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The people have spoken in the Syracuse tree canopy restoration process. N-C-C's Fernando Garcia-Franceschini {fran-says-CHEE-nee} tells us what city officials have learned.

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ReLeaf Syracuse is the city's new initiative to develop a plan for the future of the city's trees. Officials are now holding community meetings for people who want to voice their opinions before this plan is set into motion.

City arborist Stephen Harris says most people want more trees because they combat the summer's heat waves. Days like today, where the temperature is 92 degrees but it feels like 100 degrees, are a perfect example.

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<"That's a critical environmental benefit, just keeping it the actual temperature it is on any given day rather than 10 to 15 degrees hotter.">

(Track 2)

Harris says there are still six meetings left and he's hoping for his expectations to be met considering that many people from Syracuse are tree lovers.

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<"Our goal is one thousand digital surveys and public input from our meetings 300 people.">

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Harris says the long term goal is to have five and 20-years plans for how to manage urban forests. Fernando Garcia-Franceschini {fran-says-CHEE-nee}, N-C-C News.