## CITY OF LONDON WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT

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#### Presentation Outline



## Scope of Project

- B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd.
- Detailed forest inventory of 15 park woodlands
- Species composition, Age
- □ Structural stage, diversity
- □ Forest Health factors
- Endangered species and SAR
- Wildlife habitat values
- Size, location, isolation, fragmentation
- Opportunities and constraints



#### Ecosystem Values

- B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd.
- Natural/anthropogenic disturbance
- Native, introduced, exotic species
- □ Endangered species, SAR
- Wildlife habitat values
- Natural carrying capacity
- Site productivity
- □ Reference sites



### Successional Trajectory



- Historical management regime
- Where are the forests on natural successional trajectory?
- How pristine or degraded are they?
- How easy/costly to restore?
- Actual and anticipated conflicts?

### Stakeholder Consultation



- City staff interviews
- Stakeholder consultation
- Identify opportunities and constraints to management
- The need for management for multiple objectives
- New park woodland acquisition

## Developing Forest Management Regimes and Models

- Literature review
- Comparison with other jurisdictions
- Optimization of values
- Carbon sequestration/sinks
- □ Forest canopy
- Adaptation to climate change
- Forest canopy loss & afforestation opportunities



# Permanent Sample Plots & Long-Term Monitoring



- GPS location, Tag, photos, N,E,S,W
- Tree DBH, Height, Species composition, Vegetation layers, Wildlife, SAR
- □ Soil, CWD, Forest Health & Disturbance Factors, IAP



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#### THANK YOU!

#### **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**