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Codebook for CityHealth: Greenspace

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Codebook

This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state, county and city laws on greenspace. This dataset includes the 75 largest cities, their respective counties, 32 states and the District of Columbia. This dataset is cross-sectional, capturing currently effective law valid through June 1, 2024.

There are three standard variables in every MonQcle dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION:

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE STATISTICAL DATA PAGE:

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (".") in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefor leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions	
Question 1:	What is the name of the plan?
Question Type:	Text Field
Variable Name 1:	GS_name
Question 2:	Is there a policy or planning goal to urban tree canopy goal to increase tree canopy coverage with a specific measurable goal with timeframe?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	GS_100pa
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.1:	Was this goal adopted by city council, or made formal policy in some other way?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2.1:	GS_100paformal
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.2:	Does the 10 min walk goal prioritize underserved and disinvested (based on racial and/or economic equity, data-driven park need) neighborhoods?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive

Variable Name 2.2:	GS_100paeq
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Is there a policy or planning goal to urban tree canopy goal to increase tree canopy coverage with a specific measurable goal with timeframe?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	GS_tc
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.1:	Was this goal adopted by city council, or made formal policy in some other way?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3.1:	GS_tcformal
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.2:	Does the tree canopy goal prioritize underserved and disinvested (based on racial and/or economic equity, data-driven tree/heat need) neighborhoods?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive

Variable Name 3.2:	GS_tceq
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Is the city's public spending on parks and greenspace is at or above the national median per capita, and the city maintains that level of spending within \$10?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4:	GS_spend
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes