

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save Sherwood Forest Trees

I was born in London, raised in Westmount which was a new subdivision denuded of trees. I had longed to live in this northern subdivision my whole life because of the largely preserved forest in and around the home. After working 20 years, I was delighted to be able to move here and call Sherwood Forest my new home for the past 21 years. I am deeply saddened to learn that this neighbourhood is being considered to lose one of its most attractive features... The Trees. This respectable neighbourhood does not need sidewalks as residence are careful driving the streets and children as well are well schooled to stay to the sides. Even in wintertime, residence walk on the road as the portions of Wychwood that have sidewalks are too icy, so they walk along the side of the road.

Not only will Friars Way and other streets slated for sidewalks lose their stately appeal, it is not a lesson that I feel the children need to be exposed to.... 'if nature gets in your way, just take it down'. We need to preserve the mature biodiverse tree top here and plan sidewalks in fresh neighbourhood currently under development. No, no, no, to sidewalks. Or else we will need to rename our area Sherwood Saplings or Sunny Sherwood because there will be no trees shading our streets.

Thank you.

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