

# Leading the Way to Safer Urban Farms

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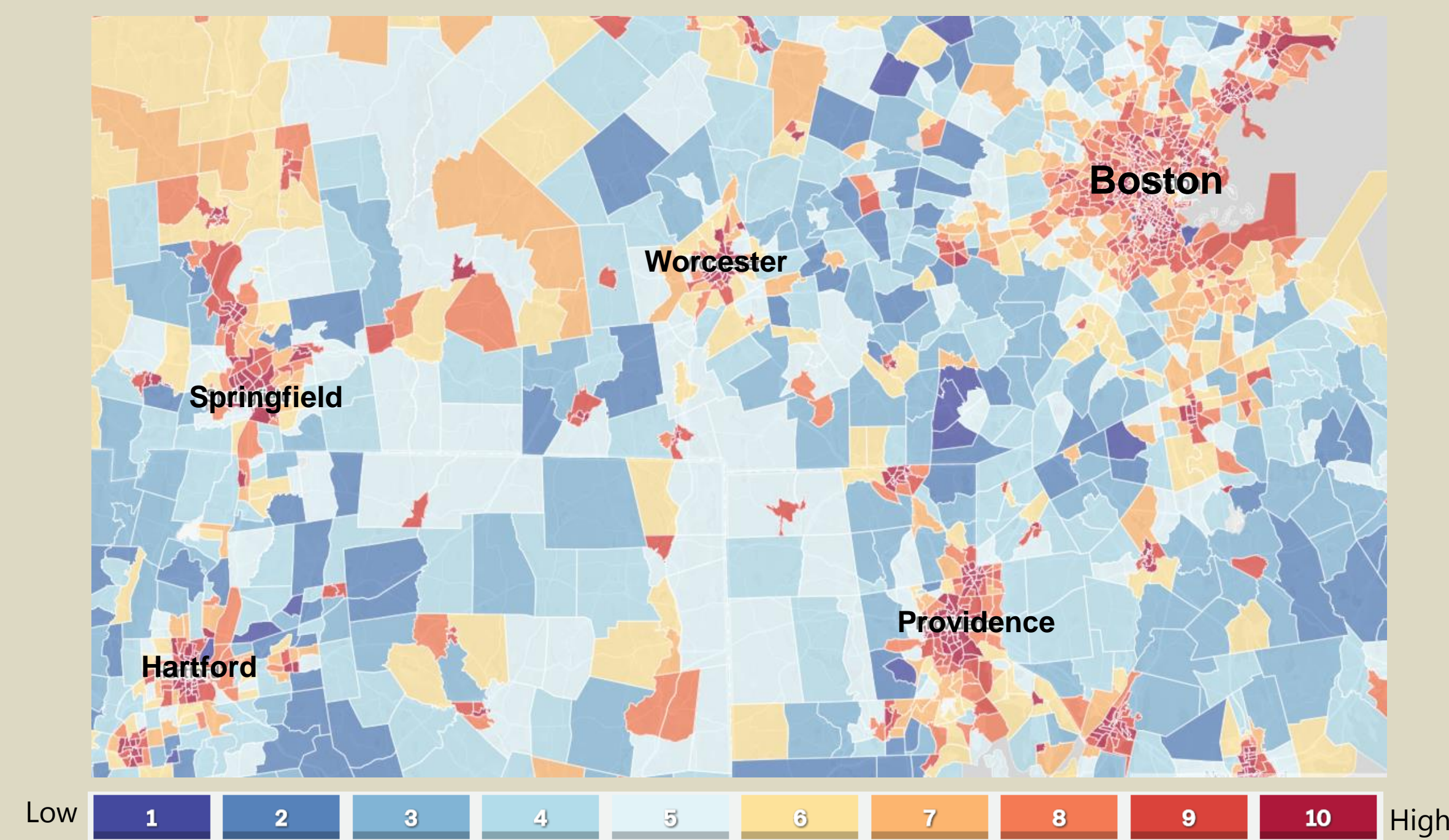
## Project Goal

Our goal is to provide an easily accessible tool for urban farmers to learn about remediating lead contaminated soil.

