



Neighborhood Tree Planting

Parks

Tree Count (NYC Parks-owned Trees)



FOREST
4.9 million
86%



STREET
666,134
81%



PARK
156,625
19%

**Individually
Managed**

822,759
14%

Tree Planting Snapshot

Since 2022, Parks has planted 19,169 trees in Brooklyn

- 16,981 trees on streets
- 2,188 trees in parks
- **1,233 trees in CB 314**

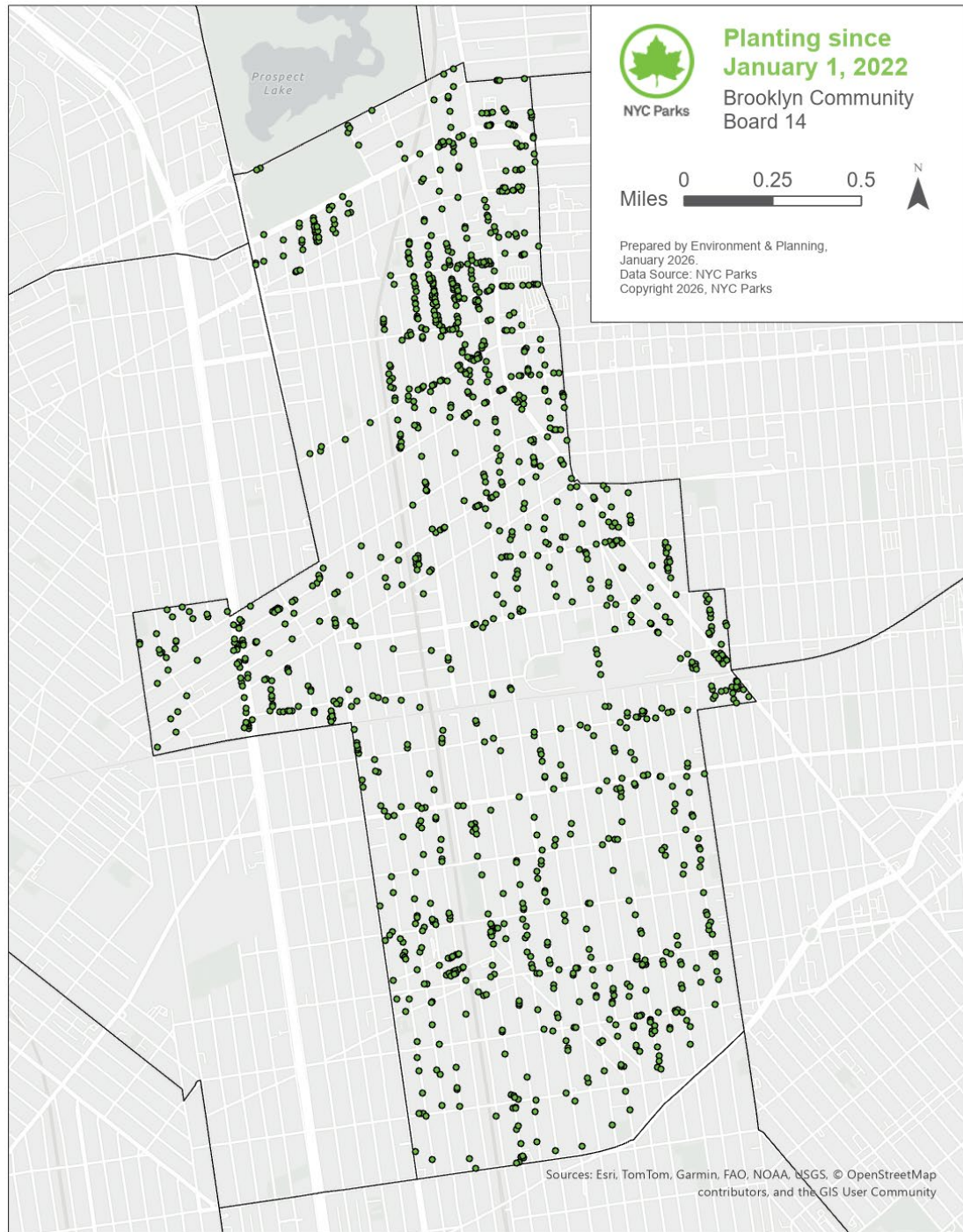


Community Board	Trees Planted
301	1,794
302	553
303	608
304	548
305	1,410
306	726
307	1,104
308	795
309	928
310	1,177
311	1,253
312	1,349
313	811
314	1,233
315	1,383
316	1,224
317	993
318	1,219
Grand Total	19,169

