

Why London Needs to Start Implementing its Urban Forest Management Strategy

ReForest London

at Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

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No \$ to Implement the UFMS

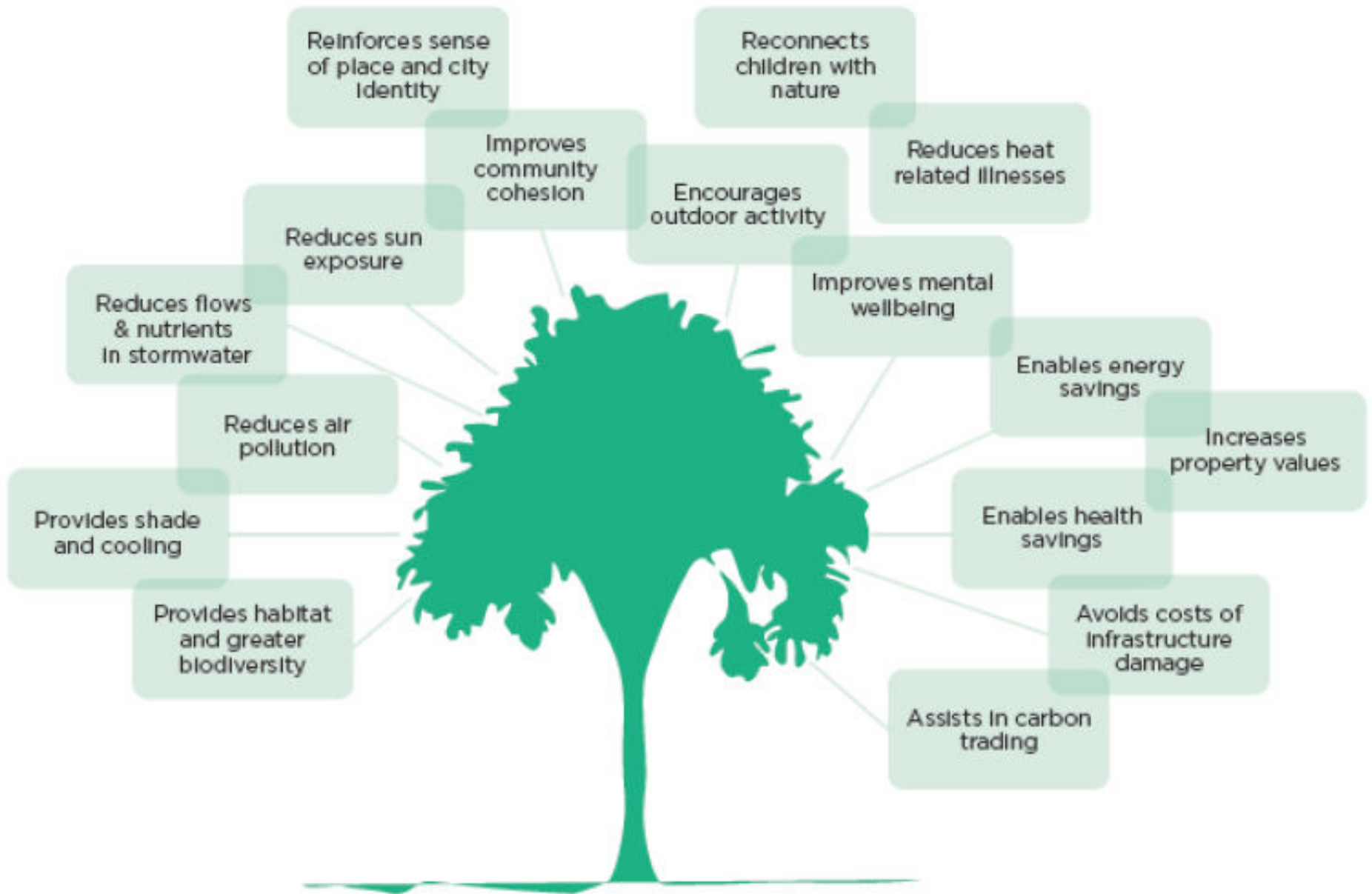
- We need to get started now

PARKS, RECREATION & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

2 * Urban Forest Strategy and Implementation **\$675** **0.1%**

In September 2014, City Council recommended the Urban Forest Strategy and Implementation Plan be adopted and revised to reflect higher tree canopy targets of 28% by 2035 and 34% by 2065. This request for funding is to provide for the estimated cost of supporting the implementation of the amended Urban Forest Strategy recognizing that implementation will result in the need to expand the Urban Forestry program.

