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Present-day Vegetation

This map shows the present-day vegetation in an aerial image, indicating where trees, shrubs, and other plants create shade, line streets, buffer edges, and provide other services.

Notice how much the vegetation has been altered since government land office surveyors mapped the historic vegetation. People alter vegetation to produce crops, provide shelter, and for other amenities.

Also notice how the community and its vegetation have changed since the Andreas' Atlas was drawn. Development typically removes vegetation where infrastructure is built, and then re-introduces vegetation for its functional and amenity value.