Codebook for CityHealth: Greenspace

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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 September 5, 2025.

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:	**County Assessment**
Question Type:	Text Field
Variable Name 1:	**GS_county**
Question 2:	**Is there a policy or planning goal to achieve 100% park access within a 10-minute walk for all residents by 2040?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	**GS_10park**
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:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2.1:	**GS_10parkformal**
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label	2 = N/A
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:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2.2:	**GS_10parkprior**
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = N/A
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:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3.1:	**GS_tcformal**
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = N/A

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:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3.2:	**GS_tceq**
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = N/A
Question 4:	**2025 Investment number**
Question Type:	Text field
Variable Name 4:	**GS_invest**