

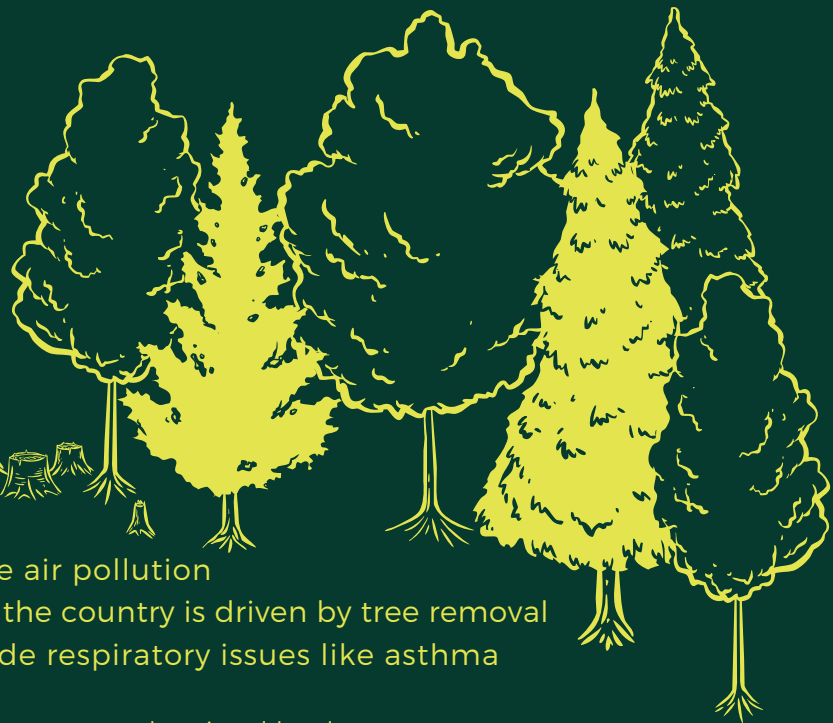
PROTECT OUR PARKS PRESENTS

THE BENEFITS OF AN ALTERNATIVE SITE LOCATION FOR THE OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL CENTER (OPC) OPPORTUNITY AND PROSPERITY

PROTECTING PUBLIC PARKS AND EXPANDING GREEN SPACE PROTECTS PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE POTENTIAL OF LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL HARM.

SAVE 1,000 MATURE, CARBON-SEQUESTERING TREES THAT ARE NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL BUT PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

- According to City Alliance, trees in urban parks remove up to 7,111,000 tons of toxins



- Trees and vegetation in parks help reduce air pollution
- Air pollution in urban communities across the country is driven by tree removal
- The negative effects of air pollution include respiratory issues like asthma and bronchitis
 - The rate of asthma in Chicago children surpasses state and national levels
 - 1-in-8 families has a child that has been diagnosed with asthma

SOURCE: NOWAK & HEISLER, US FOREST SERVICE REPORT, 2010
LURIE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, CHICAGO, 2020

PROTECT MIGRATORY BIRDS



- According to the Audubon Society, more than three-fourths of all bird species seen in our state pass through the Chicago lakefront - this migratory route is also known as the Mississippi Flyway.¹
- What's more, the Chicago lakefront provides the vegetation that provides the birds with the shelter needed along their migratory route.²

1. "Important Bird Areas, Chicago Lakefront," Audubon Society, accessed, December 13, 2021, www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas/chicago-lakefront

2. "Important Bird Areas."



FRESH WATER

Green spaces filter rain, reduce water pollution, protect drinking water, and decrease waterborne illness rates.



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