Tree Planting Map – CB 314 since 2022



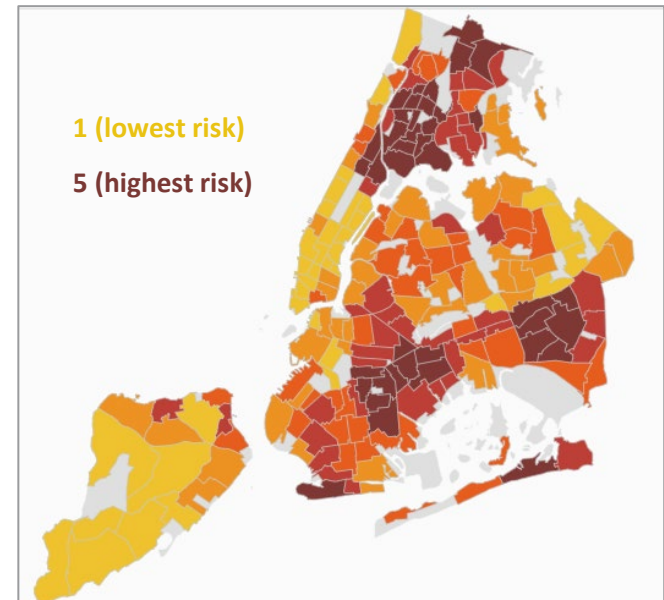
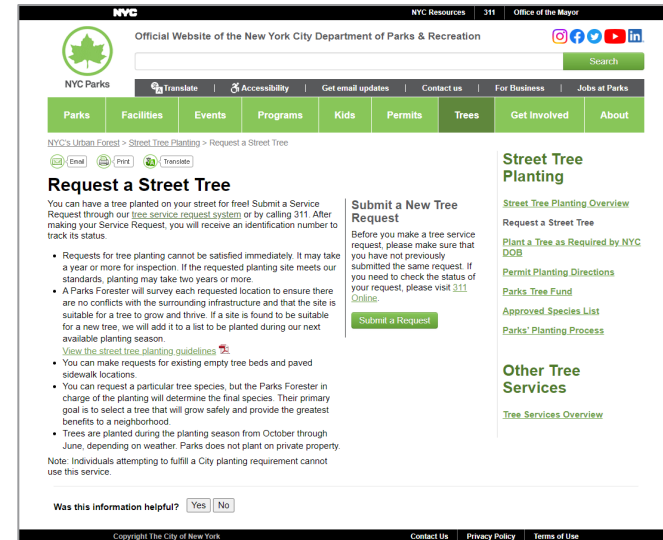
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Past Approach to Street Tree Planting

“Follow” different mandates around the city:

- Public service requests
- Heat Vulnerability Zones
- City Council funding
- Legal Obligations
 - Tree Replacement
 - Tree Fund for Zoning



The Issue

- Our current approach to multiple mandates results in inefficiencies
- Service Request backlog of 42,000+; Wait times average of 3 years
- We are still committed to finishing HVI 4 and 5 by the end of CY 2027 (~30,000 trees)

Bottom Line: We are offering a public service but not delivering on it with any consistency or predictability.



Service Request 22429405		☐ X
Building Number	205	
Street Name	GREENE AVENUE	
Borough	Brooklyn	
Type	Street Tree	
Status	Open	
CreatedDate	11/17/2021, 11:20 AM	
Has Attachments	No	
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New Approach: Neighborhood Tree Planting

- Serve and complete discrete geographic areas to fully plant before moving on to the next area
- Comprehensive neighborhood streetscape improvements
 - Remove trees and stumps and replant where possible
 - Close empty unplantable tree beds
- This approach requires us to discontinue intake of public tree planting service requests; however, all feasible planting opportunities will be filled through this program, while in each neighborhood

Benefits

- Community-focused
- Comprehensive - will reach all neighborhoods
- Efficient
- Anticipated cost-savings

Prioritization Criteria

- Equity/Heat Mitigation – serve highest HVI zones first
- Equality – reach portions of each community board every three years
- Efficiency – accomplish other tree maintenance tasks during same cycle

Neighborhood Tree Planting – Existing Conditions – Previous Approach



Individuals would have requested a new tree through 311 or Parks website.

