



Healthy Soils for Healthy Communities Initiative Phase Two: Los Angeles Urban Soil Collaborative - Soil Connects Us All

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“Healthy Soils for Healthy Communities” Initiative

Phase One : Needs Assessment

1



Determine the current status of Los Angeles’s urban soil health

2



Identify current and long-term urban soil issues and community needs in Los Angeles

3



Provide a framework to move forward

Needs Assessment

- Residents
- Educators
- Policy-makers
- Soil-related professionals

Online Surveys

Focus Groups

- Technical/policy group
- Residential group
- Community group
- Synthesis group

- Los Angeles Urban Soil Symposium
- Los Angeles Urban Soil Workshop
- NYC Soil Symposium

Events

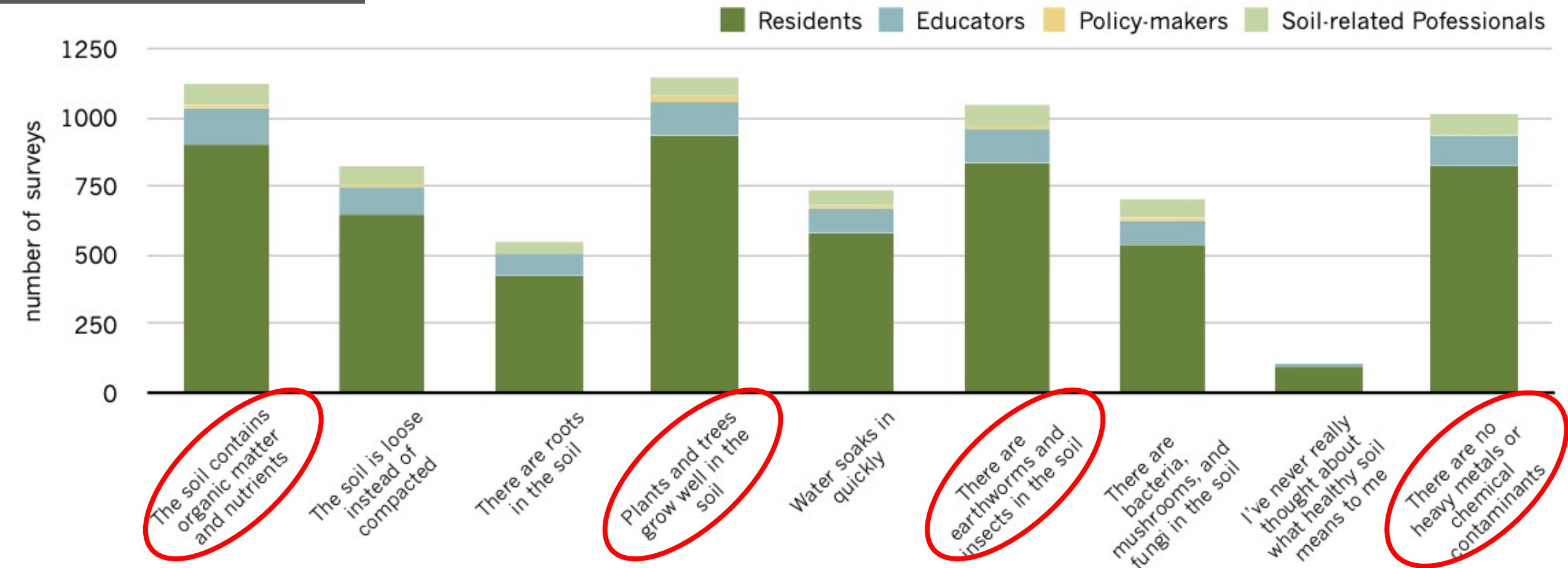


Online Surveys

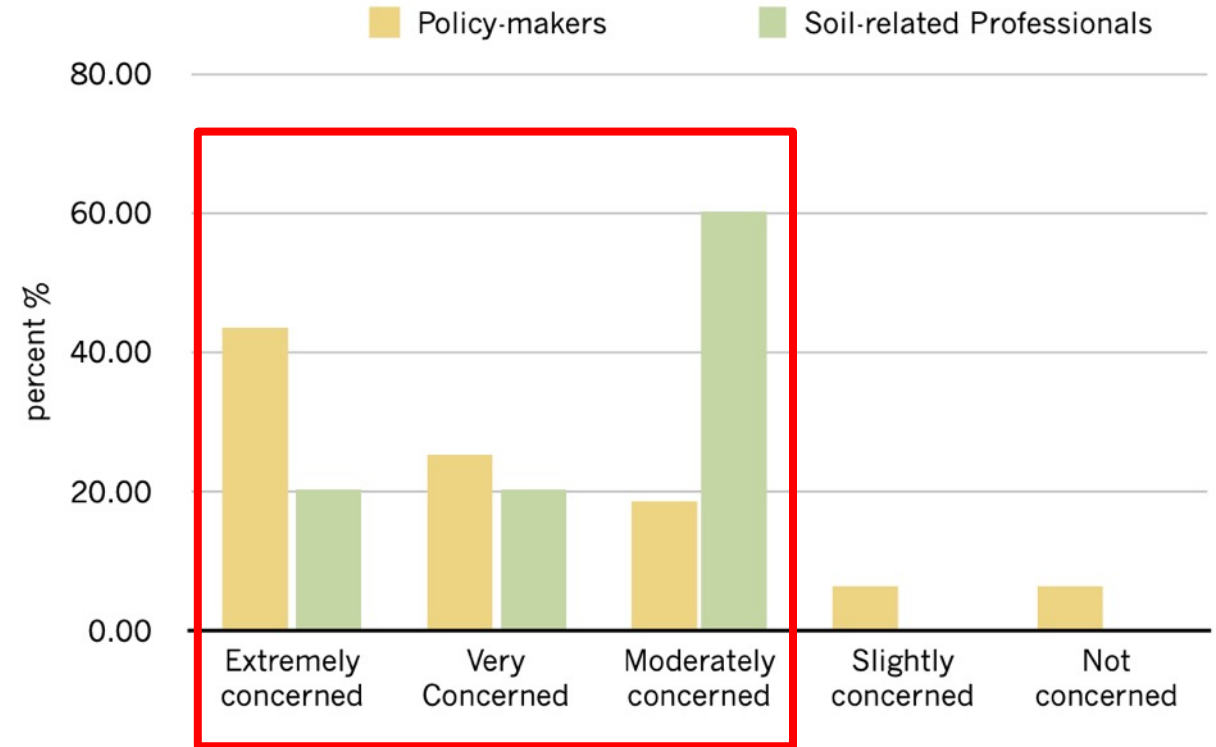
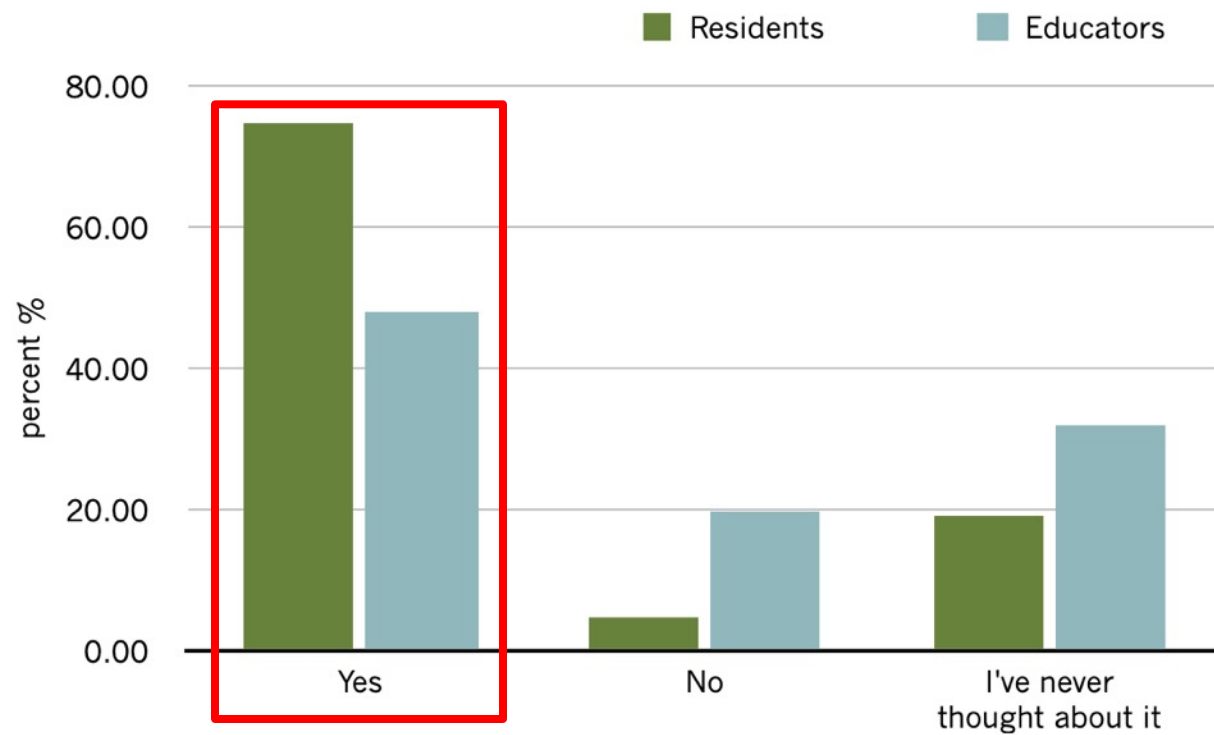
Four Online Surveys
(English+ Spanish): 1,349 in total

