

# MillionTreesNYC — One Million Trees Planted 2007–2015, With Uneven Survival and Contested Canopy Gains

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

## Summary

NYC Parks and the New York Restoration Project planted one million trees by late 2015, two years early. Reported 20% canopy growth is a programme claim; street-tree mortality (~12% for the 2011 cohort) and low forest-plot survival are documented.

## Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-23

[NYC Parks & New York Restoration Project](#) — accessed 2026-10-23

[Next City — NYC reaches one million trees](#) — accessed 2026-10-23

[WNYC — Dead trees analysis](#) — accessed 2026-10-23

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