

TREE PRESERVATION & ENHANCEMENT POLICY

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POLICY AS A FOUNDATION

Provides framework for improvement of:

- Bylaws
- Policies
- Guidelines
- City-wide programs

Clear & consistent corporate approach

Aligned with the City's strategic direction and support to Urban Forestry

Meets Legislated Requirement under Municipal Act



URBAN CANOPY GROWTH STRATEGIES

Regulation-based

Protect and maintain assets 'we' currently have

Incentive-based

Plant More Trees – but in the right way



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Preserve and Protect
- Maintain and Monitor
- Establish, Replace and Enhance
- Engage and Collaborate



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

May introduce indirect costs to future programs as related guidelines are aligned

Increased construction costs for projects internally and externally

Long-term lifecycle replacements for both hard and soft assets have potential to be extended, resulting in long-term cost savings.



CLIMATE IMPACT

Policy directly supports increase to the City's tree canopy cover

Direct benefits to climate mitigation:

- Stormwater absorption
- Carbon sequestration
- Filtering air particulates
- Reducing heating and cooling costs