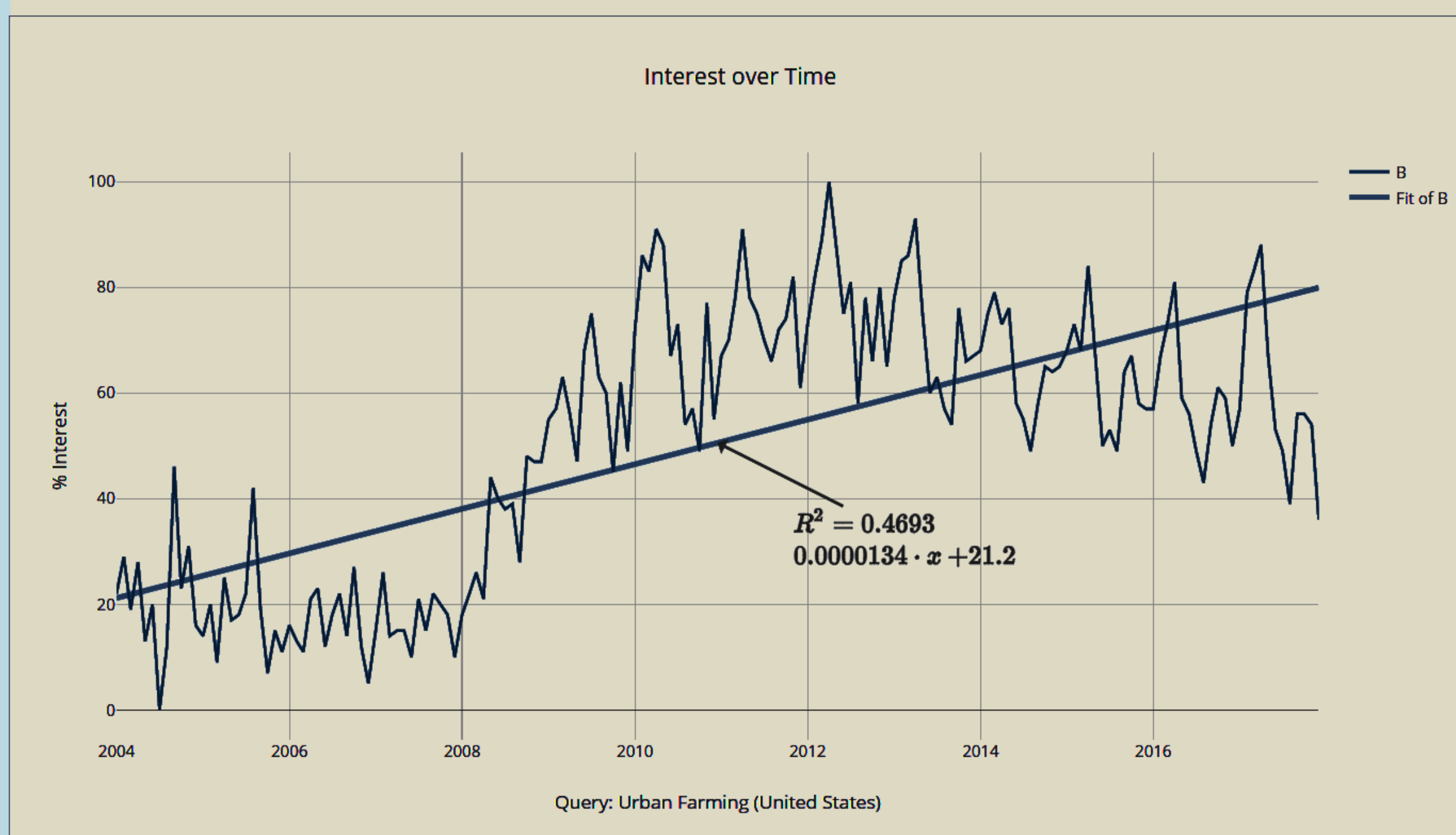
## Introduction To Issue

The soil in urban areas is often heavily contaminated with heavy metals, such as lead. These metals come from a variety of sources, such as car exhaust and old paint chips. Urban farms must take steps to make sure that food grown on these lands do not contribute to lead poisoning.


