

# Office of the City Auditor

## Performance Audit

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# Implement City Tree Management Regulation to Help Achieve City Tree Canopy Goal

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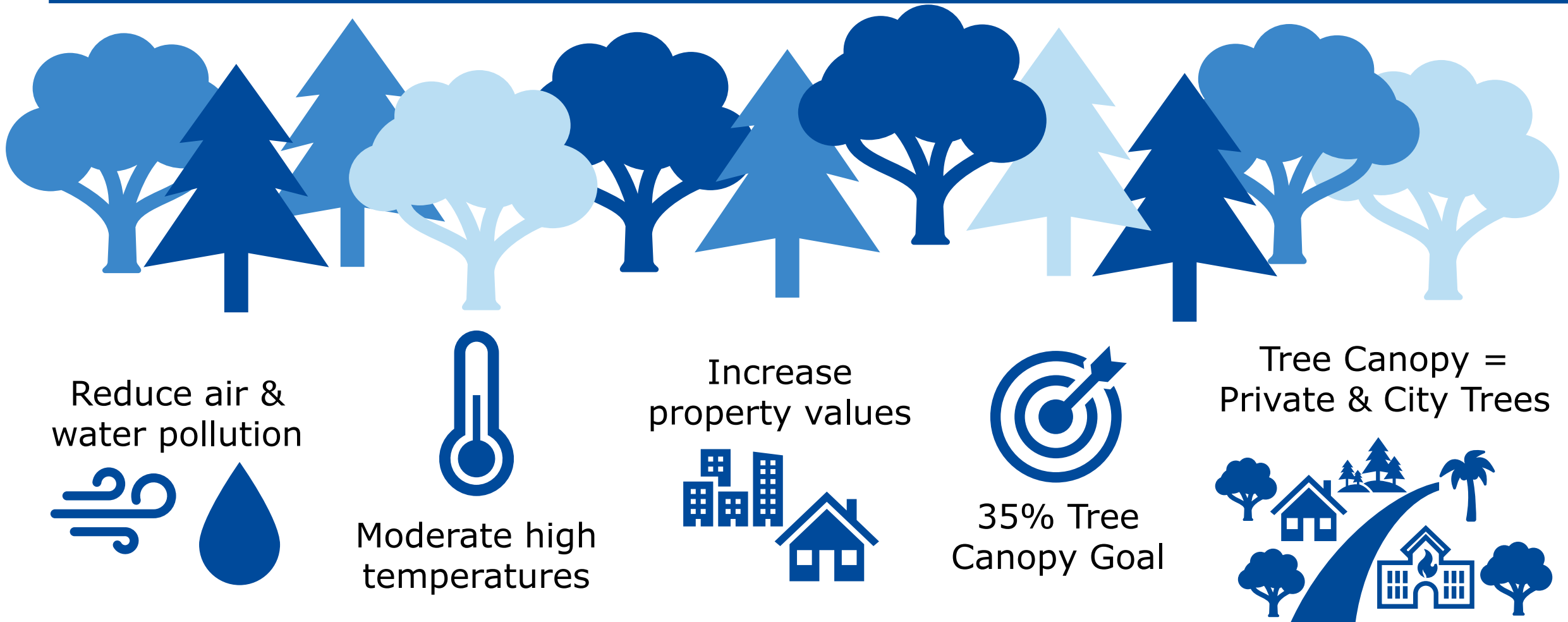


# Audit Objective

*Do departments remove and replace **city trees** in a way that supports the city's goal to increase the tree canopy?*