Neighborhood Tree Planting – Previous Approach Resolution



Neighborhood Tree Planting – New Approach



New approach addresses all new tree planting opportunities block-by-block.

Transition Phase

- From 2024 through 2026
- Use current and in-procurement contracts
- Pilot neighborhood surveying to help estimate future contract needs
- Focus on HVI 4 and 5
- Satisfy all current allocations from Councilmembers
- Minimal tree bed closures
- All current stump and tree removal programs continue

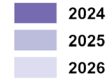


Neighborhood Tree Planting Transition Phase Citywide

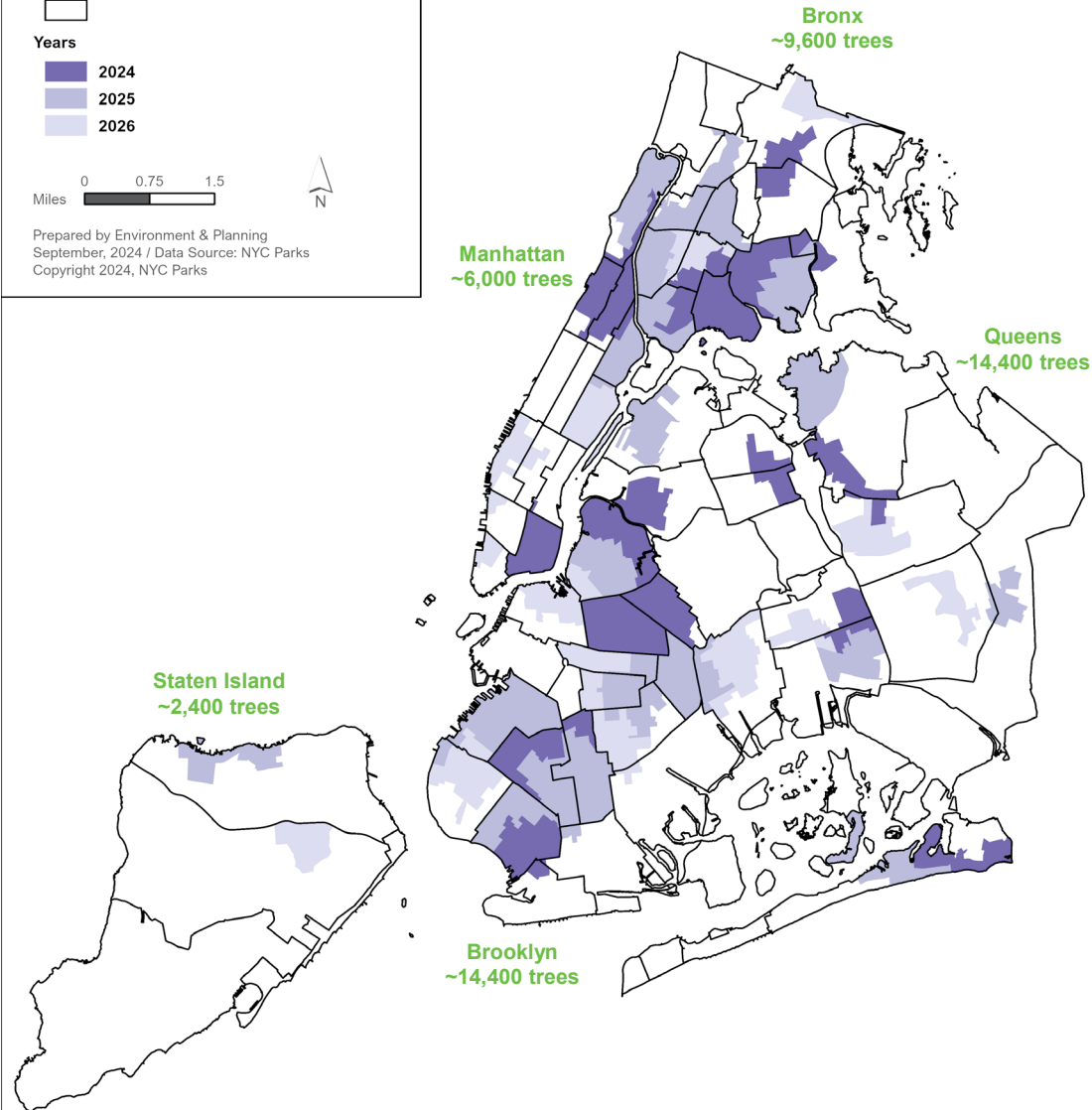
Community Boards



Years



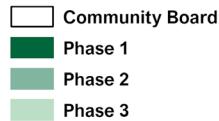
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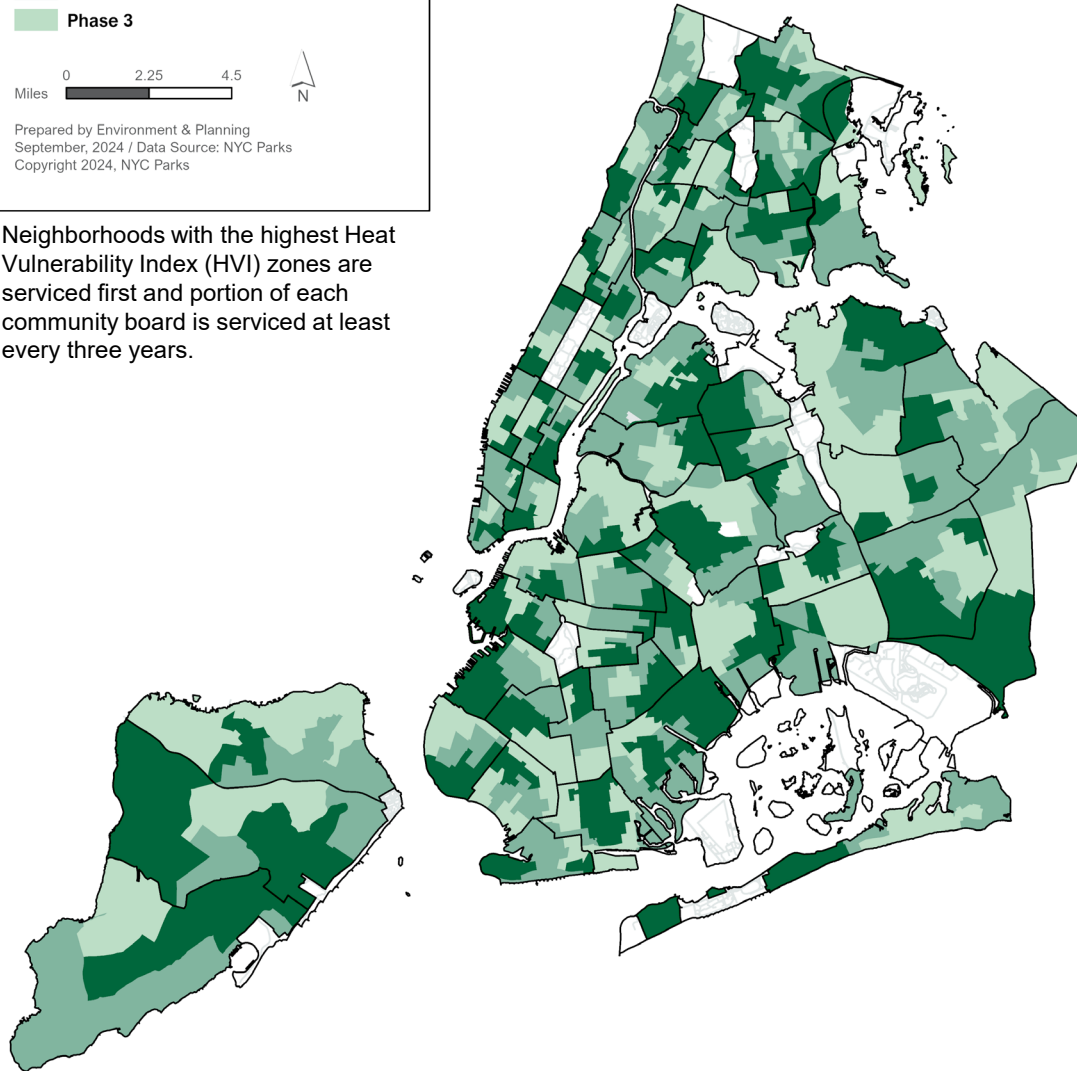
Full Implementation

- Integrate tree bed closures, tree and stump removals and replacements with tree planting
- Serve parts of every community board on a 3-year cycle
- Reach the entire city on a 9-year cycle



