

The image features a central text overlay on a stylized landscape background. The background consists of a light green sky with white clouds, a dark green silhouette of a forest, and rolling green hills. Two prominent trees with brown trunks and light green, rounded foliage stand on either side of the text. The text is centered and reads:

Nature Collaging: Art with Recycled and Organic Materials

Introductions

- We're going to go around the room and introduce ourselves. Please say your name and where you are from.



Who Are We?

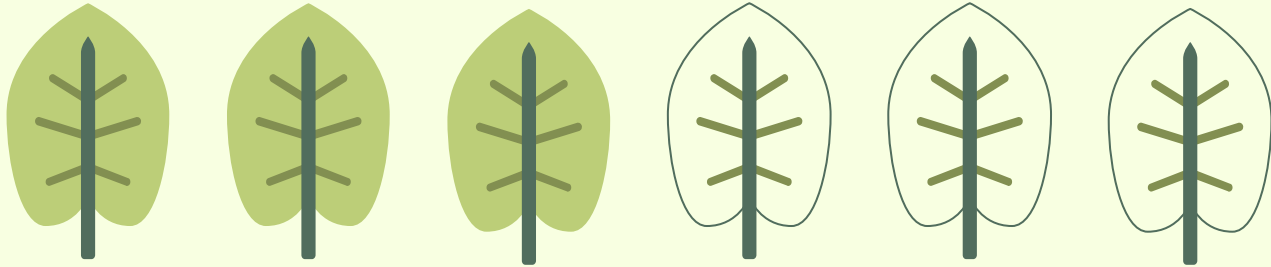
- A non-profit organization dedicated to *tree equity* in Boston
- *Tree equity* = ensuring trees are distributed in a way that provides maximum benefits to residents



SPEAK FOR THE TREES
Boston

Key Terms to Know

- ***Urban Forestry*** = taking care of trees in cities (like Boston!)
- ***Tree Blindness*** = people in cities don't notice trees very often



Benefits of Urban Trees

Research has linked the presence of urban trees to...



PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

including habitat for migrating birds and pollinators



REDUCING OBESITY LEVELS

by increasing physical activity including walking and cycling



REDUCING RATES

of cardiac disease, strokes, and asthma due to improved air quality



MANAGING STORMWATER,
keeping pollutants out of waterways,
and reducing urban flooding



COOLING city streets by 2-4° F,
reducing deaths from heat and
cutting energy use



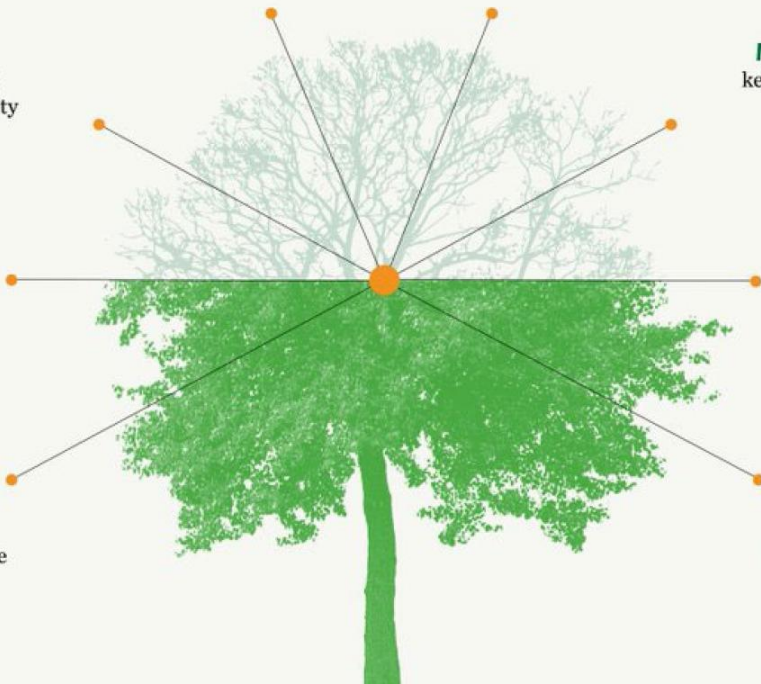
INCREASING
neighborhood property values



FILTERING up to a third of fine
particle pollutants within
300 yards of a tree



REDUCING STRESS by helping
interrupt thought patterns that
lead to anxiety and depression



Activity

Think of the different trees you saw on your way here today. Can you remember them?
What did they look like?

What is a Collage?

A collage is an art technique that uses a mix of different materials to create a new piece.

Example Collages for Inspiration

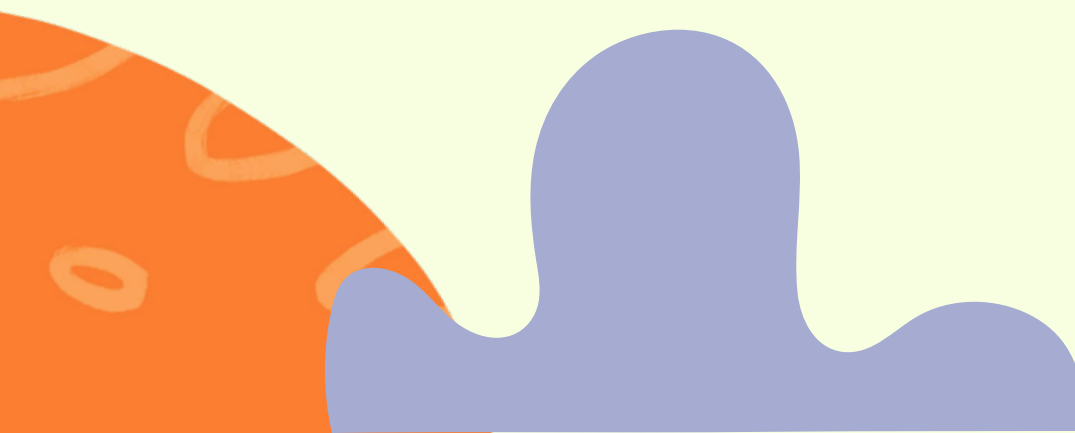




Collage Time!



- Grab a blank sheet of paper, some leaves, and any other materials you'd like to use
- If you brought your own materials, feel free to use them




Clean-Up

- Finish up working on your piece
- Please return all borrowed materials and dispose of trash





Sharing and Discussion

- Share your collage with the group, if you're comfortable 
- How did creating art with leaves make you feel?
- Do you think you'll notice more trees after today?



Thank you for joining us!
**On your way home today, take notice of
the trees you see along the way.**

