story brick buildings line the street. A traffic sign on the right side of the road indicates a red circle with a white horizontal bar and a smaller sign below it that says "UITGEZONDERD" with a bicycle symbol. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The word "inspiratie" is written in white lowercase letters inside a white rectangular box at the bottom center of the image.

inspiratie



|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | New York City                                                          | Londen                                                                | Glasgow                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aantal bomen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6 970 000                                                              | 8 421 000                                                             | 2 000 000                                                   |
| <p>Verwijdering van luchtvervuiling</p> <p>I-Tree eco schat de waarde van droge depositie ( NO2 , O3 CO2 etc.) per uur (het hele jaar door)</p>                                                                                                              | <p>1 100 ton/per jaar</p> <p>6 590 503 euro per jaar</p>               | <p>2 241 ton/per jaar</p> <p>145 761 512euro per jaar</p>             | <p>283 ton/ per jaar</p> <p>1 618 491 euro per jaar</p>     |
| <p>Koolstofopslag (per jaar)</p> <p>Bruto koolstof vastlegging hangt af van de bestaande biomassa en de boomgroei . Deze kan variëren van 0 cm d.b.h./yr (dood) tot 2,45 cm voor gezonde snelgroeiende bomen</p>                                             | <p>51 000 ton/per jaar</p> <p>5 608 939 euro per jaar</p>              | <p>77 200 ton/ per jaar</p> <p>5 536 856 euro per jaar</p>            | <p>9 000 ton/ per jaar</p> <p>2 774 556 euro per jaar</p>   |
| <p>Koolstofopslag</p> <p>Deze waarde wordt geschat door de staande biomassa van een boom x 0.5 te vermenigvuldigen</p>                                                                                                                                       | <p>1 200 000 ton</p> <p>126 201 132 euro</p>                           | <p>2 367 000 ton</p> <p>145 645 920 euro</p>                          | <p>183 000 ton</p> <p>46 242 600 euro</p>                   |
| <p>Vermeden run-off</p> <p>Deze berekeningen zijn procesmatig dwz. Dat elk proces afzonderlijk wordt gestimuleerd en vervolgens gekoppeld is aan andere processen bv, onderschepping wordt gesimuleerd met behulp van een verbeterde Rutter-methodologie</p> | <p>1 953 862 m<sup>3</sup> per jaar</p> <p>3 794 282 euro per jaar</p> | <p>3 414 000m<sup>3</sup>/per jaar</p> <p>3 352 168 euro per jaar</p> | <p>812 000 m<sup>3</sup></p> <p>1 271 671 euro per jaar</p> |



|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | New York City            | Londen                | Glasgow |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| <p><b>Waarde van verminderd energieverbruik in gebouwen</b></p> <p>energieschattingen zijn gebaseerd op McPherson en Simpson (1999) maar de bomen moeten wel 6m of meer zijn en binnen de 18 meter van het gebouw staan</p>                                                                          | 14 104 832 euro per jaar | 300 539 euro per jaar | N/A     |
| <p><b>Waarde van verminderde CO2-uitstoot</b></p> <p>Het i-Tree proces voor het schatten van boomeffecten op het energieverbruik van gebouwen is ontwikkeld voor klimaat, gebouwen en brandstofverbruik in de VS. Deze kunnen wel gebruikt worden in andere landen maar wel met een waarschuwing</p> | 1 319 750 euro per jaar  | 63 113 euro per jaar  | N/A     |

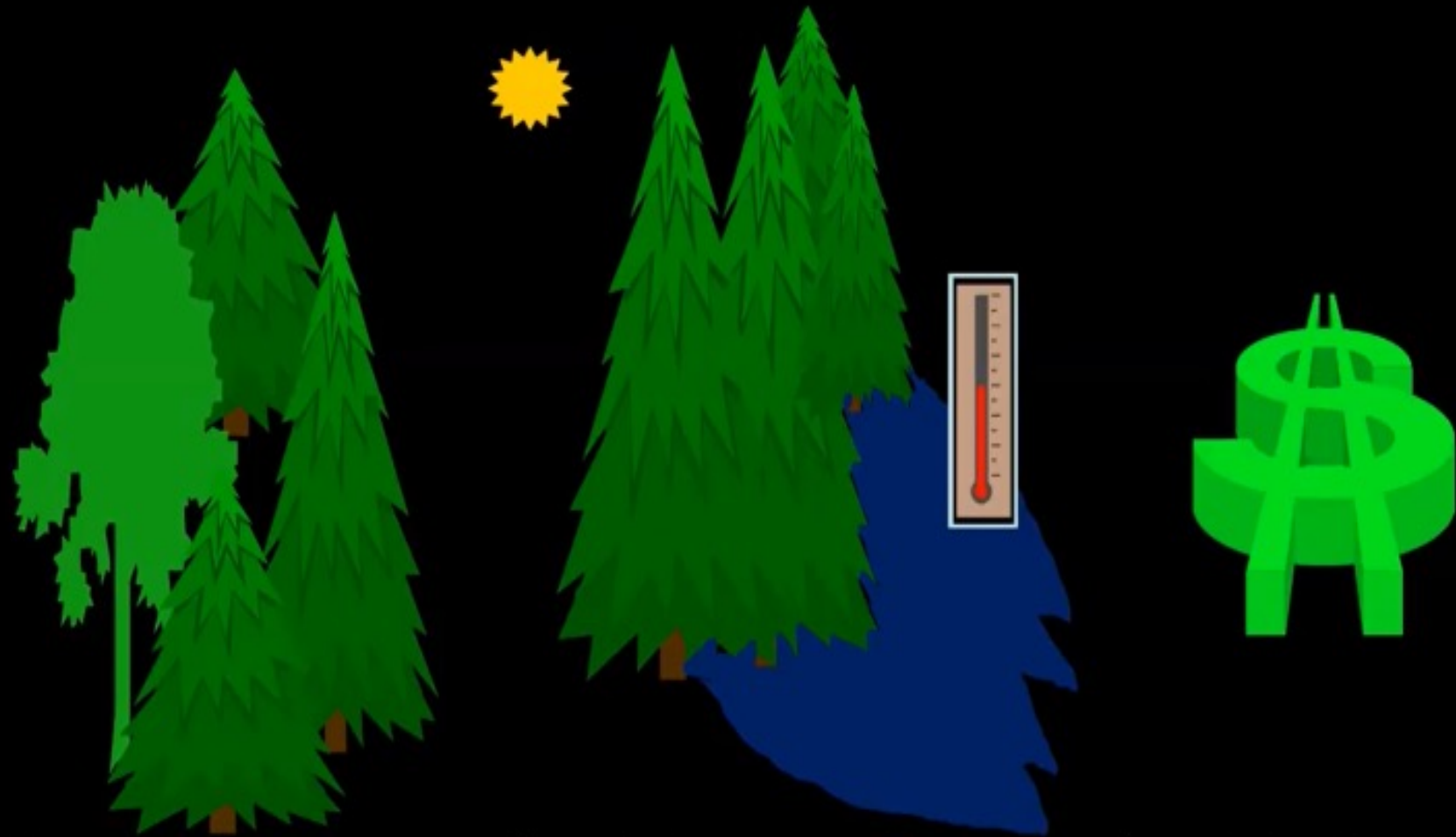




The black box



# Model Framework



**Structure**  $\Rightarrow$  **Function**  $\Rightarrow$  **Value**





**Table 3.—Equation forms and variables used to estimate tree biomass, by species. Inputs are either d.b.h. (cm) or d.b.h.<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>) x total tree height (m).**

| Species                         | Eq. form                           | x                            | A        | B       | C       |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| <i>Abies balsamea</i>           | $y = A * (x^B)$                    | d.b.h.                       | 0.27965  | 2.04308 | 0.00000 |
| <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>        | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.53689 | 2.24355 | 0.03150 |
| <i>Acer rubrum</i>              | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.84135 | 2.36499 | 0.00913 |
| <i>Acer saccharinum</i>         | $y = A * (x^B)$                    | d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> x height | 0.17789  | 0.84670 | 0.00000 |
| <i>Acer saccharum</i>           | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.46455 | 2.30420 | 0.01354 |
| <i>Betula lenta</i>             | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -2.14313 | 2.49160 | 0.03467 |
| <i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>    | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.66653 | 2.30037 | 0.02373 |
| <i>Betula papyrifera</i>        | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -2.41197 | 2.56847 | 0.03474 |
| <i>Carya species</i>            | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -2.39652 | 2.53012 | 0.04591 |
| <i>Castanopsis chrysophylla</i> | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.94995 | 2.31214 | 0.04259 |
| <i>Cornus spp.</i>              | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.98379 | 2.38367 | 0.03810 |
| <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>        | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.36313 | 2.27798 | 0.01060 |
| <i>Fraxinus americana</i>       | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.84460 | 2.37620 | 0.05731 |
| <i>Fraxinus nigra</i>           | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.90500 | 2.29776 | 0.08518 |
| <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>   | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> x height | -2.19052 | 0.84030 | 0.13692 |
| <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>  | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> x height | -2.61705 | 0.87383 | 0.20451 |
| <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>  | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -2.22561 | 2.39547 | 0.04837 |
| <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>          | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -2.07379 | 2.37412 | 0.06518 |
| <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>        | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -2.28196 | 2.42731 | 0.08647 |
| <i>Picea species</i>            | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.87821 | 2.25867 | 0.04823 |
| <i>Picea glauca</i>             | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.73798 | 2.22809 | 0.05189 |
| <i>Picea abies</i>              | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.77212 | 2.25022 | 0.06069 |
| <i>Pinus banksiana</i>          | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> x height | -2.00907 | 0.79140 | 0.29405 |
| <i>Pinus contorta</i>           | $y = A * (x^B)$                    | d.b.h.                       | 0.11886  | 2.23330 | 0.00000 |
| <i>Pinus echinata</i>           | $y = A * (x^B)$                    | d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> x height | 0.01512  | 0.99415 | 0.00000 |
| <i>Pinus elliotii</i>           | $y = A * (x^B)$                    | d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> x height | 0.01865  | 0.97777 | 0.00000 |
| <i>Pinus palustris</i>          | $y = A * (x^B)$                    | d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> x height | 0.02455  | 0.95612 | 0.00000 |
| <i>Picea rubens</i>             | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.75175 | 2.23587 | 0.05094 |
| <i>Pinus resinosa</i>           | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -1.93630 | 2.28250 | 0.05730 |
| <i>Pinus strobus</i>            | $y = e^{(A + B * \ln(X) + (C/2))}$ | d.b.h.                       | -2.82175 | 2.42377 | 0.02545 |

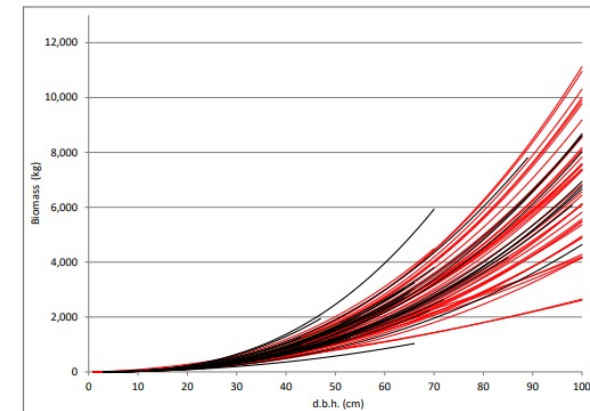


Figure 12.—Estimates of dry weight biomass for numerous species using various equations across a large diameter range. Red lines are i-Tree equation estimates (Table 3); black lines are estimates from equations from Jenkins et al. (2003).

#### Methods Overview

The following indices are calculated for the living tree population in plot sample projects:

**Shannon-Wiener Diversity Index** is a widely used measure of diversity, based on information theory. This index assumes that the individual trees are randomly sampled from an infinite population. It also assumes that all species within a land use type or city have been sampled. This index is an indicator of species richness and has a moderate sensitivity to sample size (Magurran 1988) and, therefore, land uses and/or cities may not be comparable. The index is calculated as:

$$H' = -\sum_{i=1}^S p_i \ln p_i$$

Where

$p_i$  is the proportion of trees in species  $i$  estimated as  $n_i / N$ , and  $N$  is the total number of trees measured.

**Menhinick's Diversity Index** ( $D_{Mn}$ ) is an indicator of species richness and has high sensitivity to sample size (Magurran 1988) and, therefore, may not be appropriate for comparison between strata with widely different numbers of plots. The index is calculated as:

$$D_{Mn} = S / \sqrt{N}$$

Where

$S$  = number of species recorded, and

$N$  = total number of trees measured.

**Simpson's Diversity Index** is an indicator of species dominance and has a low sensitivity to sample size (Magurran 1988) and, therefore, may be more appropriate for comparison among strata. The index is calculated as:

$$SI = 1/D$$

Where

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^S \left( \frac{n_i (n_i - 1)}{N (N - 1)} \right)$$





i-Tree eco v6



## A New Version of i-Tree Has Been Released!

[Click here for details and tips on what to do before updating.](#)

# i-Tree Eco

Aug. 3, 2020

## i-Tree Eco v6 overview

i-Tree Eco version 6 is a flexible software application designed to use data collected in the field from single trees, complete inventories, or located plots throughout a study area along with local hourly air pollution and meteorological data to quantify forest structure, environmental effects, and value to communities. [Learn more](#)

## What does Eco provide?

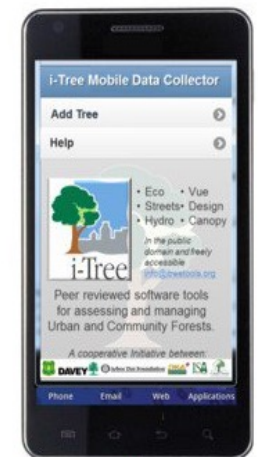
i-Tree Eco provides extensive forest and individual tree analyses including the following:

### Functional Analyses:

- Pollution removal and human health impacts
- Carbon sequestration and storage
- Hydrology effects (avoided run-off, interception, transpiration)
- Building energy effects
- Tree bio-emissions
- Avian habitat suitability (plot-based projects; limited to 9 bird species) [Avian Habitat Suitability Report Example](#)
- Ultraviolet radiation (UV) tree effects [UV Report Example](#)

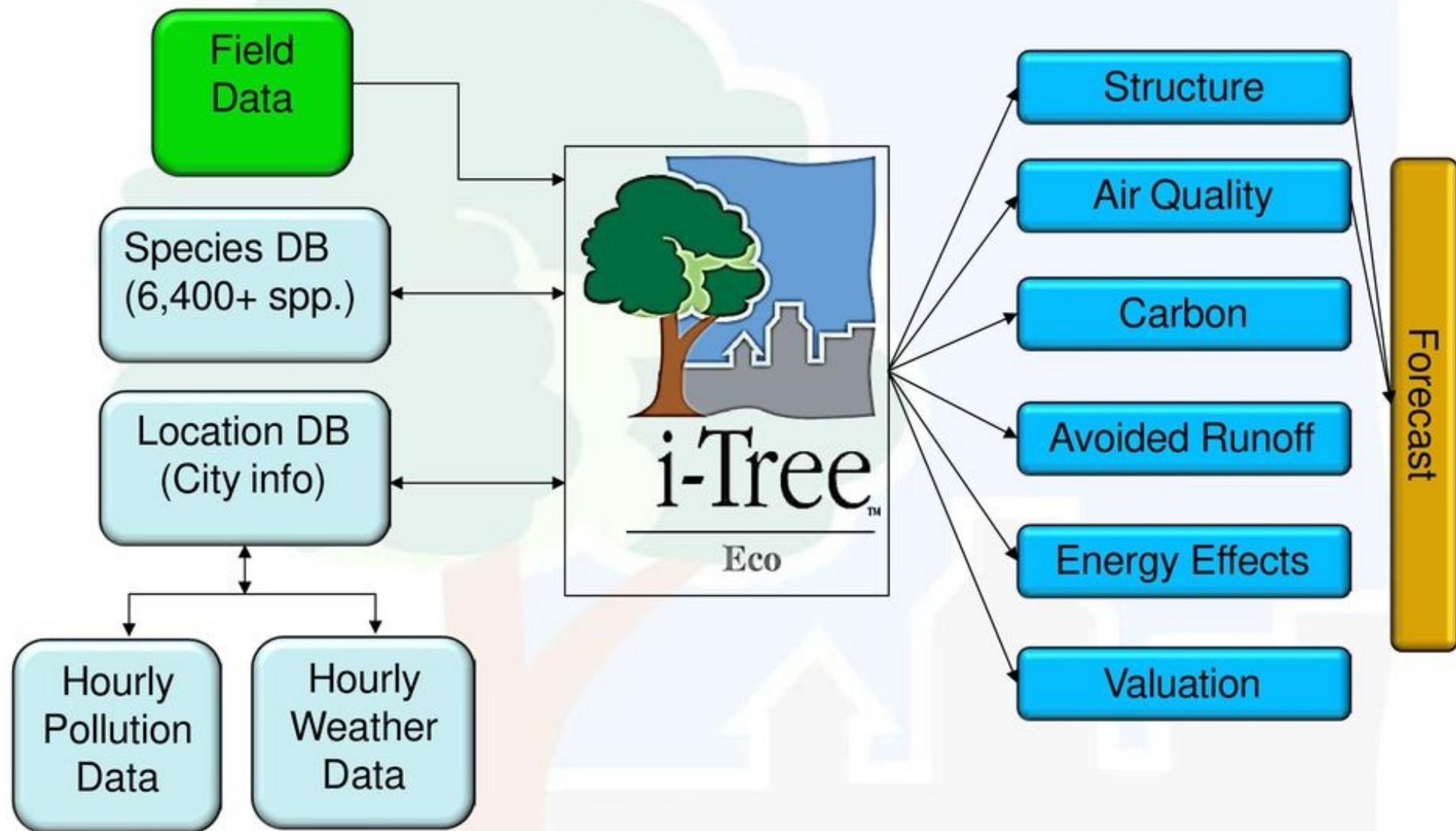
### Structure and composition analyses:

- Species condition and distribution
- Leaf area and biomass





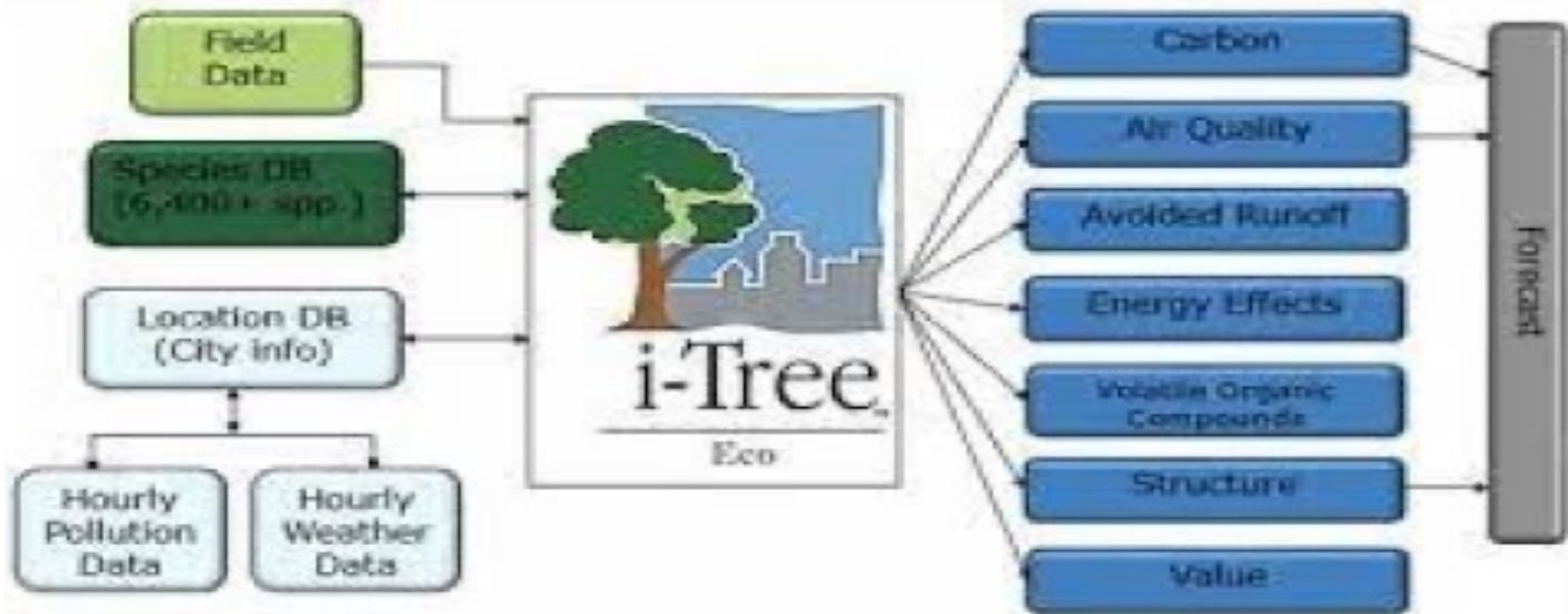
# i-Tree Eco Model Schematic



[www.itreetools.org/resources/archives.php](http://www.itreetools.org/resources/archives.php)









