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LIVABILITY

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

A City’s livability can be compared to the quality of life for its residents. This includes the natural environment and tree canopy, entertainment and recreational activities, economic prosperity, walkability, culture and equity. Combining these factors is a way to create pedestrian friendly “villages” that are accessible and communicate a unique sense of place.

Street Trees

Expanding our Street Trees program and Planting Trees in Public Spaces

The City of Orlando has planted nearly 1,800 new street trees since 2010 and is continuing to grow, providing improved cooling, aesthetics and storm water management for our residents.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH

Our strategies for livability focus on creating a series of unique, vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, walkable villages. The inclusion of pedestrian and bicycle trails, shaded sidewalks, smart grids, integrated storm water management or solar orientation for building, and exciting destinations will be focused on the following goals:

Metrics	2010 (Baseline)	2018 (Targets)	2040 (Goals)
Tree Canopy Coverage	25%	27%	40%

COMMUNITY-WIDE OUTREACH AND PROGRAMS

One Person, One Tree

Developing large-scale urban tree canopy initiative.

In order to reach our goal of 40% tree canopy by 2040, we have to plant 250,000 new trees. If each resident takes the individual initiative to plant one tree, we can achieve this goal.

LINK: <http://www.cityoforlando.net/greenworks/livability-2/>