- Residents: 1,104
- Educators: 139
- Policy-makers: 19
- Soil-related professionals: 87

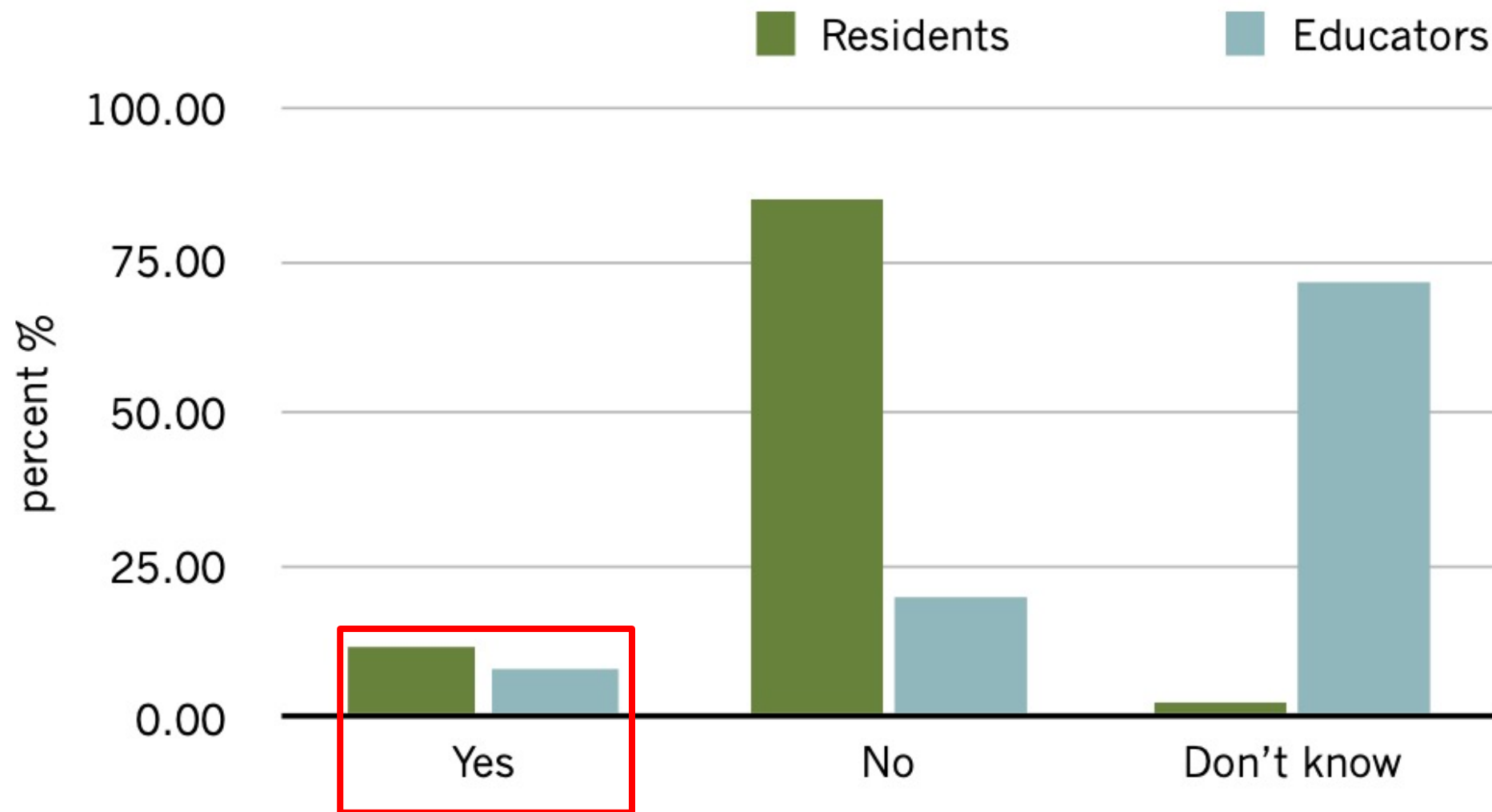
What does healthy soils mean to you?



Are you concerned about soil contamination?

