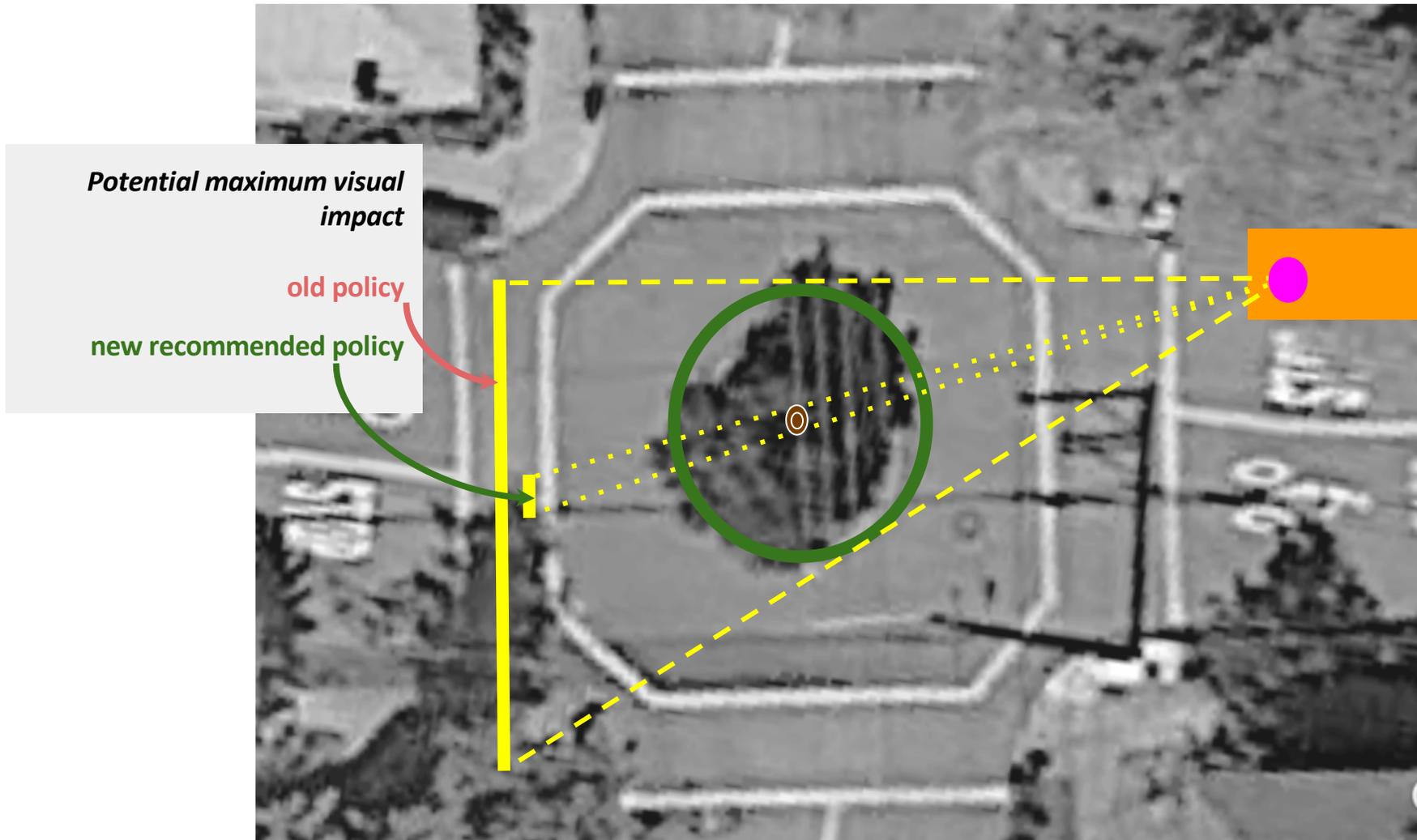


Task Force Policy Recommendations

- Policy founded on safety and visual sightlines
- Low vegetation and horizontal sightline clearance



Task Force Policy Recommendations

Vegetation

- 2.5ft maximum height above traffic circle curb
- No prescribed plant list – performance-based criteria

Trees

- Keep existing and new ones allowed with City Forester approval
- Trees limbed up to 7' within circle
- If trunk >20 inches City implements traffic calming measures

Regular Maintenance

- Volunteers continue to maintain via Adopt-a-Spot
- City maintains orphaned circles

