

The Ontario Urban Forest Council

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Urban forestry is the sustained planning, planting, protection, maintenance, and care of trees, forests, green space and related resources in and around cities and communities for economic, environmental, social, and public health benefits for people. The definition includes retaining trees and forest cover as urban populations expand into surrounding rural areas and restoring critical parts of the urban environment after construction. Expansion at the urban/rural interface raises environmental and public health safety concerns, as well as opportunities to create educational and environmental links between urban people and nature. In addition, urban and community forestry includes the development of citizen involvement and support for investments in long-term on-going tree planting, protection, and care programs.

The Urban Forest - What is it to you - Why do we need it? It is the green trees and forest remnants that grace our urban open space, where we walk, bicycle and drive to work and school and where we indulge in various recreational activities. The environmental benefits of trees are well documented and understood. The energy savings from a healthy urban forest can be substantial. An ecosystem management approach enhances the functionality of the Urban Forest. There is a need for individuals, communities and higher levels of government to develop and support Urban Forestry programs.

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"We exist to support the planting and preservation of all shade trees. We are committed to work in partnership with others in the development and implementation of programs and projects that promote the principles of urban forest management in the province of Ontario."

Heritage Trees (aka. Ontario Heritage Tree Alliance) a project of OUFC, has created a "Toolkit" with information and resources to help communities to identify, research, nominate, evaluate and designate trees having heritage value. The OHTA assists municipalities, communities and individuals who seek to identify and conserve old and remarkable trees. Toolkit 2nd Edition available from OUFC

Membership Application

Name: _____
Group Affiliation: (if active membership) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Business Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Fax #: _____

Web Site: _____

Prov./Terr.: Country: _____

Names and Positions of up to 3 Representatives:
(if supporting / corporate membership)

What information/resources would be most helpful to you or your group?

Membership Fees:

\$ 300.00 - Supporting (UP TO 3 PERSONS PLUS LISTING ON WEB SITE OR NEWSLETTER)

\$ 150.00 - Corporate (UP TO 3 PERSONS)

\$ 75.00 - Active \$ 25.00 - Student

Please send form and cheque payable to:
The Ontario Urban Forest Council
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