

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMISSION**

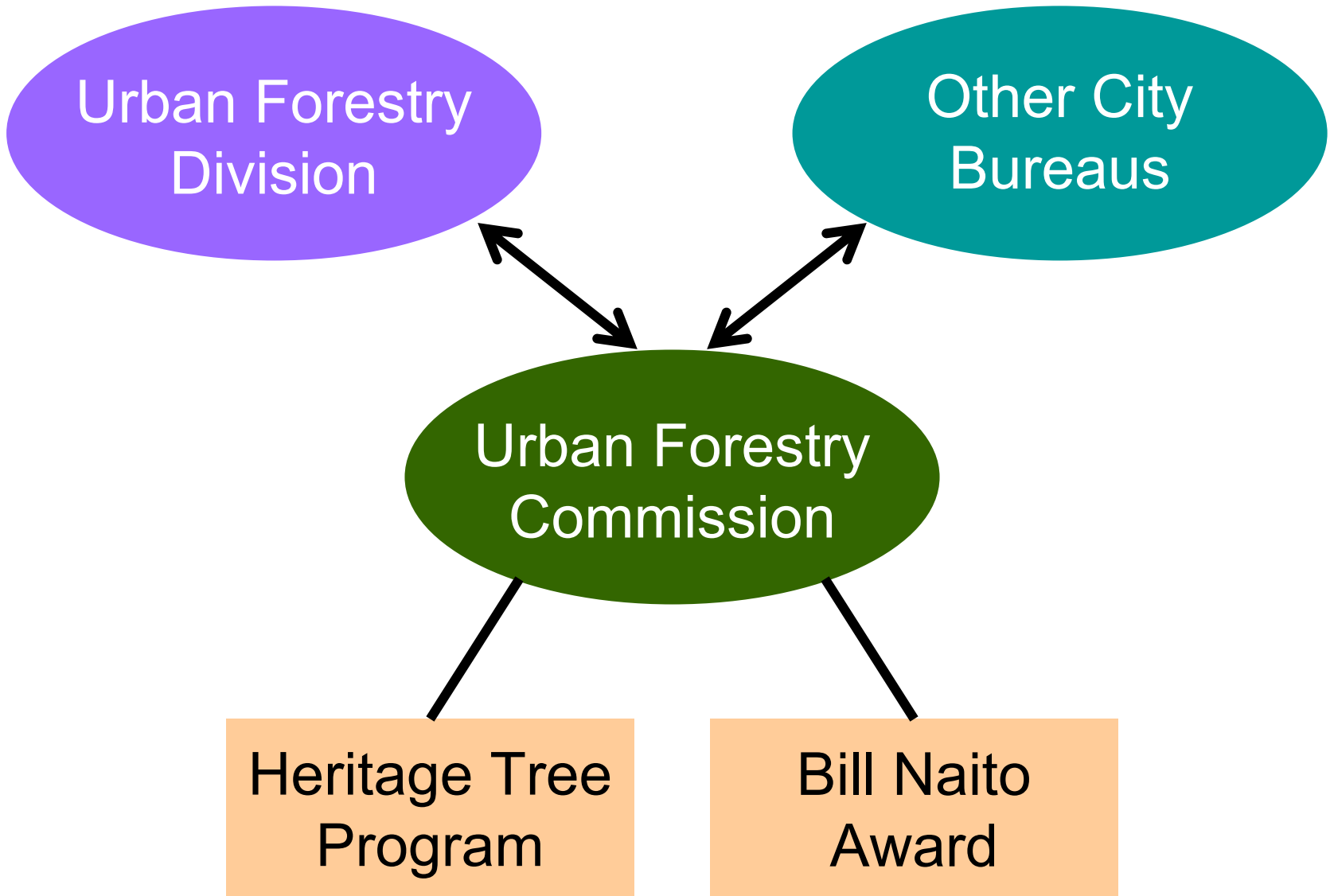
to the

PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

10 March, 2010









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Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland



Exhibit A: Urban Forestry Commission
2009 Annual Report

February 2010

- *Prepared by Urban Forestry Commission*
- *Summary of activities by Commission and collaborating groups*



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Exhibit B: Urban Forest Action Plan
2009 Implementation Update

February 2010

- *Prepared by Urban Forestry Division staff*
- *Focuses on implementation of the Action Plan*