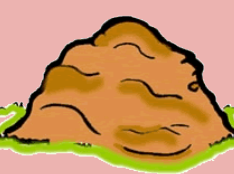


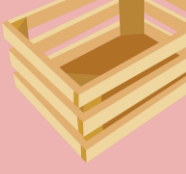
## Background



Urban farming is becoming more and more popular in the US.



## Solution Legend

-  **EDTA** – A chemical used to treat lead poisoning.
-  **Soil Dilution** – Mixing contaminated soil with clean soil.
-  **Sunflowers** – A hyperaccumulator that absorbs lead.
-  **Lime** – Keeps lead in the soil, not in the plants.
-  **Raised Beds** – An insulated bed of soil.

## Benefits and Drawbacks of Solutions

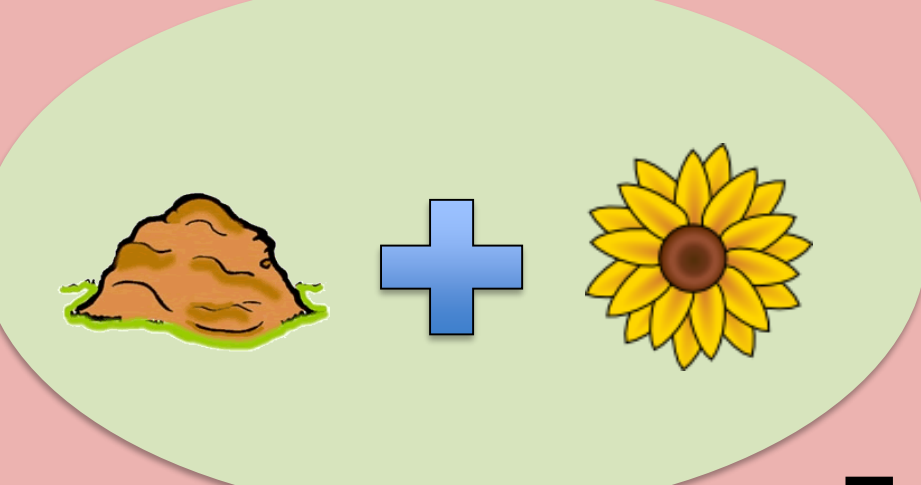
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-   Very fast
-   Expensive and hazardous
-   Safe
-   Labor intensive
-   Easy, cheap, and sustainable
-   Slow
-   Easy and cheap
-   Slow and hazardous
-   Easy, cheap, and fast
-   Doesn't remove lead from soil