# Background – Tree Benefits and Goals



# City Tree Regulation Not Implemented

## Together Departments Can Protect City Trees

Implement Permit Requirement



Enforce Replacement Rate



# Communicate and Clarify City Tree Regulation

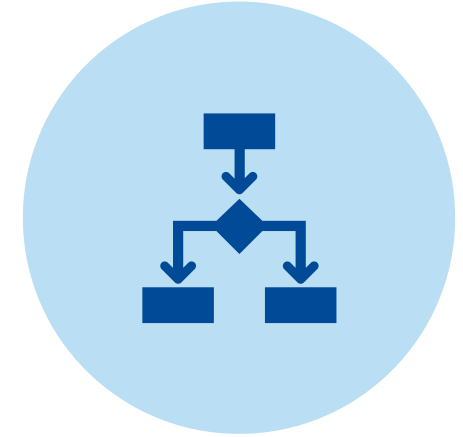
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**Communicate  
Authority and Policy**

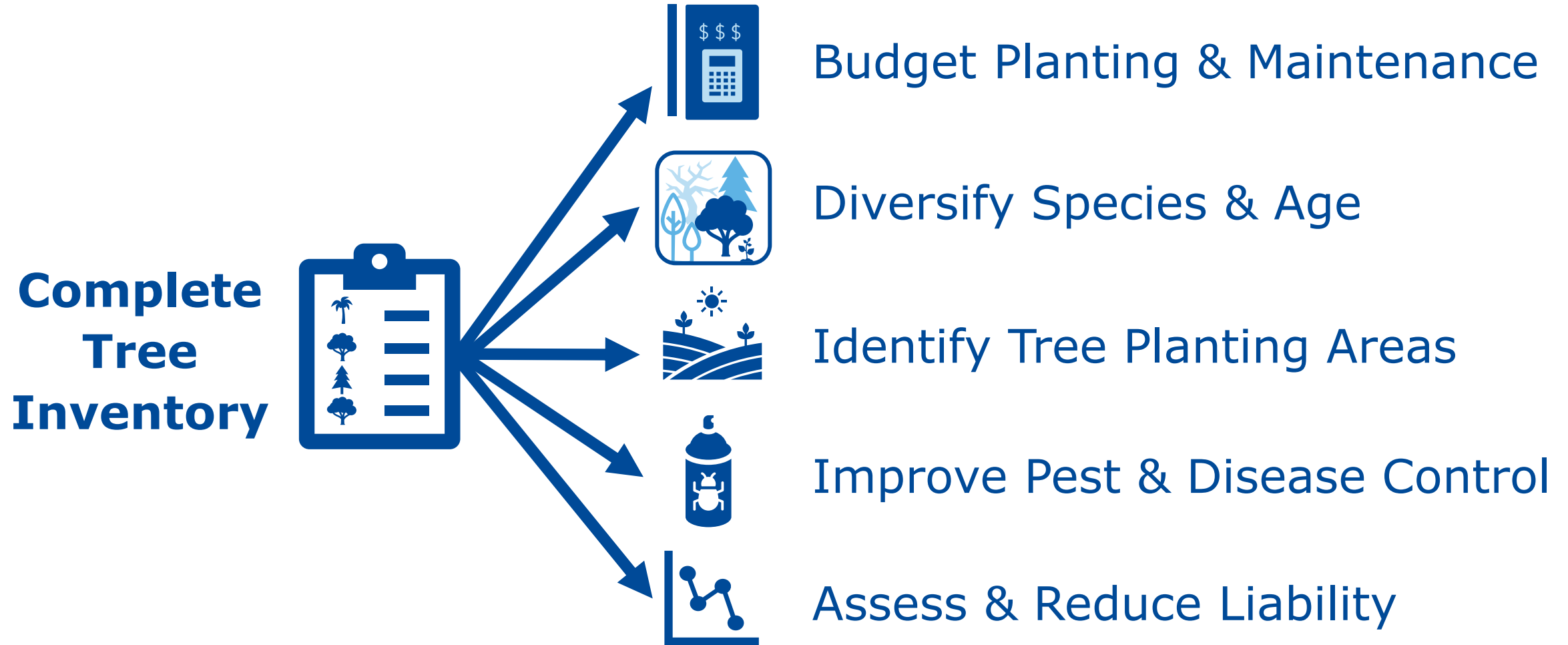


**Clarify Tree  
Replacement Fund  
Use**



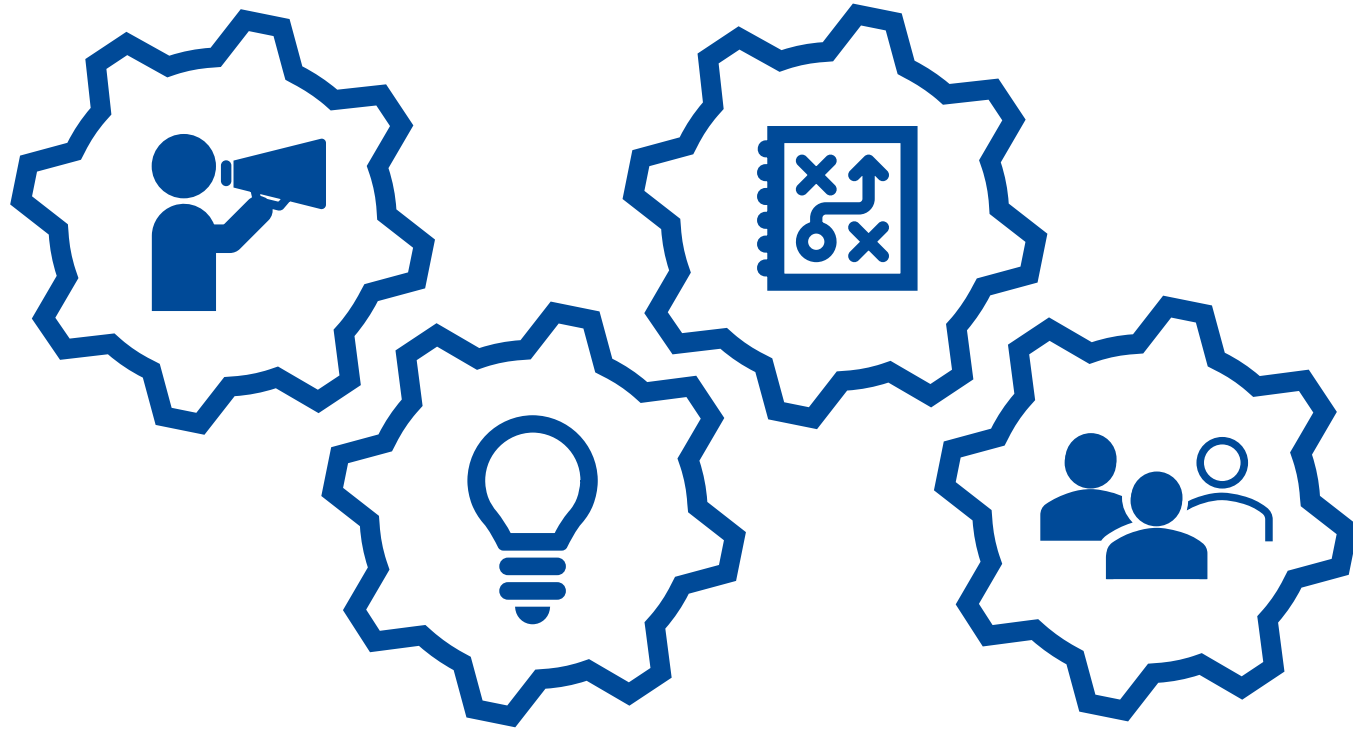
**Add Process for  
Planting City Trees  
Not Related to  
Removals**

# Complete City Tree Inventory Can Help Manage Trees



# Establish Current Expectations & Plan for the Future

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Clarify Staff  
Responsibilities and  
Authority for  
Implementation

Analyze Staffing Impact  
of Additional  
Responsibilities

# Recommendations

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Implement Permit Process and Replacement Rates



Communicate City Tree Regulation



Develop Processes to Maintain City Tree Inventory



Evaluate Staffing Needs



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