



GROUNDWORK SOMERVILLE

CHANGING PLACES, CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING SYSTEMS.

GROUNDWORK USA

Groundwork USA is a network across the US that engages communities to improve their environmental, economic, and social conditions, increase the likelihood of upward mobility, and improve health and overall quality of life.

Six main focus areas:

- Equity and Inclusion
- Healthy Communities
- Climate Resilience
- Transforming Brownfields
- Urban Waters
- Youth Development



STAFF ROLES

**Co-Director, Urban
Agriculture Lead**



Leah McCarthy

Manages all operations at South St. Farm and other green spaces stewarded by Groundwork Somerville

**Co-Director, Climate
Resilience Lead**



Kenzie Ballard

Manages community partnerships, outreach, urban forestry initiative, and resident action through Climate Safe Neighborhoods

**Co-Director, Youth
Programs Lead**



Em Plotkin

Manages our youth workforce- the Green Team, Green Team Leaders, and alumni relations



URBAN AGRICULTURE & FOOD JUSTICE

South St. Farm

- Weekly volunteer hours
- Site for Green Team projects
- Community work days



- Produce, flowers, pollinator gardens

- Events and celebrations
- Educational opportunities



Community Garden with SOIA





GREEN TEAM

Spring Green Team

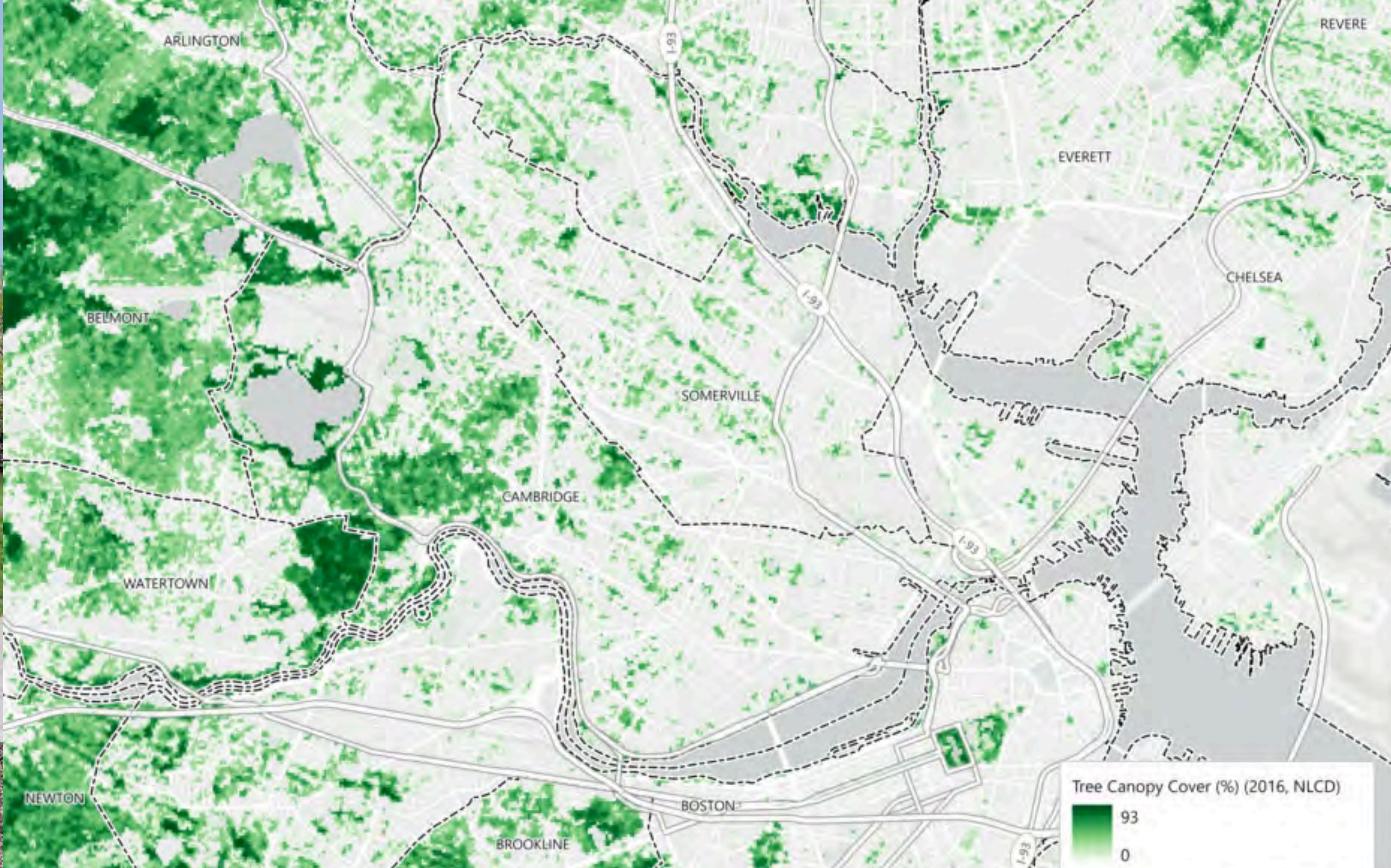


- Green Team, our youth development and employment program
- 8 Spring Green Team Members are starting up the farm and learning about food access, environmental justice, and job skills
- 8 Spring Break Action Crew members planted 23 trees at sites around Somerville and did a day of farm work

Summer Green Team



- 2 cohorts of 6 youth each
- Urban Agriculture cohort on South St. Farm
- Climate Action cohort around Somerville



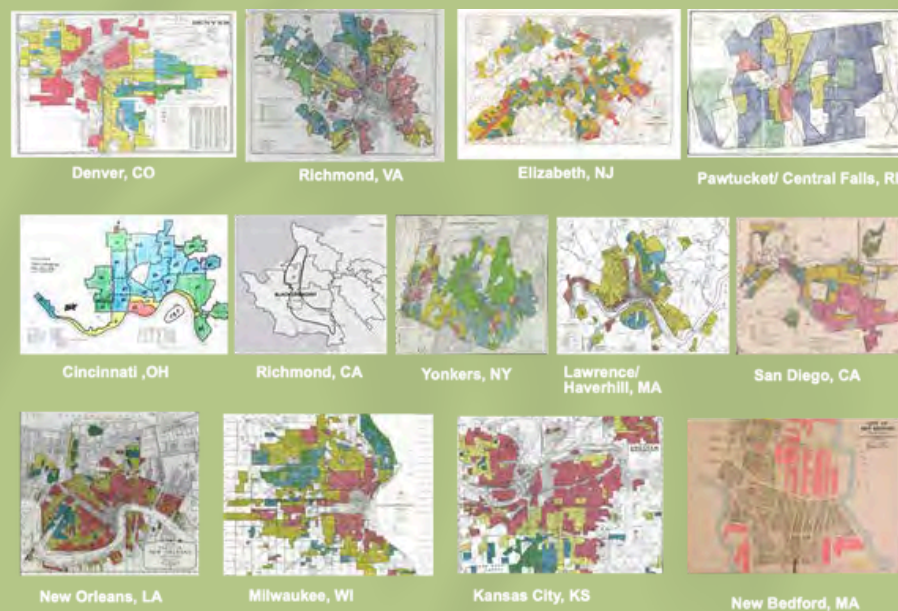
CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Climate Safe Neighborhoods



Building relationships, coalitions, local organizing power

Community Science



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CLIMATE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

What does housing discrimination have to do with climate change? Click the images below to learn how Groundwork communities are using maps and data to build resilience to extreme heat and flooding.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

STREET-ROAD MAP UNION COUNTY NEW JERSEY

Collaboration with other Groundwork Trusts

Urban Forestry

- 31 trees planted April 2026 between Mystic Apartments & East Somerville Community School
- 30 number of volunteers came to plant trees for Earth Day





2026 VISION