Take Away’s from Zoom Session with “Plan-It Geo” reps on August 12, 2020.

On call were Tree Commission members and alternates: Ellen Bowden, Larry Helman, Mollie O’Donnell, Celeste Williams, Susan Quintenz, and Grant Archer, City Forester.

1.  We are interested in a Tree Canopy Study not a Tree Assessment Study.

2.  Planit Geo uses the United States Agriculture Department's Maps for its study.  The most recent map of Bexley is from 2019.

3.  Planit Geo suggests that after an initial baseline study, a second study would not be needed for between five to ten years.

4.  Bexley would be able to tailor the study to produce any information we want.  That information could include items such as:

       A.  Assessment of canopy in the riparian corridor

       B.  Socio-Economic- Environmental Benefits that our current Canopy offers/produces

       C.  Assessment of canopy on private properties.  Also the study could separate out the canopy coverage of front and back yards

       D.  Assessment of canopy in different zoning areas

       E.  Assessment of canopy cover in business areas - and I assume parking lots as well.

5.  There is no gold standard for canopy coverage re: percentage.

6.  Information from the study could help drive policy -- ie, all new builds should have a certain amount of shade trees.