Trees are Multi-function Technology



Assets by Replacement Value

Service Area	Replacement Value (000s)
Water	\$2,734,373
Wastewater-Sanitary	\$2,043,409
Stormwater	\$1,993,151
Roads & Structures	\$1,832,115
Land	\$751,890
Urban Forestry	\$513,300
Recreation	\$246,832
Traffic	\$214,937
Corporate Facilities	\$149,532
Parks	\$141,358
Fire	\$66,156
Solid Waste	\$64,237
Information Technology	\$46,100
Long Term Care	\$45,593
Fleet	\$44,994
Culture Facilities	\$31,471
Parking	\$5,694

Business case ask is \$675k.

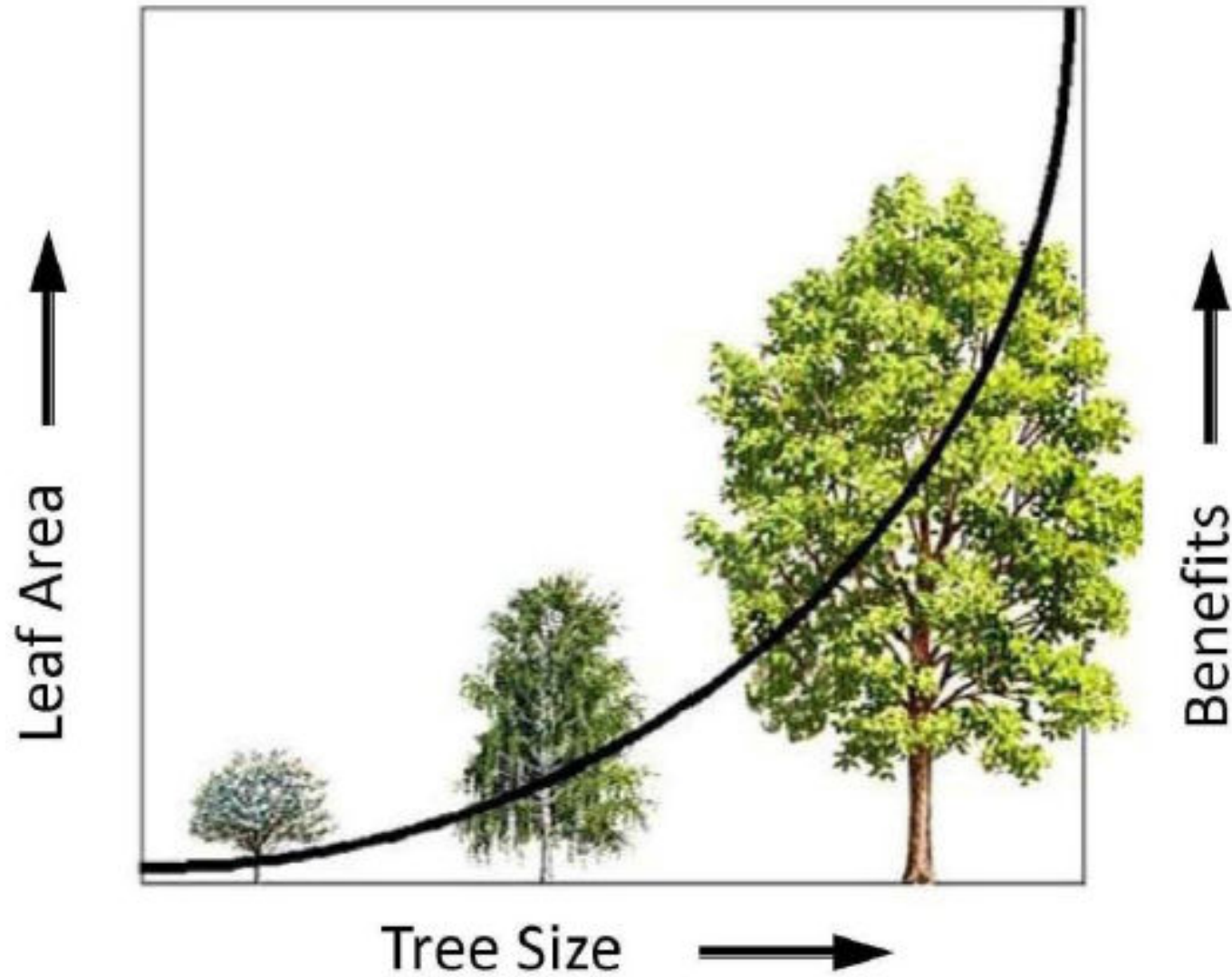
That's 0.1% of the replacement value of the asset its meant to maintain and grow.

What will UFMS do?