Task Force Policy Aligns with COB Policies & Goals

Plans

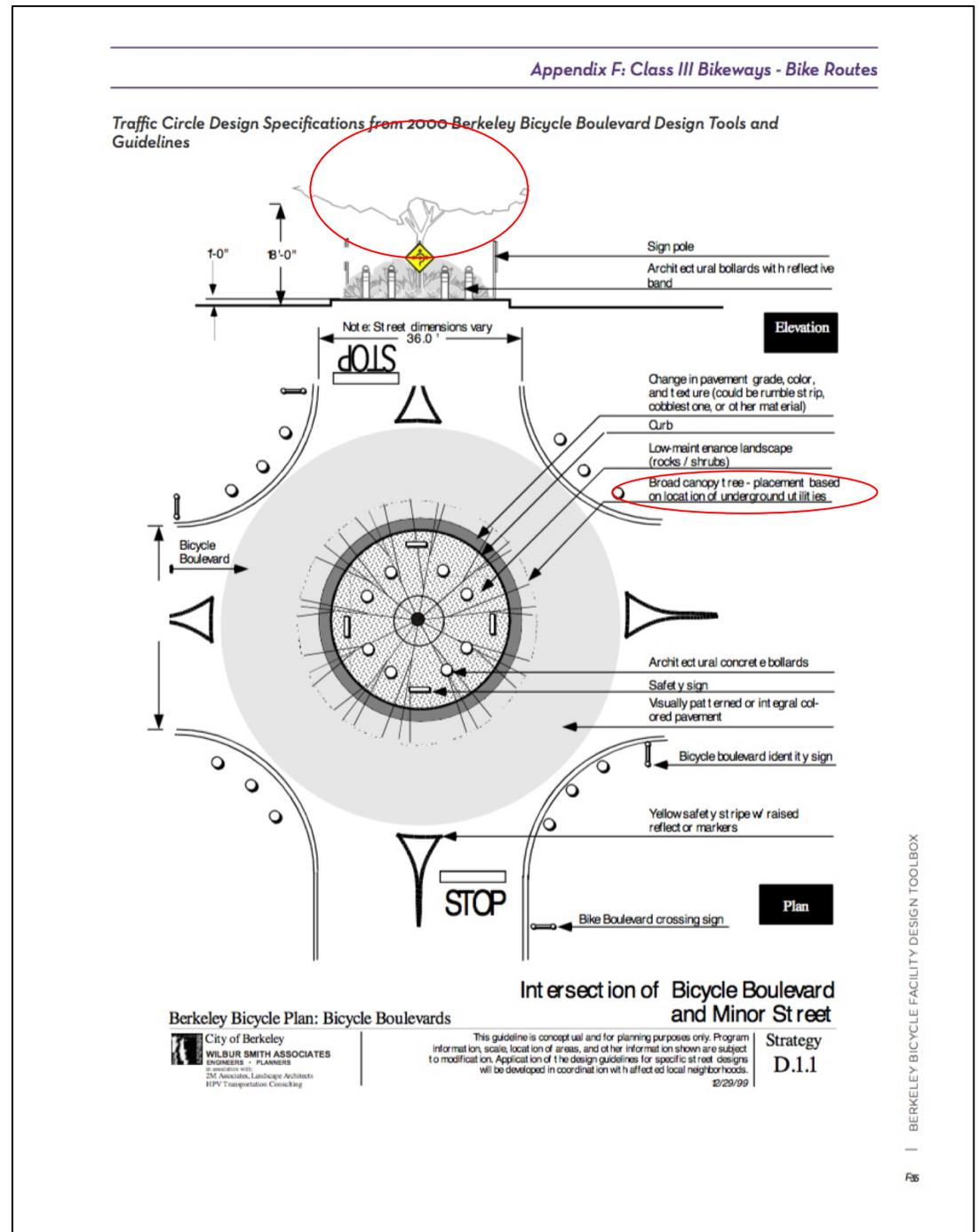
- **General Plan** – *“Encourage use of landscaped traffic circles to calm traffic in residential areas.”*
- **Bicycle Plan** – 42 new traffic circles
- **Pedestrian Master Plan**
- **Climate Action Plan** – carbon capture, urban heat island cooling
- **Vision Zero**