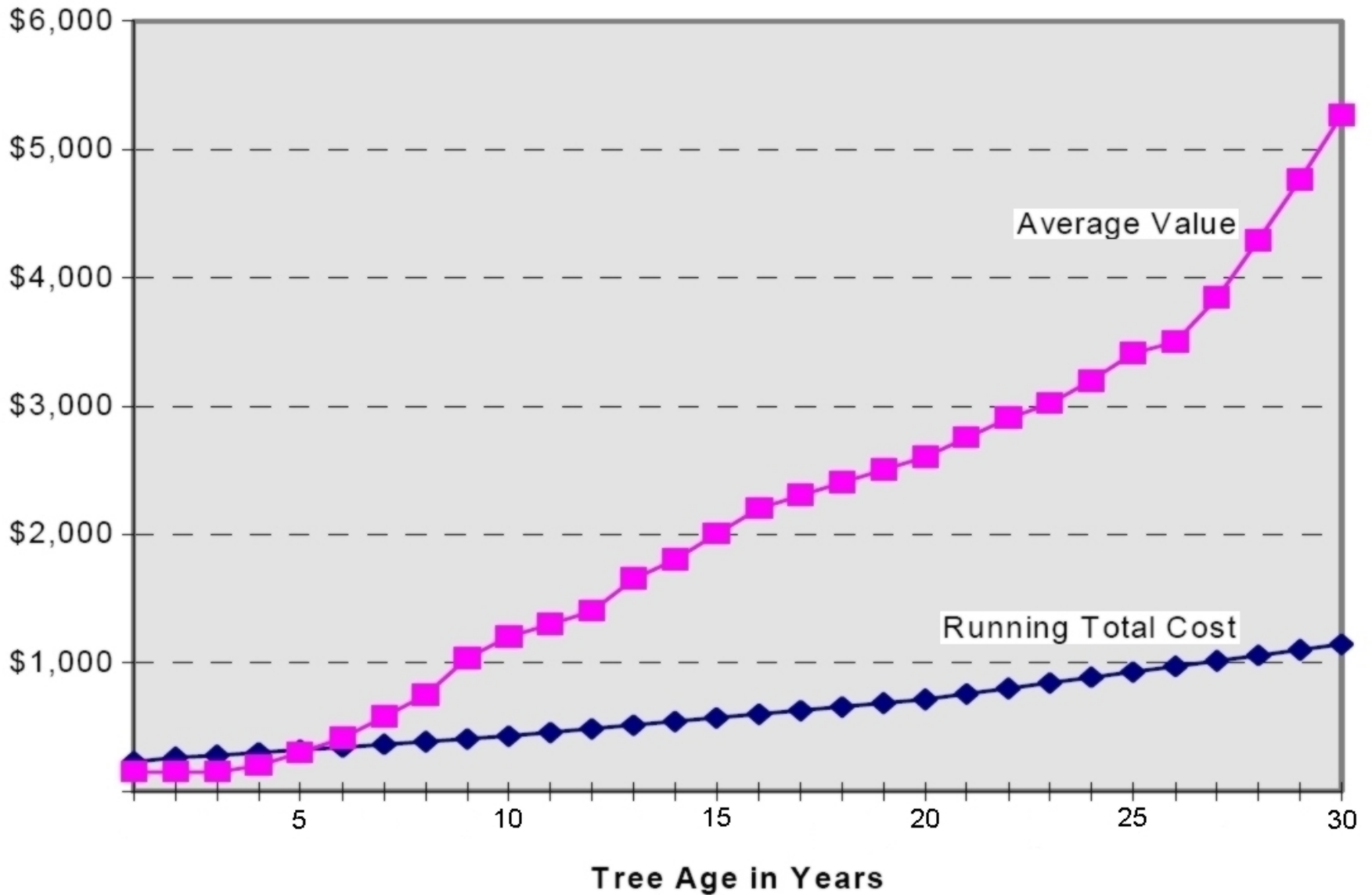
Code Restructuring







Tree Value vs Tree Costs



Dig - It



Selected Neighborhood Tree Steward Activities

- *Identify neighborhood tree needs*
- *Recruit and organize volunteers*
- *Lead in organizing tree plantings*
- *Assist in tree maintenance for the elderly*
- *Organize neighborhood tree walks*
- *Coordinate tree inventories*