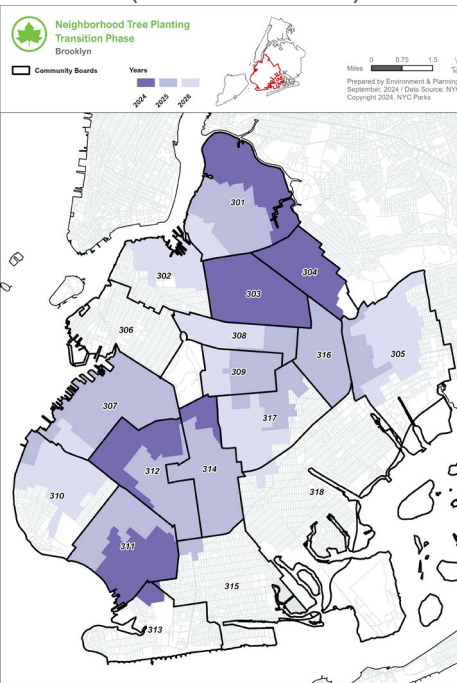
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Neighborhoods with the highest Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI) zones are serviced first and portion of each community board is serviced at least every three years.

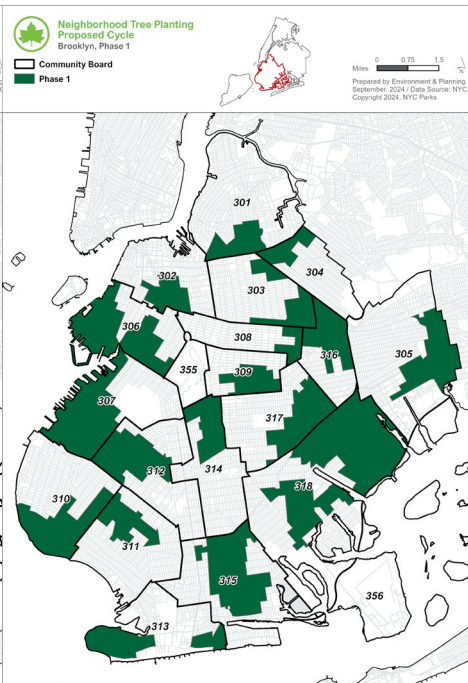


Brooklyn Implementation Goals

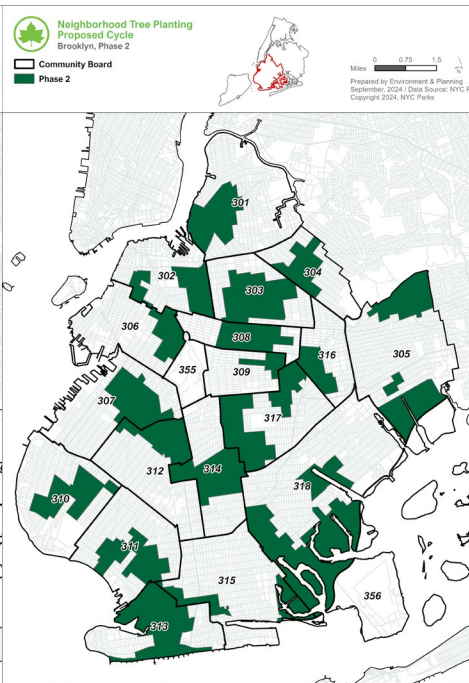
Transition Phase
(Fall 2024-2026)



