

SERVICE

Urban Forestry

Who We Are

Urban Forestry provides professional and technical services (including tree planting, pruning, trimming and removal services) and develops policies, guidelines, strategies, by-laws and plans related to the protection, maintenance, forest health and planting trees. Urban Forestry is also the lead for the City's Tree Protection By-law.

What We Do

London has deemed itself the Forest City, with a stated goal of 34% tree canopy coverage by 2065. Urban Forestry contributes towards the provision of tangible societal benefits that preserve and enhance urban living. Urban forests help control storm water, lower urban temperatures, clear the air, improve citizen health and psychological well-being and increase property values and commercial investments.

Why We Do It

Traditional – The management of trees and urban forests is a typical municipal service.

\$0.07

per day

for the average ratepayer (2020-2023)

0.76%

of the 2020-2023 City of London Net
Property Tax Supported Budget

The following table provides an overview of the budget for the service:

Budget Summary (\$000's)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020-2023 TOTAL
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$5,147	\$5,201	\$5,244	\$5,278	\$20,870
Other Revenues	(\$56)	(\$56)	(\$56)	(\$56)	(\$224)
Net Tax Levy Supported Operating Budget	\$5,091	\$5,145	\$5,188	\$5,222	\$20,646
Total Capital Expenditures	\$1,358	\$2,641	\$2,891	\$2,891	\$9,781
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's)	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	

Reflects 2020 - 2023 Housekeeping Budget Adjustments up to August 31, 2020.

The following section provides an overview of the key activities the service plans to undertake from 2020-2023 to implement the Corporation's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, as well as an overview of the risks and challenges the service is anticipated to experience during this period:

Service Highlights 2020-2023

- This service takes a strategic management approach to ensure that the urban forest is resilient, diversified and healthy.
- We are active partners with organizations that support tree planting and woodland preservation.
- The Tree Protections By-law and Boulevard Tree Protection By-law help preserve our urban forest.

Risks and Challenges Anticipated in 2020-2023

- Trees are at risk due to Asian Long-Horned Beetle, Oak Wilt, Gypsy Moth and Maple decline due to opportunistic fungi. We are monitoring with input from other agency experts and applying treatments that are available.

The service directly supports the following components of the Corporation's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan:

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE CITY							
Londoners can move around the City safely and easily in a manner that meets their needs.							
Expected Result	Strategy	Metric	Target				
			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Improve the quality of pedestrian environments to support healthy and active lifestyles.	Plant more trees to increase the City's tree canopy cover. (BSC-37)	90,000 trees planted on streets, open spaces and parks.	14,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
	Increase pedestrian amenities on streets. (BSC-39)	25,000 street trees planted.	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

For more information:

Other Reference Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://london.ca/living-london/water-environment/trees • Urban Forest Strategy – treeprotection@london.ca
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