

Urban Forest Strategy: Topics of Interest

Plant More:

3 - Establish a diverse tree population city-wide as well as at the neighbourhood level.

3.2 Take an adaptive management approach to species selection to help diversify the species profile.
(High priority, Medium-term (3-5 years))

Protect More:

6 - Improve urban forest health

6.4 Develop and implement an integrated pest management plan encompassing insects, disease, and invasive species. The plan should address prevention, control and restoration within City-owned natural areas, and identify budgets and measurable targets for implementation. The plan should address pests on private property and provide the authority and empower the City to control pests on private property as required to ensure the overall health of the urban forest
(High priority, Medium-term (3-5 years))

Maintain Better:

11 - Monitor existing and potential canopy cover

11.3 Monitor urban forest structure, function, and values over time using the USFS iTree Eco program. This should be repeated at 10 year intervals. The 2012 UFORE study can be used as a baseline and results updated with new iTree Eco local inputs. The iTree Eco re-analysis is to be completed and reported no later than 2018. iTree Eco is a new adaptation of the UFORE model.
(High priority, Medium-term (3-5 years))

Engage the Community:

13 - Consult and cooperate with large private landholders to embrace citywide urban forest goals and objectives

13.1 Initiate discussion forums with stakeholders to promote the benefits of mature tree retention, provision of suitable plantable space and build recognition that trees will make a project better.
(High priority, Short-term (1-2 years))

15 - Consult and cooperate with citizens at the neighbourhood level to embrace citywide urban forest goals and objectives

15.2 Prepare tree care or tree information cards for species-specific practices like tree watering and species identification, and identifications of their locations using the tree inventory. Send cards out at seasonally appropriate times to residents who have those trees on the boulevard in front of their house.
(Medium priority, Short-term (1-2 years))

17 - Facilitate public understanding of urban forest management

17.3 Develop and fund an education campaign for stakeholder groups about the benefits of trees, to encourage tree planting, and to foster proper tree care.
(Medium priority, Short-term (1-2 years))

18 - Consult and cooperate with neighbouring communities on regional urban forest management issues

18.1 Establish and facilitate an inter-jurisdictional working group to identify common objectives, build collaborative working relationships, explore greening opportunities, and address funding challenges across the region. A range of regional issues are relevant to implementation and the focus of this working group including canopy cover targets, forest health management, biodiversity management, tree waste management and watershed management and conservation.
(High priority, Long-term (>5 years))