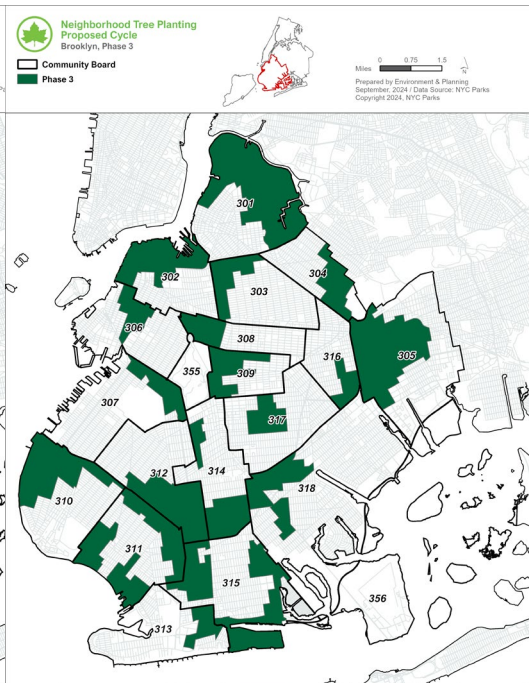
Phase 1
Beg. Spring 2027



Phase 2



Phase 3



Rollout

- ✓ Present new approach to gauge reactions and get feedback
 - Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice
 - Forest for All network
 - NYC Environmental Justice Alliance
 - Parks Committee Chair
 - Borough Presidents
 - Borough Boards (in progress)
- ✓ Distribute press release
- ✓ Update website
- ✓ Cease intake of new requests
- ✓ Begin Transition Phase (Fall 2024 through 2026)
- ✓ Auto-close existing requests (March)
- ❑ Full implementation estimated beginning Spring 2027

Thank you!

