Update from the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation

UHITS MEETING, MARCH 15, 2022



Today's updates

- Heat response planning
- Hiring process
- ARPA concepts
- Cool Corridors
- Tree challenges

Heat response planning

- City Council Policy Session March 29
- 30+ initiatives with city leadership
- Program planning underway
- New and enhanced partnerships



Hiring process

 Final stages of hiring process for Urban Tree Program Manager

Built Environment Specialist interviews in progress



American Rescue Plan Act & OHRM

- City Council Policy Session April 12
- Continued positive discussion w/ Council and staff (Sustainability, Neighborhood Services, Public Transit)
- \$11M home weatherization (incl. mobile homes)
- \$7.5M residential tree equity accelerator
- \$3M trees for schools
- \$3M shade structures in public ROW

Residential Tree Equity Accelerator

- Increase tree canopy in low tree equity neighborhoods from 3.5% to 10.5%
 - 200 homes in each of 25 neighborhoods
 - 4 trees per home 20,000 trees total
 - 100 paid citizen foresters
- NASA DEVELOP team creating decision support tool (April agenda?)



Cool Corridors

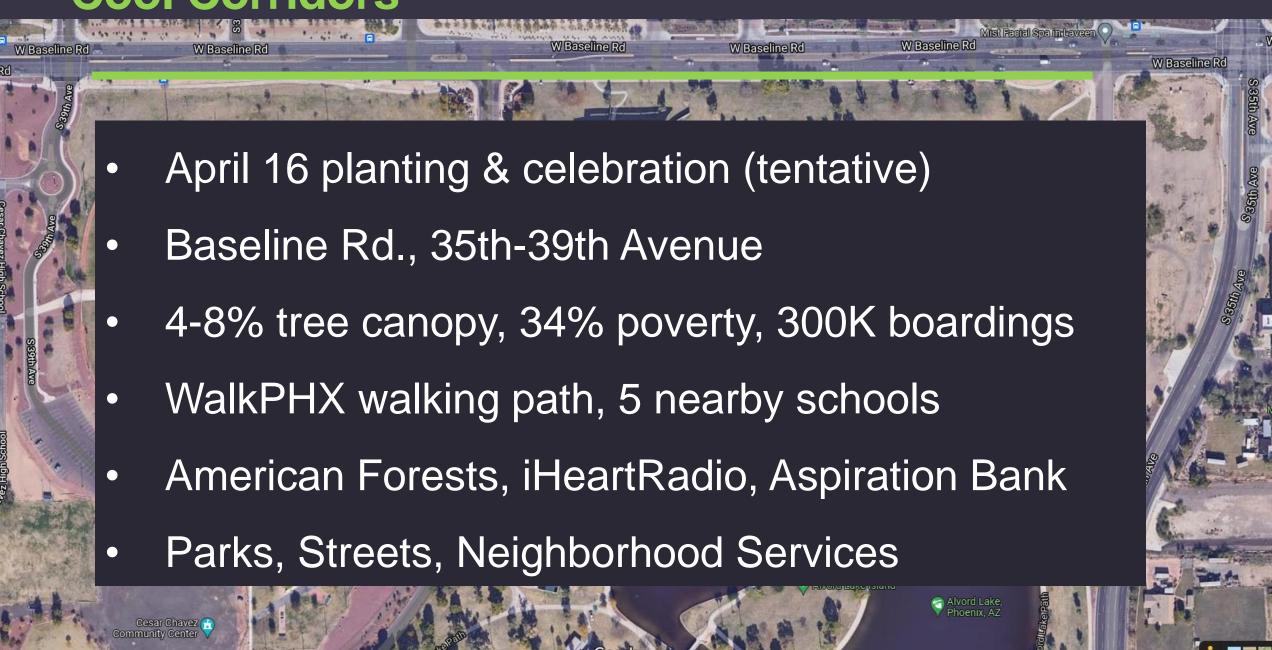
Most Council offices have made Y1 selections

Good alignment with UHITS April 2021 memo

- Tree planting is underway! Baseline Rd. 1st Dr 3rd Ave, N Side
- Community engagement for Y2 selections

Collaboration with Office of Arts & Culture

Cool Corridors





Tree challenges presented to OHRM

Apartment complex birds & safety

- Mature shade trees on site
- Significant bird population renders courtyard unusable
- Unsustainable maintenance \$
- Concerns about falling limbs
- Tree & Shade Plan, Climate
 Action Plan, Migratory Bird
 Treaty Act, water conservation

Deteriorating neighborhood trees

- Suffering mature Aleppo pines
- Privately owned street trees
- Neighborhood interest in tree health assessment
- Insufficient funding from residents to move forward



Discussion & Questions

