

## What is the Green Silicon Valley Schools program?

Our City Forest has partnered with the pilot California Climate Action Corps to bring trees and tree knowledge to the folks who need it most: the students in underserved areas across Santa Clara County.

## Why do schools need trees?

Trees provide a multitude of benefits for both people and our environment. They create healthier environments for our kids to thrive, grow, and learn. They not only benefit our students physically, but mentally as well. Trees also help us mitigate and reverse climate change.

Contact us to schedule your tree planting at your local campus or if you'd like to receive a free presentation about the importance of trees in schools! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to us, we're more than happy to answer any and all questions!

### For plantings:

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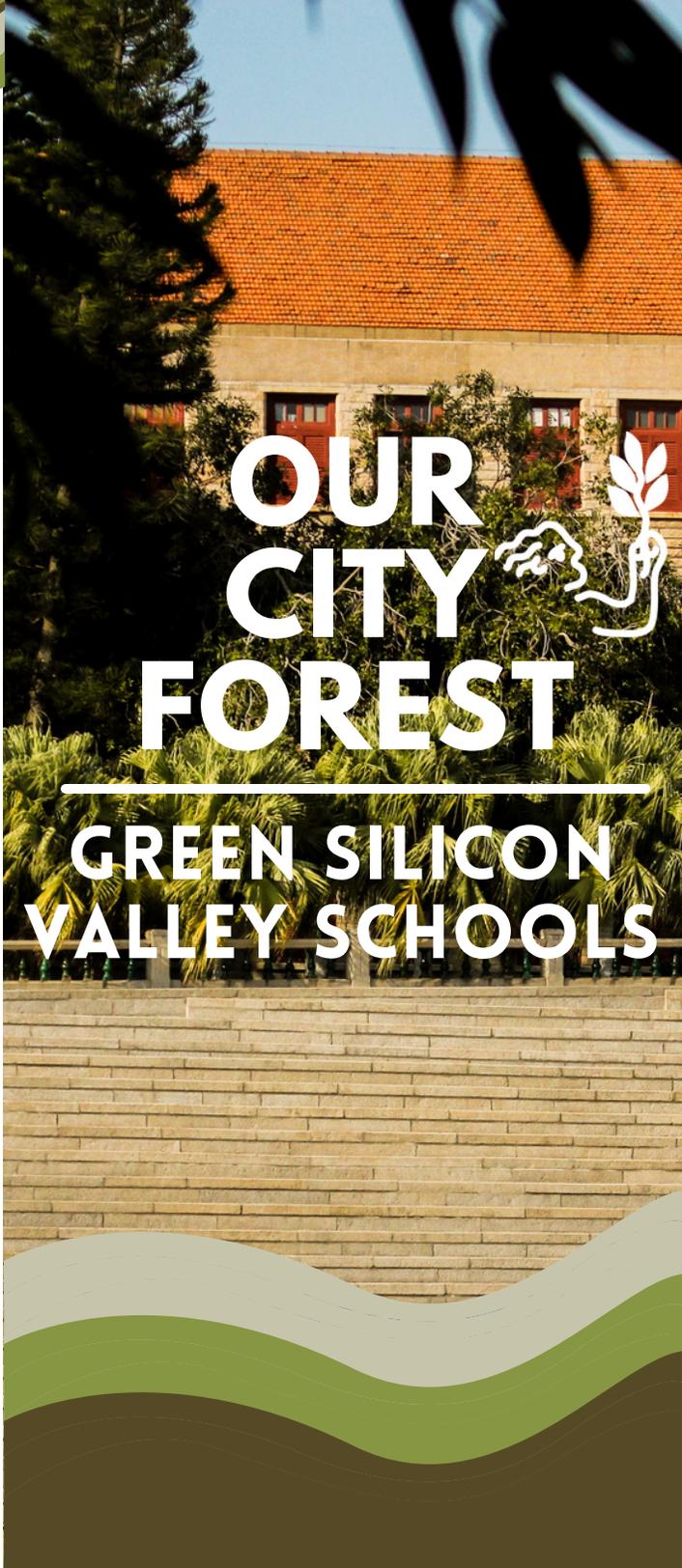
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## Benefits of Trees:

- Help us retain information and concentrate
- Enhance schools' science curriculum
- Reduce the chances of having a heat-related illness
- Promote safer driving... Fewer accidents
- Save money... Less heating/cooling
- Increase property value
- Provide habitat for animals
- Reduce water runoff
- Aid in replenishing groundwater
- Clean air & water
- Decrease soil erosion
- Promote healthy soil micro-biome
- Sequester carbon
- The list goes on!



## Is Your School Eligible?

Eligible School must be located in an area:

- In Santa Clara County  
AND
- Have a CalEnviroScreen score greater than 33  
OR
- Have a Distressed Community Index score greater than 50  
OR
- Have a Regional Opportunity Index (People or Place) that is below the state average  
OR
- Have a community-wide unemployment rate above the current state average

## Plantings:

Through the Green Silicon Valley School program at Our City Forest, we can set up a planting at your campus. That being said, plantings aren't just about planting trees! They're about connecting and engaging the community to build stronger relationships to each other and to nature. We love inviting students, parents, teachers, and faculty to be a part of the plantings. The more stewards, the better!



## Educational Activities:

Not quite ready to plant trees at your school, or want to get your students and peers excited for their new trees? We offer free presentations on the importance of trees in schools as well as other educational activities that can be customized to your personal goals for your students!