## Pollution Removal by Trees and Shrubs - Monthly Removal

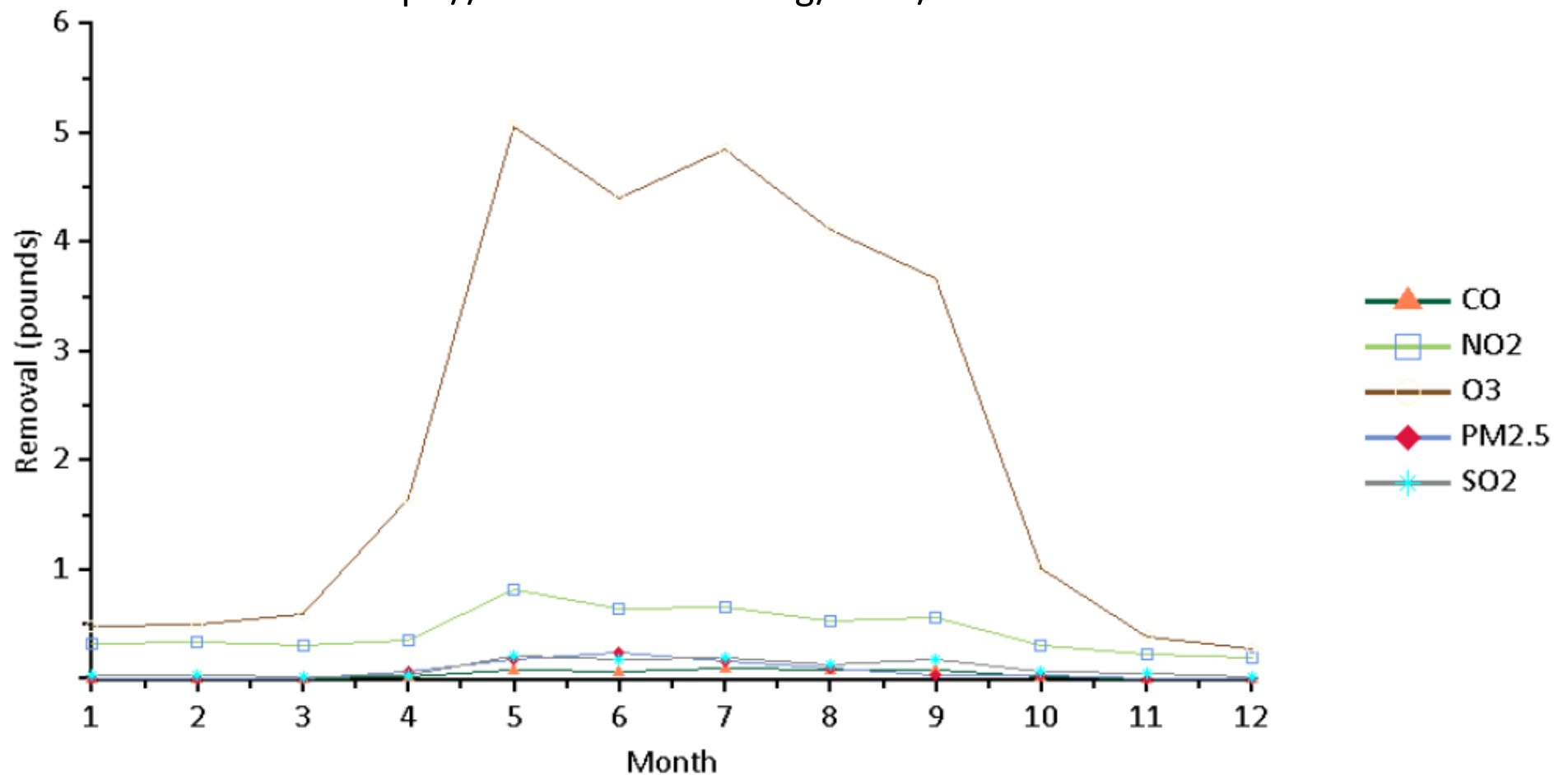
Location: Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, United States of America

