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Tree Equity for Climate and Health: State and Local Applications

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The legacy of institutional racism including redlining and other discriminatory policies have paved the way for an urban landscape that is deeply divided. Too often, a map of tree canopy is also a map of income and race, with corresponding public health disparities. To address this critical issue, American Forests partnered with the State of Rhode Island to pilot a suite of tools and resources that seek to maximize urban forests for climate and health outcomes through the lens of Tree Equity. In this webinar, **Molly Henry** and **Chris David** of American Forests share about the Rhode Island project and demonstrate two new tools: 1) *Tree Equity Score [gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]*, which provides a standardized way to measure how well a neighborhood or municipality is delivering the many climate, health, and economic benefits that trees provide, and 2) the Rhode Island *Tree Equity Score Analyzer [gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]* *(TESA)*, an interactive planning tool that supports both policy and project-level interventions to achieve Tree Equity. **Cassie Tharinger** will describe how the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program is applying these new resources, along with a newly available Climate and Health Action Guide, to inform their community-driven planting model and Providence's forthcoming strategic urban forest master plan.

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