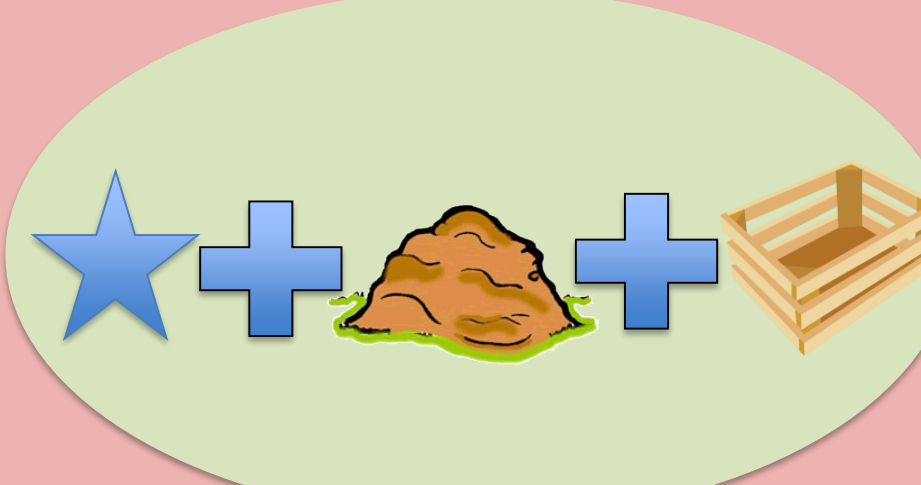
## Combining Treatment Methods

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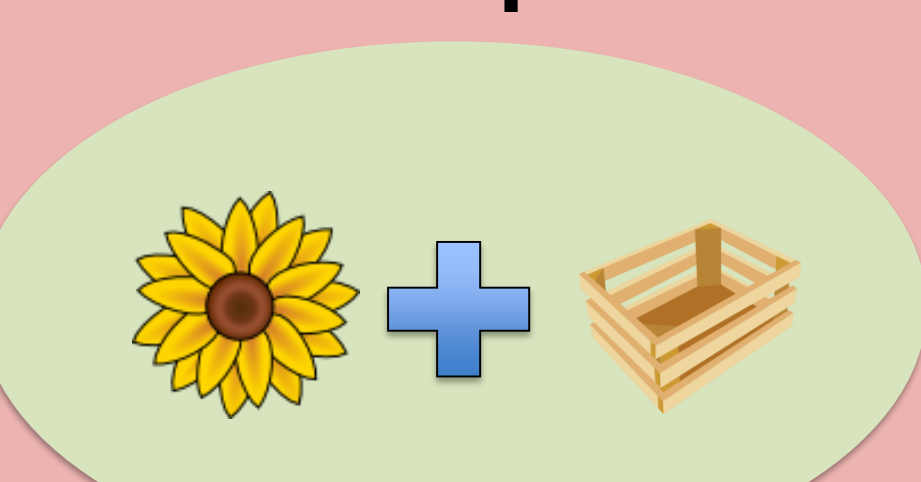
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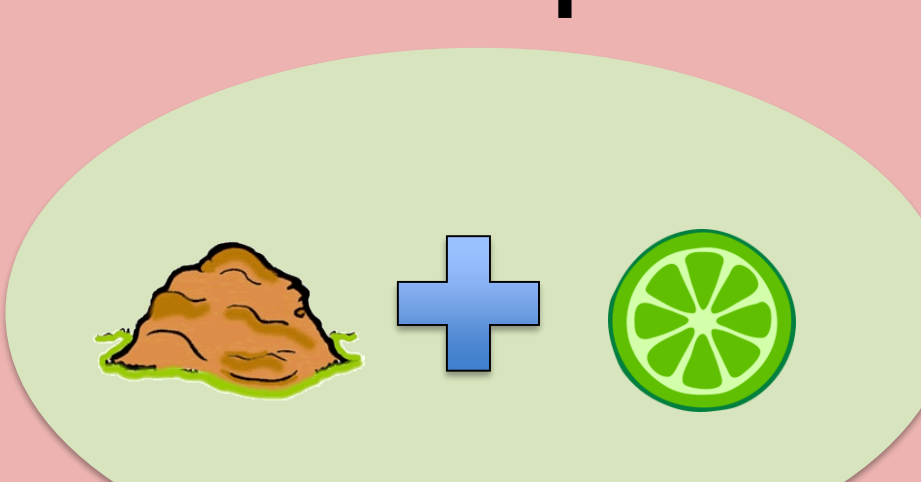
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**Cheapest**



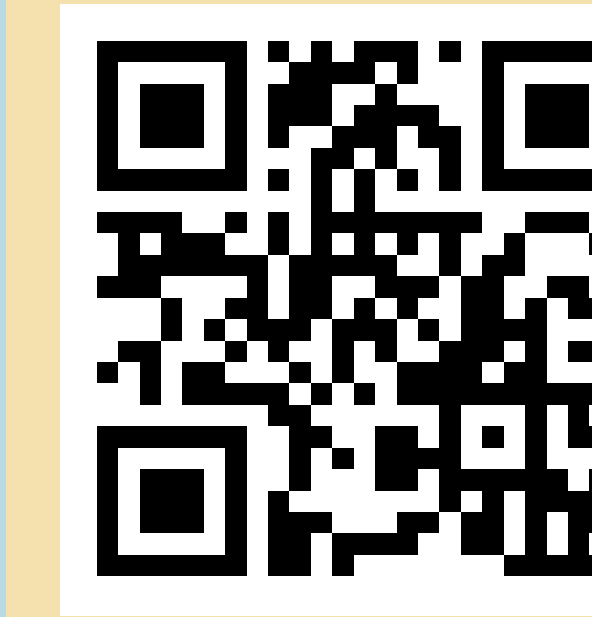
**Cheap**



Examples:



## QR Code for Web Tool

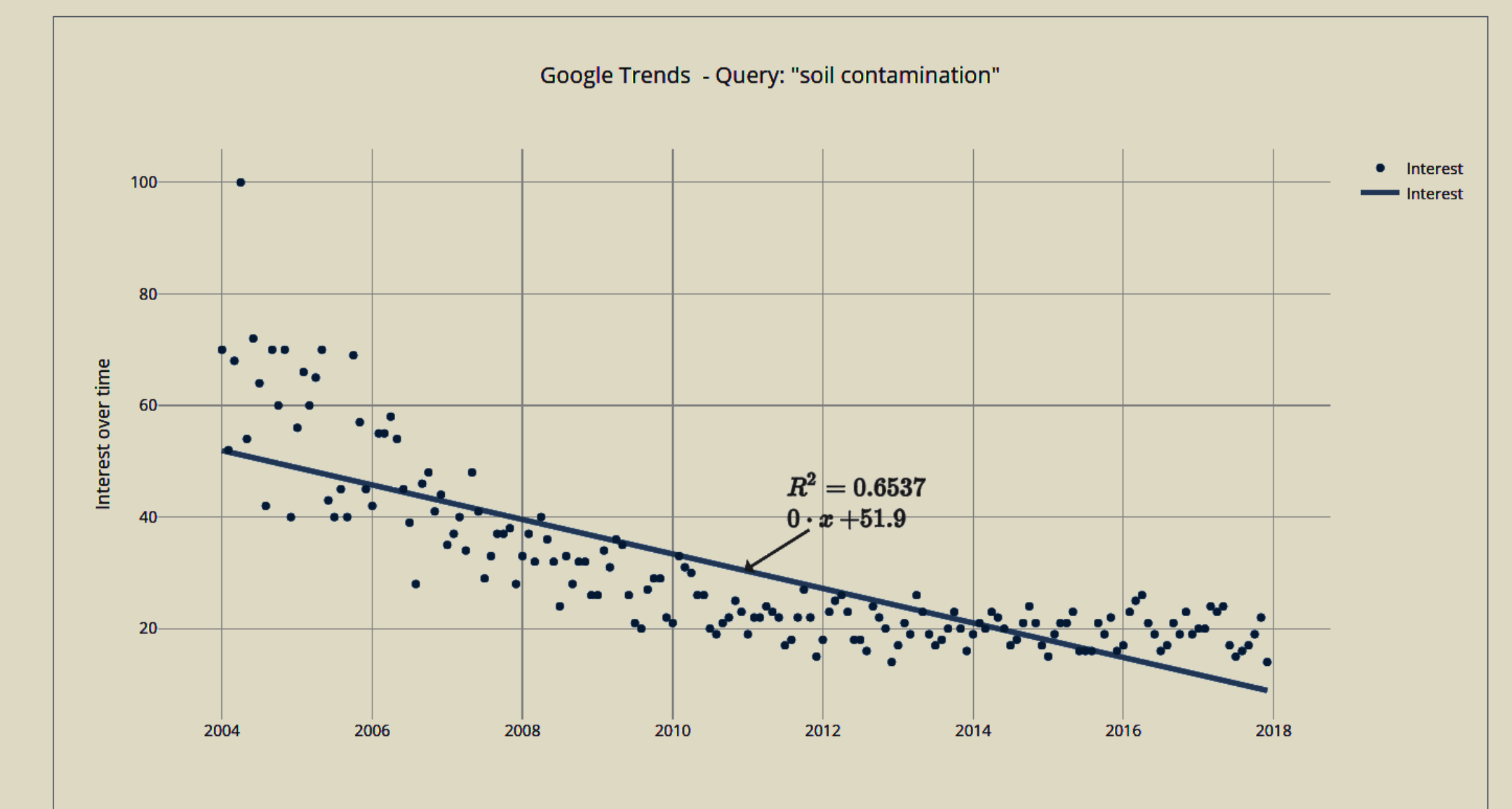


Urban farmers can use our web tool to decide which of these solutions to use based on their priorities.

## Project Outcome

Information on remediating contaminated soil is often buried in technical documents or research papers and by compiling and simplifying this information, we hope to increase awareness of this issue. Along with this, the interactive tool on our website will assist any urban farmers looking for a solution to remediating lead contaminated soil.

## Data and Predictions



Currently, public interest in soil contamination is lowering, but we hope that by bringing awareness to this issue, we can change that.

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