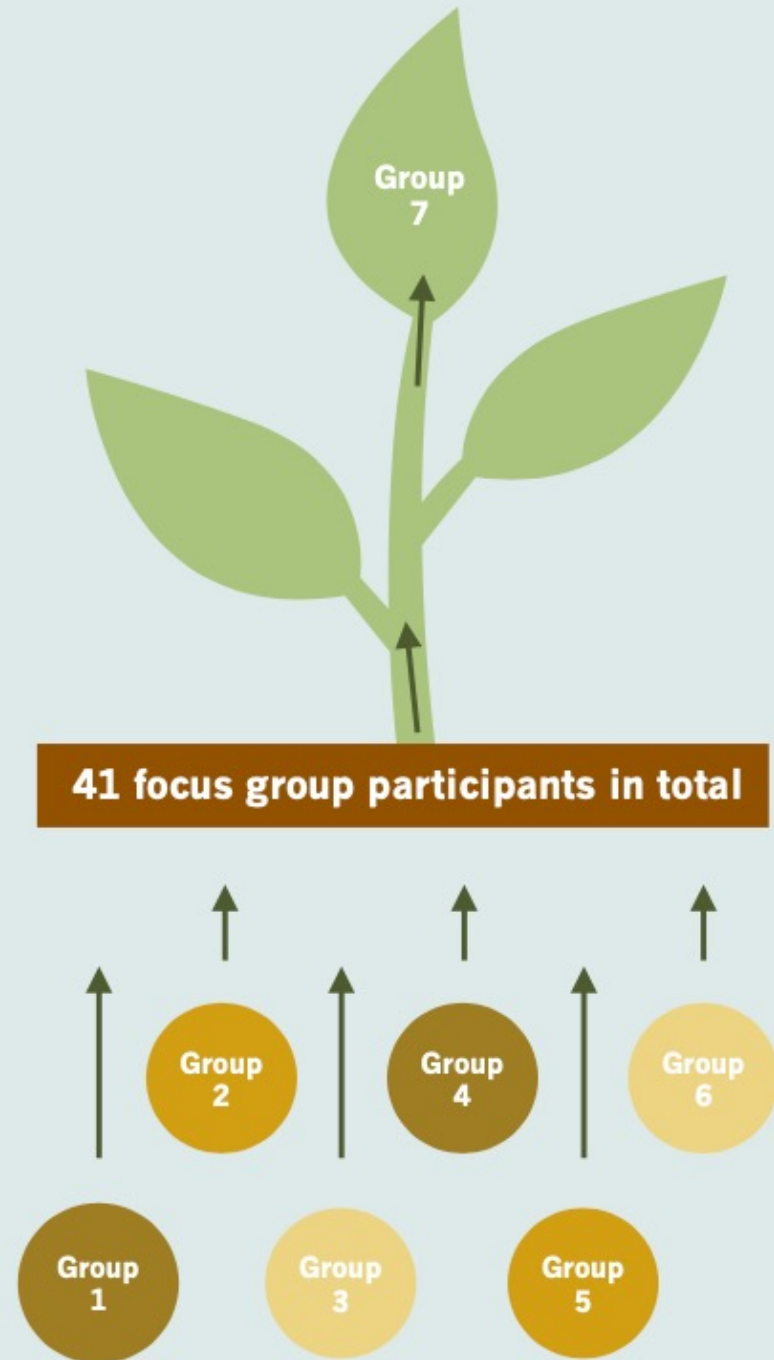


**Have you
ever
tested
your
soils?**



Focus Groups

7 Focus Groups		
Technical and Policy	Groups 1 & 4	●
Landscape, Gardening, and Urban Agriculture	Groups 2 & 5	●
Community and Coalition	Groups 3 & 6	●
Synthesis Group	Group 7	●



And so I just know that while we continue to have these dialogues and meet at the table to talk about policy, we're on our way to making that change.

