

London's tree planting strategy emphasizes a tree canopy cover goal of 34% of 2065. Our understanding is the City's Multi Year Budget for 2016-2019 holds \$1.8 million for tree planting over that time frame.

Andy Beaton, Manager, Forestry Operations, Transportation and Roadside Operations, City of London gave a presentation to ACE members on Practices Related to the Watering of London Trees at the ACE July 4, 2018 meeting. Given the timing of Mr. Beaton's presentation, we ask that consideration for the 2019 dollars as noted above be maintained in the City's budget for new plantings and maintenance next year and that consideration of additional funding be given to ensure maintenance and watering occurs for existing trees once the next London multi-year budget planning process begins. We expect this to provide opportunity to extend the average tree life expectancy of mature trees in London and potentially achieve London's 34% target somewhat sooner and at lesser cost.