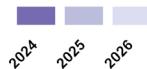
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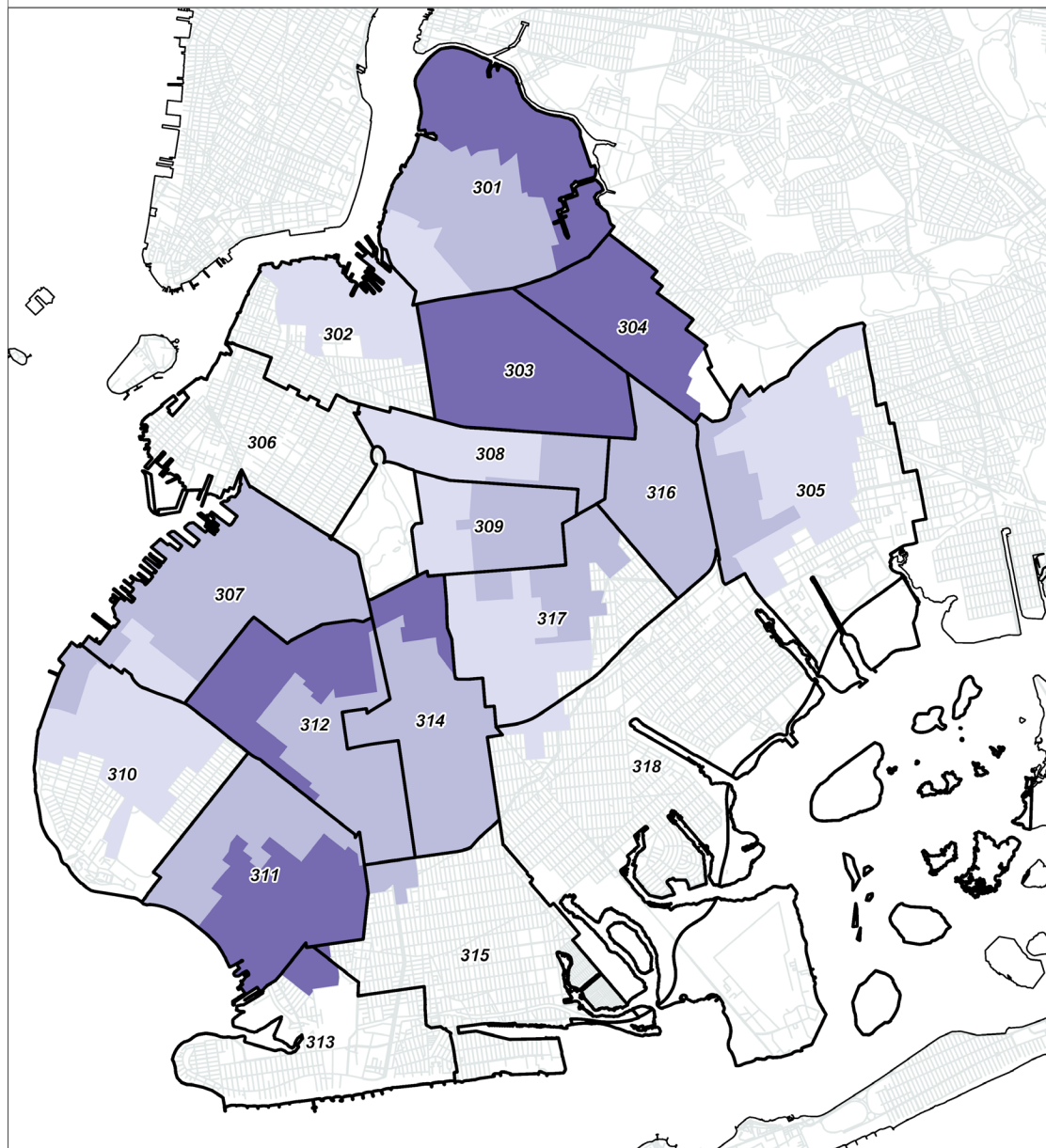
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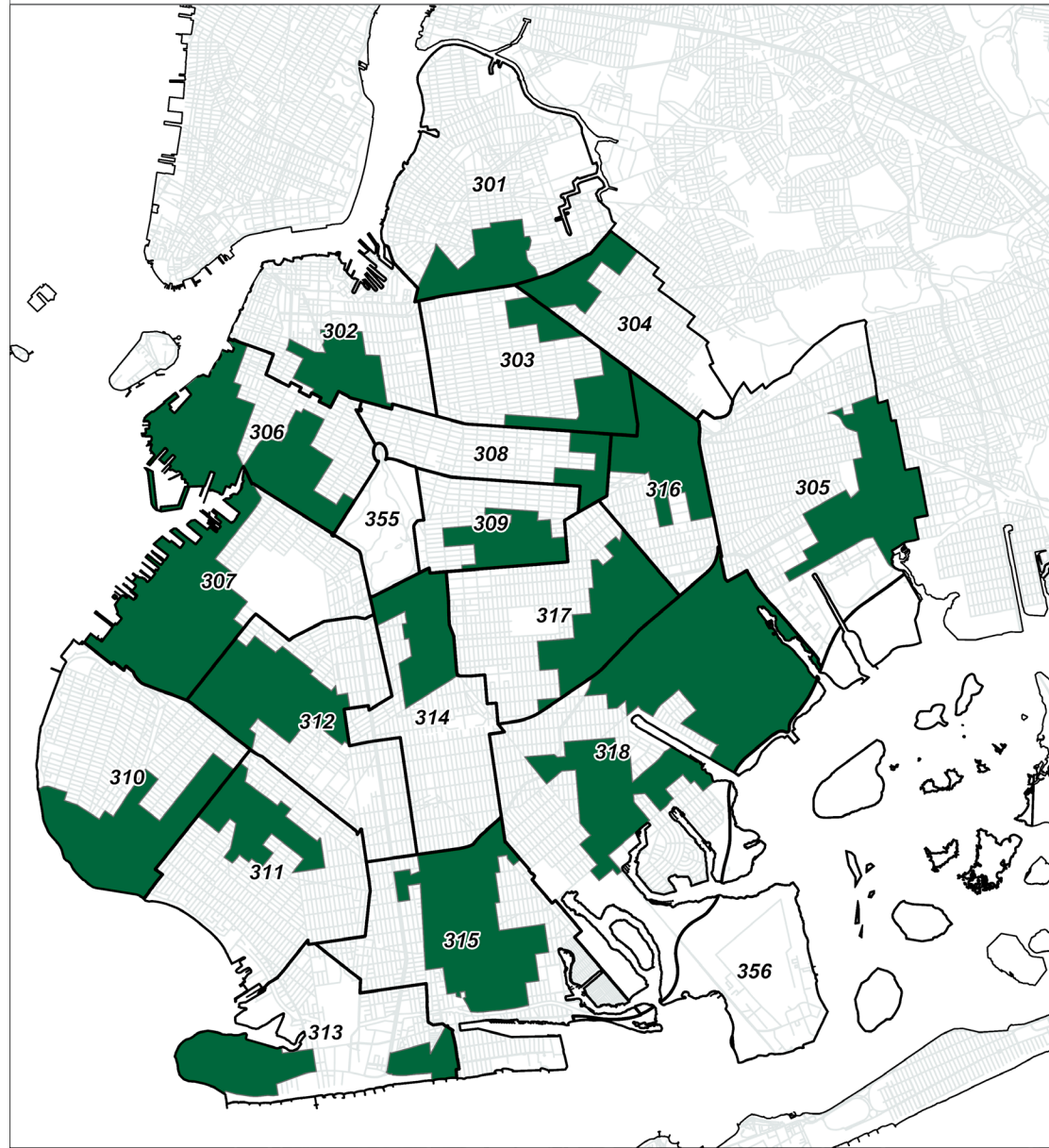
Neighborhood Tree Planting Proposed Cycle