Project: Springfield Squares, Series: Parks, Year: 2018

Generated: 4/8/2019



Voorbeeld op (slechts 44 bomen):  
<https://www.itreetools.org/tools/i-tree-eco>





## Brief Explanation of and Uses for i-Tree Eco Reports

**Annual Carbon Sequestration by land use** – This report contains one bar graph and one table.

A bar graph depicts the calculated gross and net amount of elemental carbon that is sequestered in trees for each land use category within the project on an annual basis. A table numerically shows the numerical value of elemental carbon that is sequestered in trees by land use category annually. Growth and mortality rates of different land-uses are accounted for.

Uses – Through the process of photosynthesis, trees sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store the carbon in their wood and leaves. Sequestration is based on tree size, growth rate, and tree condition. This report quantifies the elemental carbon that is being sequestered by trees by land use type. Caution: if one or more of the land use categories is much larger than the others, then they will naturally have more trees in them and, depending on the size of those trees, may have a greater amount of carbon sequestration. It may be better to look at Carbon Sequestration Density by Land Use to see the amount of carbon being sequestered by trees on an area basis (acre or hectare). Carbon offset markets use CO<sub>2</sub> rather than C. To quantify the amount of carbon being sequestered as units of CO<sub>2</sub> rather than units of elemental carbon; take the value in the table for each land use area and multiply it by 3.67 (the molecular weight of CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Carbon Sequestration Density by Land Use** - This report contains one bar graph and one table.

A bar graph depicts the calculated amount of elemental carbon sequestered by trees on a per unit of area basis (acre or hectare) as well as the density of carbon sequestration for the entire project area (city, county, region). A table numerically shows the calculated amount of elemental carbon sequestered by trees by land use category and for the entire project area.

Uses – This information allows you to compare the calculated amounts of carbon sequestered by trees in each land use category. One example of how to use this report is if your community is interested in reducing its carbon footprint, this report can help you to plan for future development strategies. If you have a land use category that is sequestering a large amount of carbon, you may want to consider preserving existing trees in that land use area so as to not disrupt the carbon sequestering ability.

**Monthly Pollutant removal by Trees and Shrubs** - This report contains one graph and one table. A graph depicts the calculated amount of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), particulate matter less than 10 microns; such as soot (PM<sub>10</sub>), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) removed by tree and shrub leaf area by month. The amount of leaf area,

Meer info omtrent de resultaten:

[https://www.itreetools.org/documents/33/Eco\\_reports\\_explanation.pdf](https://www.itreetools.org/documents/33/Eco_reports_explanation.pdf)

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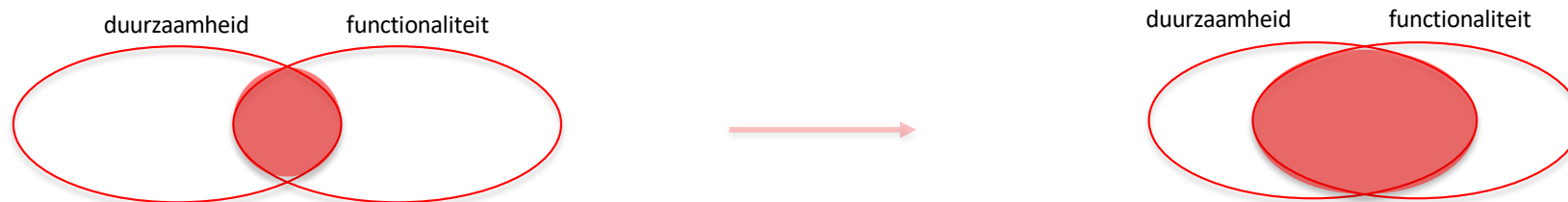
boodschap



Bomen zijn **werkkrachten** voor de stad die zorgen voor een **gezonde leefomgeving**. Ze leveren ecosysteemdiensten die we kunnen **kwatificeren** in euro's.

We moeten hun functie **maximaal** laten **renderen**.

Het is dus cruciaal dat we **duurzaam** én **functioneel** omgaan met het stedelijke bos.





I-Tree is een op weg om de referentie te zijn rond valoriseren  
van **ecosysteemdiensten** voor de stad omwille van...

het is user friendly

wereldwijde opmars

science driven

updates



# Meer weten?

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