City-Wide Tree Project

Draft
Report

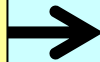


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Joint
Hearing

*Urban Forestry
Commission*



*Planning
Commission*



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Neighborhood Tree Stewards, 2010

- *Will offer another NTS Training in Fall 2010*
- *Hope to broaden the coalition still further (ONI? Bureau of Planning? Metro? Watershed Councils?)*
- *Organize a city-wide **Tree Conference** to exchange ideas and consider Tree Steward needs*
- *Have established a set of new, specialized-topic courses to further train Tree Stewards*

ADVANCED URBAN FORESTRY WORKSHOPS, 2010

January *Prune Like A Pro*

February *Photographing Your Urban Forest*

March *Tree Advocacy*

April *Heritage Trees & Natural Areas*

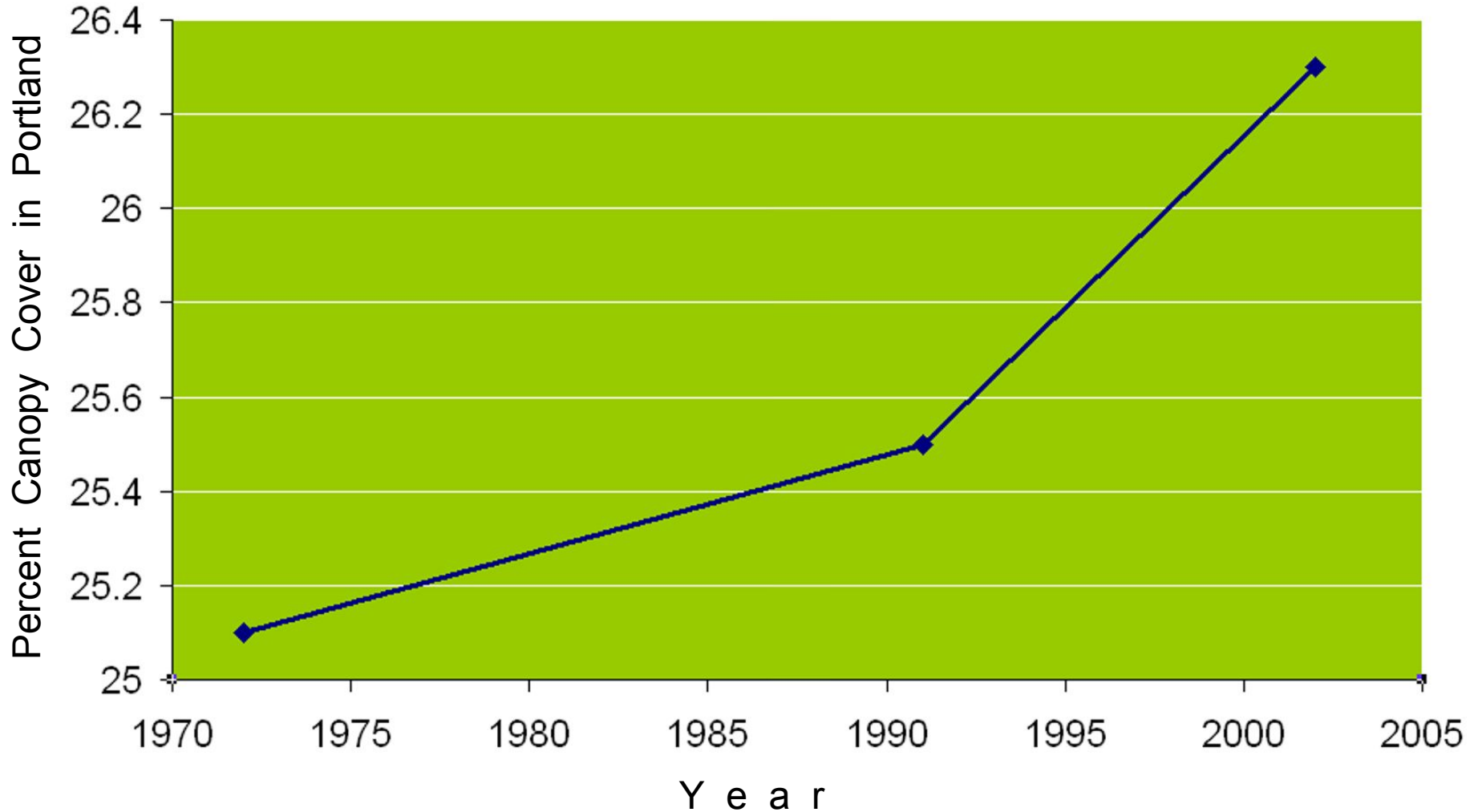
May *Identifying Portland's Street Trees*

