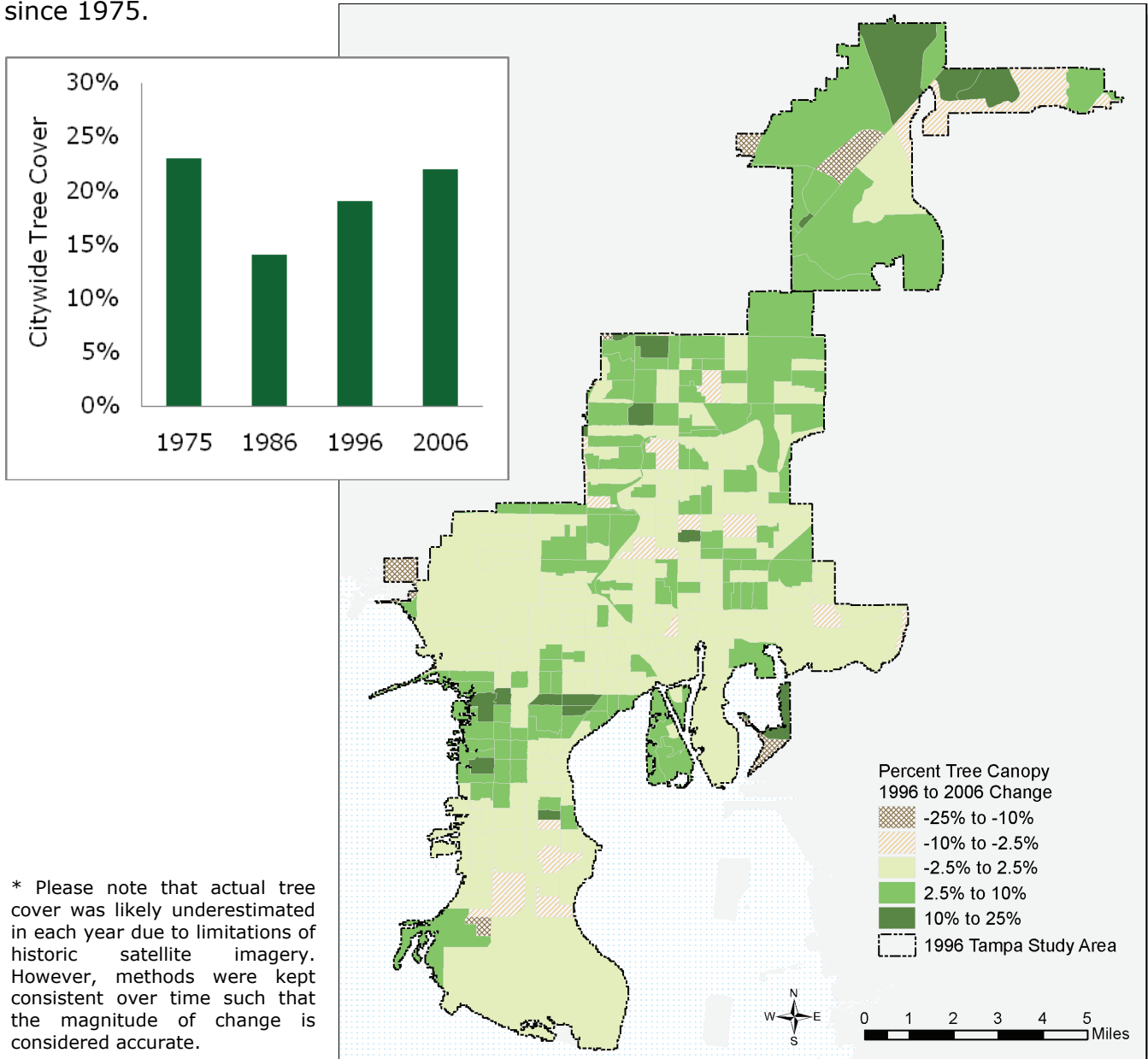


City of Tampa Historic Tree Canopy Change

Tree canopy cover in the urban forest can be expected to change over time due to the influence of human and natural factors, such as tree planting and maintenance, preservation requirements, natural disturbances and climatic factors, or other reasons. Historic tree cover was mapped from archived satellite imagery. The City of Tampa experienced an overall increase in tree cover between 1996 and 2006. In fact, after experiencing a net loss in tree canopy cover during the 1970s and 1980s, tree cover in 2006 returned to almost the same amount as in 1975. This map shows tree canopy cover change between 1996 and 2006. The graph shows citywide tree canopy cover change since 1975.



* Please note that actual tree cover was likely underestimated in each year due to limitations of historic satellite imagery. However, methods were kept consistent over time such that the magnitude of change is considered accurate.

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