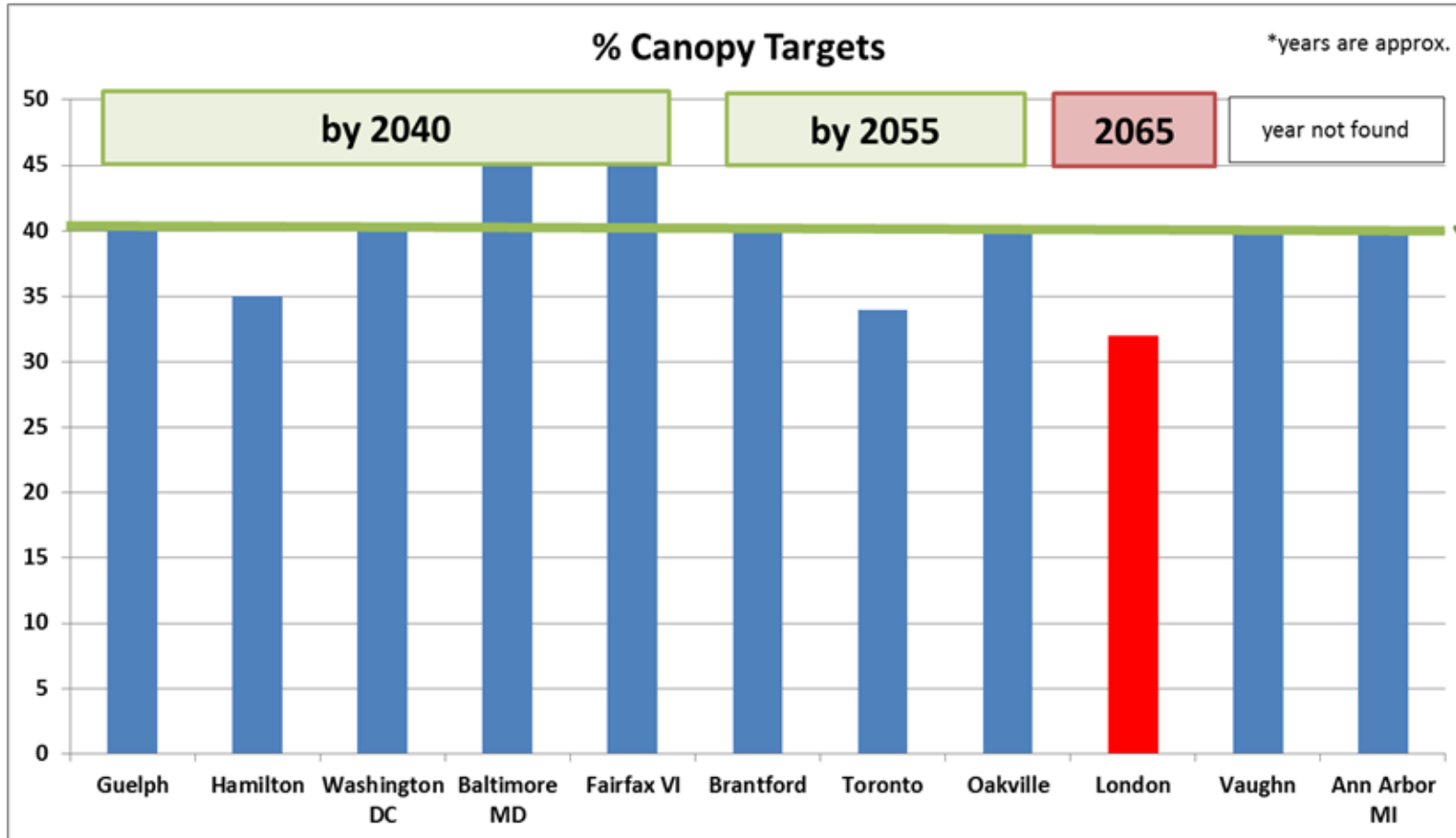
It takes a suite of coordinated activities to protect and grow the urban forest

Plant More	Expand and manage the urban forest strategically to maximise the social, environmental and economic returns.
Protect More	Protect and maintain London's urban forest on public and private land where it is providing the benefits of the 'right tree in the right place' or is supporting the integrity of natural features.
Maintain Better	Maintain and monitor the urban forest over time and adjust management practices as needed using current information and research.
Engage the Community	Partner with the community to achieve urban forest goals.

Time is the key factor



London's Canopy Target



Widely Accepted Target 40%
(American Forests)

20 year target = 28%
50 year target = 34%

These are stretch targets but are doable if we get going now

Canopy Cover Trajectories

