

# EXAMINING THE URBAN TREE CANOPY



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View of the tree canopy around the University of St. Thomas  
Photo by Mike Ekern, University of St. Thomas

## OBJECTIVES

- The Metropolitan Council is interested in an exploratory study of the urban tree canopy in the Twin Cities metropolitan region.
- Students will develop a research project about this topic based in their disciplinary interests. Research questions may include assessing gaps in the canopy, developing community engagement initiatives, and examining the relationship between the canopy and socioeconomic factors.
- Students' research will inform the Metropolitan Council's various areas of work related to the urban tree canopy across social and environmental dimensions.
- Students will also create fact sheets based on their research that the Metropolitan Council can share with cities.