—Focus Group Participant

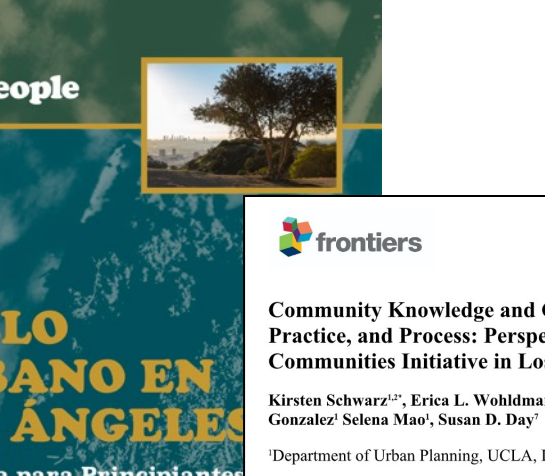
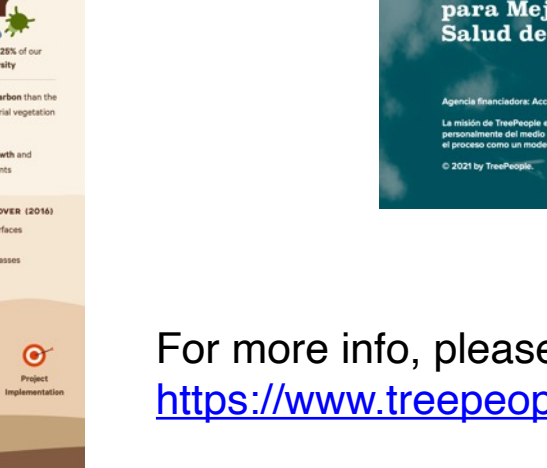
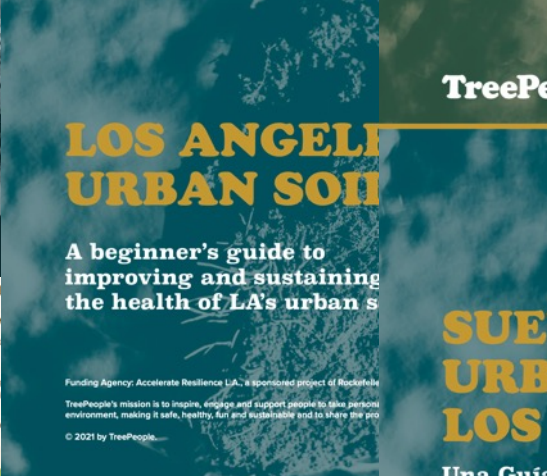
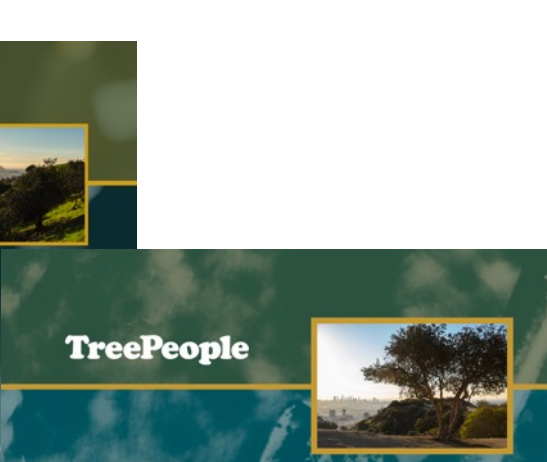
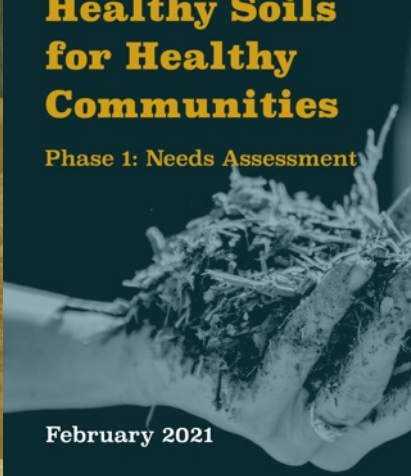
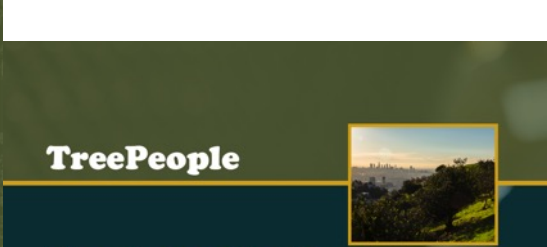
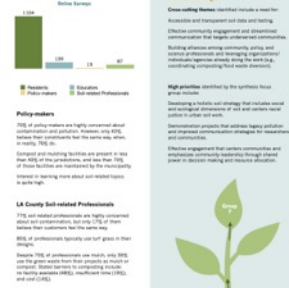
Cross-cutting Themes:

- Accessible and transparent soil data and testing
- Effective community engagement and streamlined communication that targets underserved communities
- Building alliances among community and policy and science professionals and leveraging organizations/individuals/agencies already doing the work



Needs Assessment

- Overall strategy
- Soil testing
- Public education
- Community engagement
- Demonstration projects



Phase One

frontiers

Community Knowledge and Concerns about Urban Soil Science, Practice, and Process: Perspectives from The Healthy Soils for Healthy Communities Initiative in Los Angeles, CA, USA

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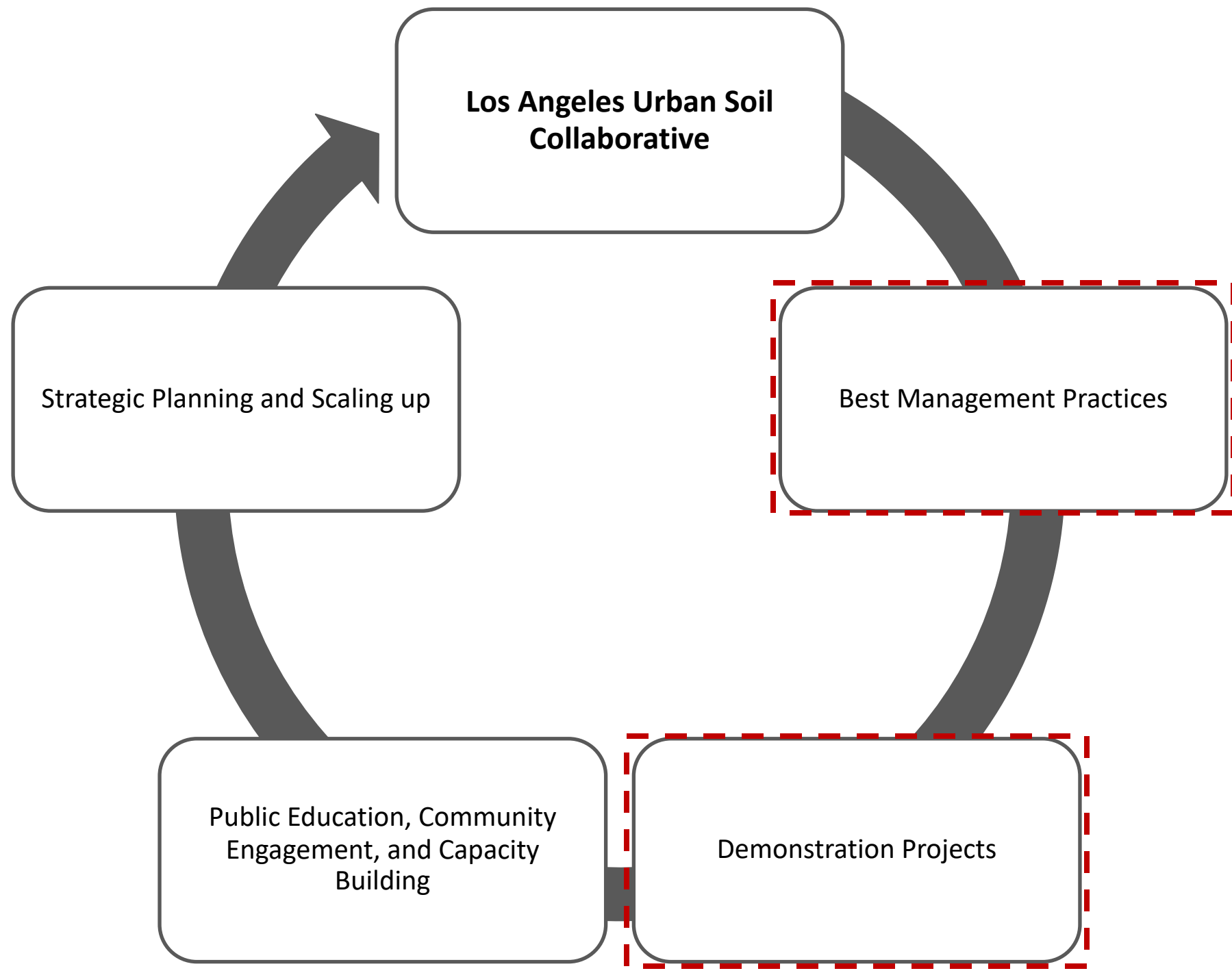
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Urban Carbon Farm



Green-Blue-Brown
Infrastructure



Community-based Soil
Sampling and Testing

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