June *Conducting a Street Tree Inventory*

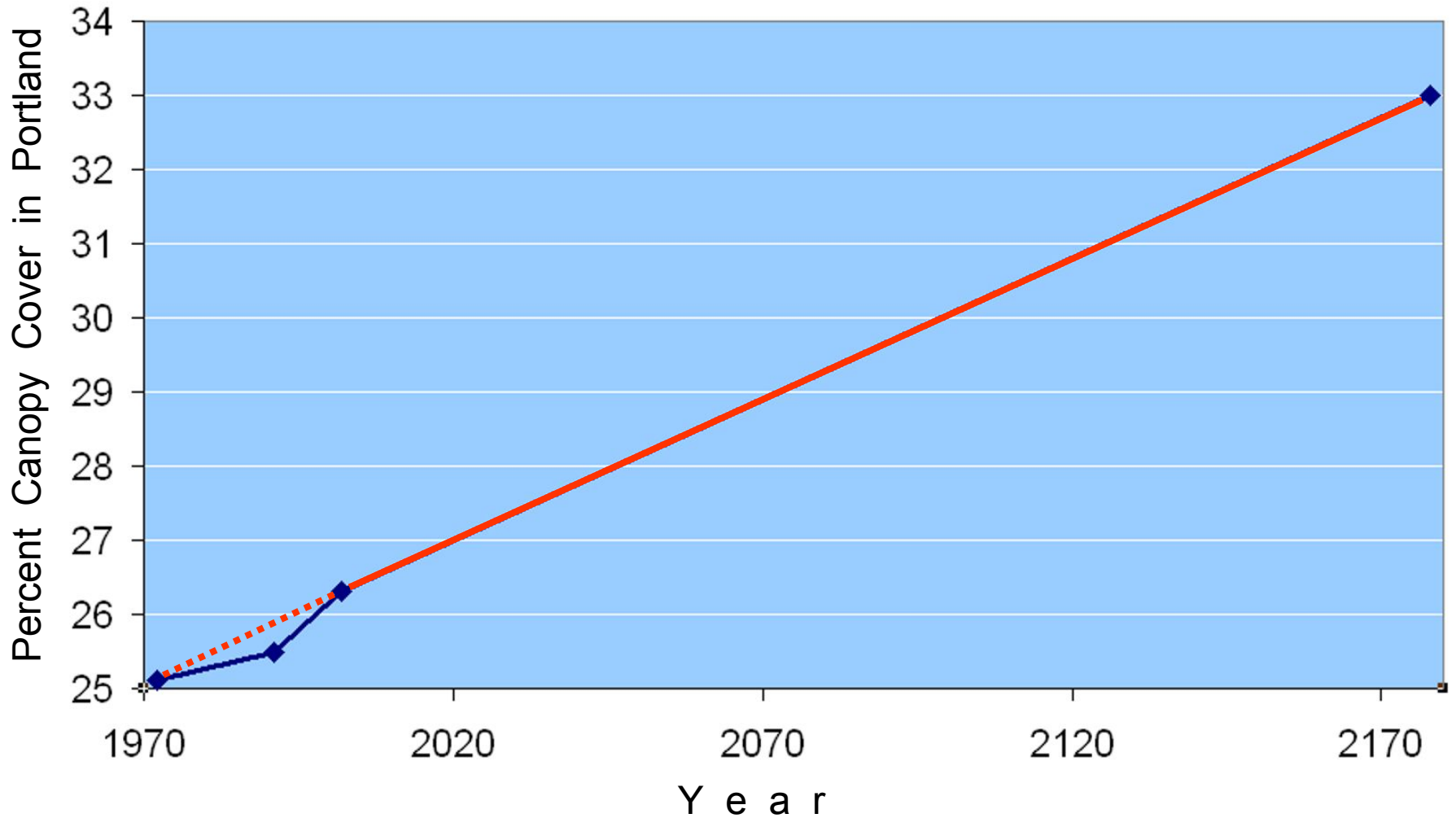
July *Trees of Portland – By Bike!*



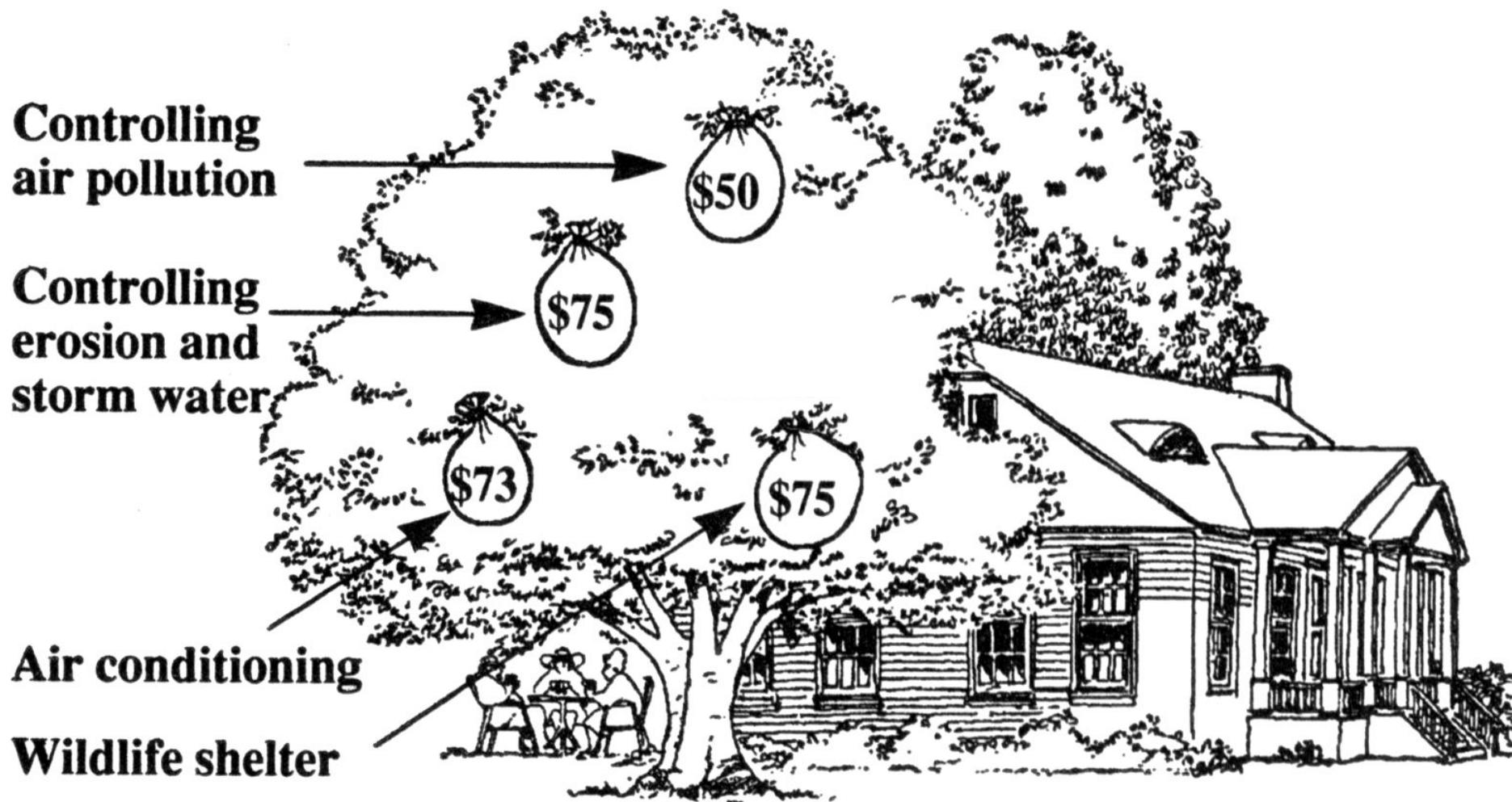
1.2% Canopy Increase, 1972 - 2002



Projecting Increase From the 30-Year Rate



Annual Value of Tree Services





Portland –
City of Small Trees?

Long-Term Issues in Urban Forest Health

- *Canopy cover*
- *Large-growing trees*
- *Natives*
- *Species diversity*
- *Pruning practices*

Wangari Maathai

- *Founder, The Greenbelt Movement, Kenya (tree planting)*
- *Nobel Peace Prize, 2004*
- *First African woman and the first environmentalist to win the prize*





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