

Freetown the Treetown — Digitally-Tracked Municipal Reforestation for Flood & Landslide Resilience

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2020, Freetown has planted over 1.2 million trees (82% survival, GPS/photo-verified), paying residents as 'tree guardians' via carbon-market tokens, aiming for 5 million by 2030 to cut flood/landslide risk after a 2017 mudslide killed roughly 1,000 people.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[Freetown City Council \(#FreetownTheTreeTown, Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[UN.org: Freetown — Planting five million trees by 2030](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[Earthshot Prize: Freetown the Treetown \(2023 finalist\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

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