Goals

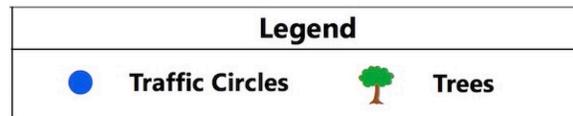
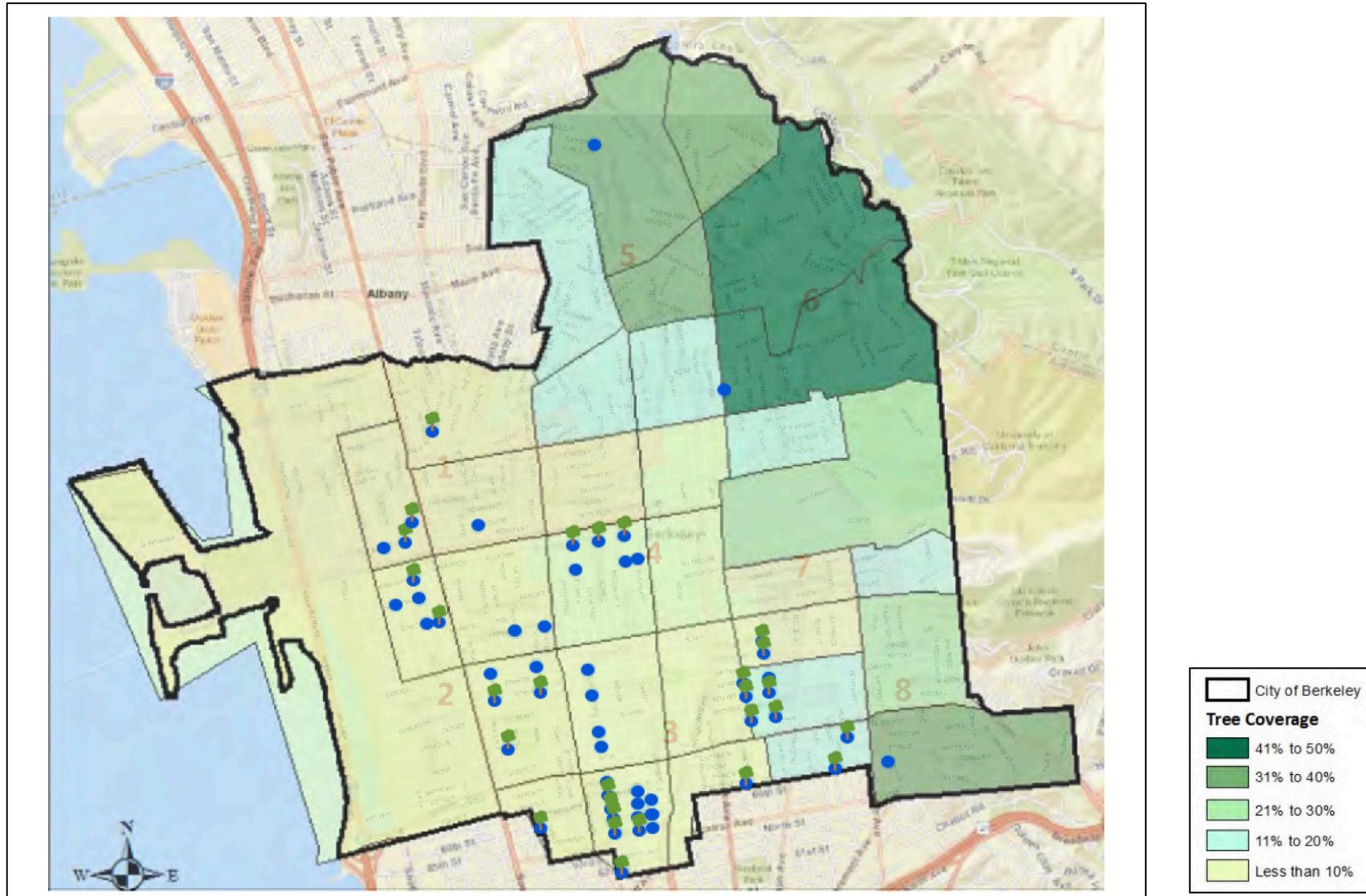
- **Environmental Sustainability** - biodiversity, stormwater capture
- **Social Equity** – green space and trees in underserved neighborhoods
- **Civic Pride** – Community building and resilience

Berkeley Precedent for Trees – Bicycle Plan

- Appendix F
- Tree in Design Specification
- “Broad canopy tree”



Social Equity / Environmental Justice



City Technical Memo vs Task Force Policy

	Staff Recommendation	Task Force Recommendation
Existing Trees	No position taken	Keep trees
New Trees	No new trees in circles	Allowed
Mid-block bulbouts	Only avenue for new trees	"Both/And"
Vegetation height	24 inches	30 inches
Mature tree limb clearance	7 feet	7 feet
Duration of Policy	---	Revisit every 5 years
Volunteer program	Not defined	Robust Adopt-a-Spot

Policy Recommendation Next Steps

- Update 2012 “Traffic Circle-Planting Policy” to reflect Task Force recommendations
- Develop plan to update all traffic circles with standard safety signage and markings
- Communicate new Policy to community volunteers
- City and Task Force host a community traffic circle work day
- City budgets for and implements “Adopt a Spot” program