Brooklyn, Phase 1

- Community Board
- Phase 1



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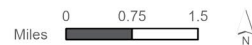


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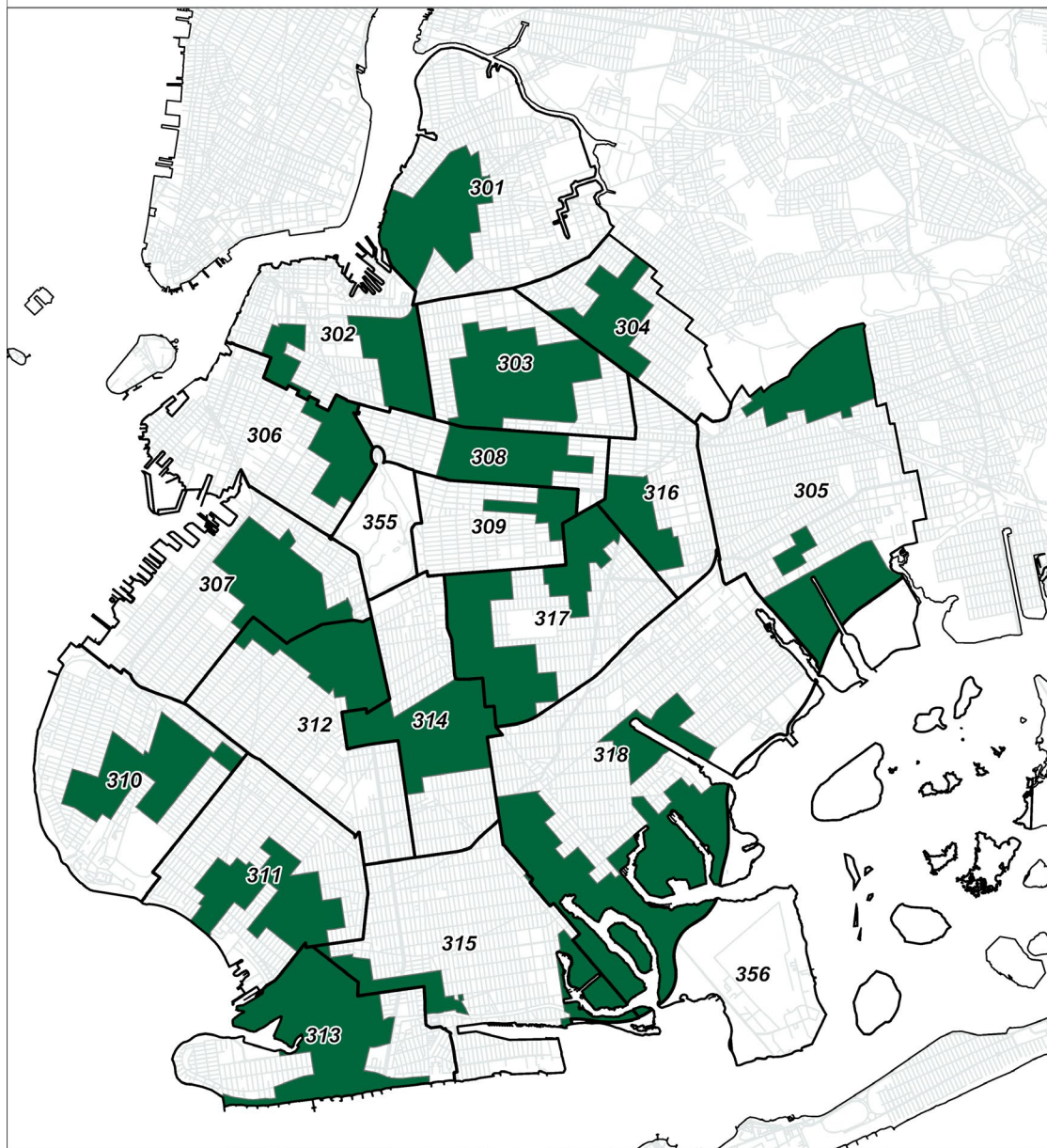


Neighborhood Tree Planting Proposed Cycle Brooklyn, Phase 2

- Community Board
- Phase 2



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Neighborhood Tree Planting Proposed Cycle Brooklyn, Phase 3

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