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Palo Alto City Wide Tree Inventory To Begin on Monday, April 5th, 2010

*All City trees will soon be professionally assessed through a
Canopy-facilitated CAL FIRE grant.*

Palo Alto, CA—March 30, 2010—Work will begin on Monday April 5th on the City's new state-of-the-art street and park tree inventory with geo-positioning. This inventory will be integrated into the City's street tree management tool and the City's Geographical Information System (GIS.) The new inventory and its analysis will provide City staff the tools to develop a new street tree management plan to ensure that a healthy, functional, species diverse, multi-aged canopy is in place to benefit the community well into the future. It will also enable more effective monitoring and maintenance of existing trees.

City trees frequently spark community debates about issues ranging from pedestrian safety to street aesthetics. It's a fact that trees in urban environments, living in close proximity to humans, require regular monitoring, care and maintenance. That's a handful when talking about Palo Alto's 36,000 trees, but the benefits of maintaining the urban forest are obvious to most residents.

Palo Alto-based urban forestry organization Canopy played an important role in identifying state urban forestry grants and helping the City apply and obtain them to provide for this project's funding.

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