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A: Tree Planting Strategy – Plant More – 2017-2021



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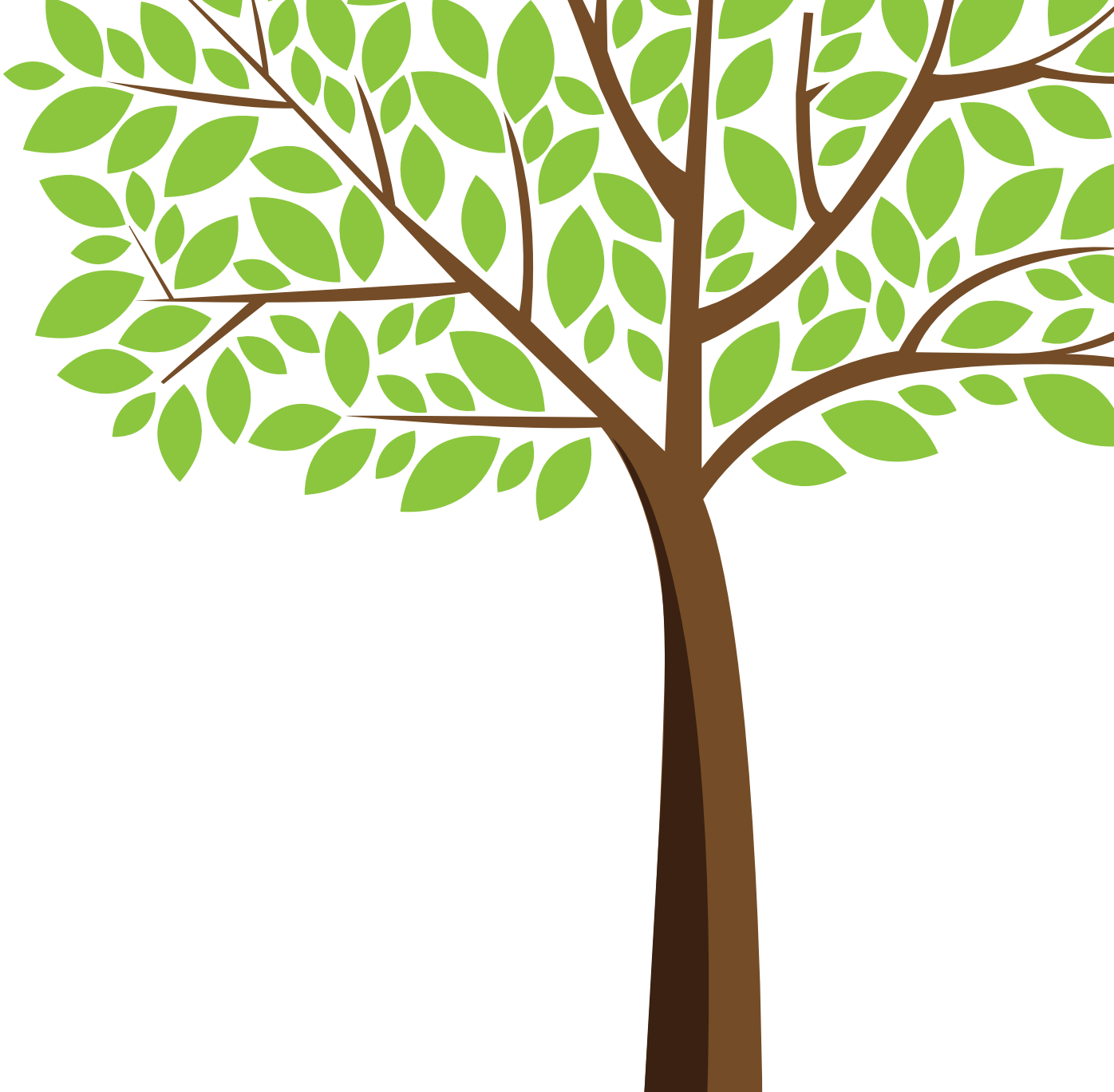
# PLANT MORE

TREE PLANTING STRATEGY

# 2017-2021



London  
CANADA



In 2014, The City of London, adopted the “City of London Urban Forest Strategy – Enhancing The Forest City”. The long term vision of the strategy is a healthy, diverse and extensive urban forest for today and the future. London is The Forest City. The guiding principles to implement the strategy are to plant more, protect more, maintain better and engage the community. Together these principles will be used to reach the goal of increasing London’s tree canopy cover to 34% by 2065.

This report describes the strategy for how we’ll achieve that goal together and outlines the first 5 year Action Plan. It will require close partnerships with the community to be successful. This document will be reviewed and progress updates reported annually to the Trees & Forests Advisory Committee, together with updates on the Urban Forest Strategy. Tracking and monitoring tree planting to better understand impacts such as tree establishment success and mortality will be undertaken in efforts to reduce overall expenses and grow the canopy quicker. This Strategy is a living document that will be reviewed and revised every 5 years as best management practices are investigated and adopted.

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# WHY PLANT MORE?

OUR TREE COVER HAS DECREASED, FROM

**24.7%**

OF THE CITY IN 2008, TO

**23.7%**

**IN 2015**

REPRESENTING THE LOSS OF

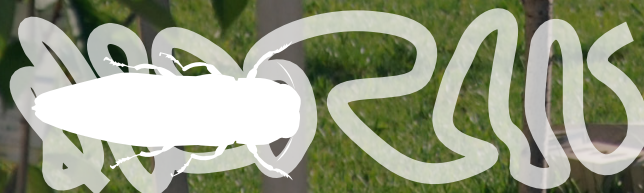
**178,000 TREES**

MAINLY DUE TO THE LOSSES OF

**ASH  
TREES**



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# BENEFITS OF AN URBAN FOREST

