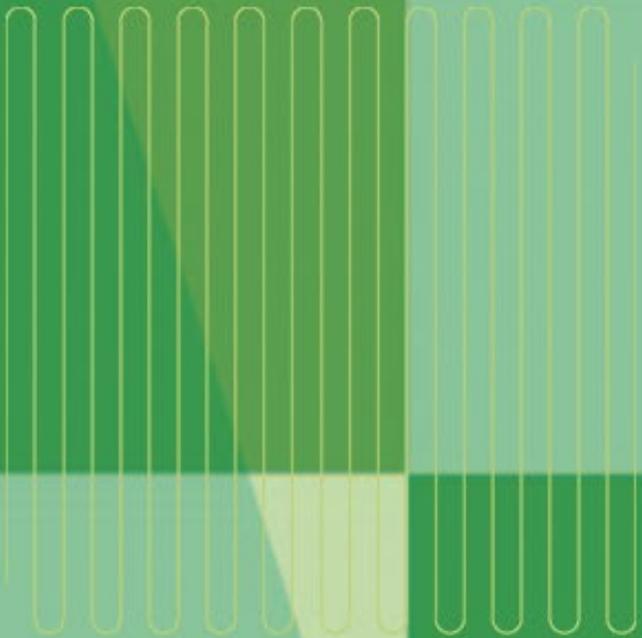


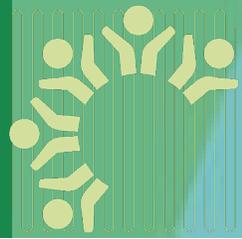
Canopy Connection: Oak Park Neighborhood Registry

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March 18, 2026



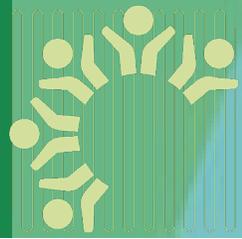
Canopy Connection Overview



- Establishes a voluntary Neighborhood Registry program
 - Implements Board Goal
- Provides tier-based structure and support
- Incorporates feedback from existing neighborhood groups
- Includes scaled grant funding to support growth



Program Evolutions



Existing models

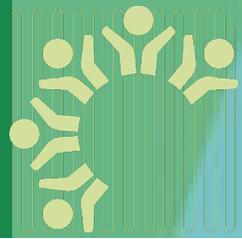
- Reviewed similar programs around the US

Community Engagement

- Consulted 2 existing neighborhood organizations (SEOPCO, CWOPNA)
- Discussed tier structure, leadership capacity, and grant access



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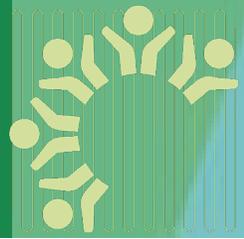
Key Feedback

- Desire for flexibility in tier placement
- Support for early-stage organizational funding
- Interest in facilitated engagement on local issues

Program Adjustments

- Capacity-based tier structure
- Collaborative tier placement model
- Tier 1 grant access added

Three-Tier Model

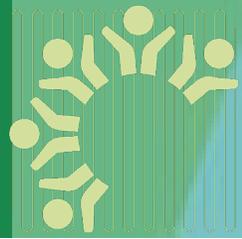


Tier	Organizational Stage	Typical Neighborhood Scope
Tier 1: Acorn	Emerging / Building Structure	10–20 grouped blocks (~120–300 households)
Tier 2: Sapling	Established / Growing Participation	20–30 grouped blocks (~300–450 households)
Tier 3: Mighty Oak	Mature / High Engagement Capacity	30+ grouped blocks (450+ households)

Tier placement determined collaboratively

Size may inform but does not solely determine tier

Tier-Based Support & Funding



Tier 1: Acorn

- Foundational toolkit and key Village contacts
- Annual Village-sponsored mailing
- \$750 Organizational Development Grant

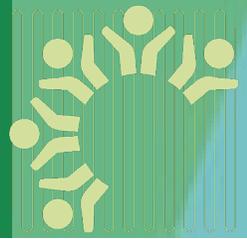
Tier 2: Sapling

- All Tier 1 benefits
- Annual facilitated engagement session
- Marketing & communications consultation
- \$1,500 Activation Grant

Tier 3: Might Oak

- All Tier 1 & 2 benefits
- Up to two facilitated engagement sessions
- Expanded communications support
- \$2,500 Impact Grant

FY2026 Budget Allocation



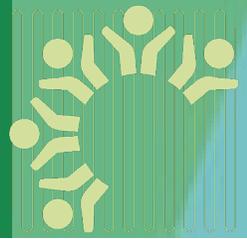
Partnerships Division of Neighborhood Services

- **Neighborhood Grants:** \$25,000
- **Communications & Outreach:** \$3,000
- **Facilitation:** \$1,400
- **Postage:** \$500

Total Program Allocation: \$29,900

Designed as Year 1 pilot structure. Utilization will be evaluated at year-end

Implementation Plan



Year 1 Rollout

- Soft launch with 2 existing neighborhood groups
- Goal to formalize 1–2 additional neighborhoods by EOY

Evaluation

- Track participation and grant utilization
- Assess demand and funding levels
- Report back with recommendations for FY2027



Questions?

