

Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Urban Forest Management

Community Framework Indicators



Criteria	Low	Moderate	Good	Optimal	Key Objectives
Public Agency Cooperation	Conflicting goals among departments and/or agencies	Common goals but no cooperation among departments and/or agencies.	Informal teams among departments and or agencies are function and implementing common goals on a project-specific basis	Municipal policy implemented by formal interdepartmental/ interagency working teams on ALL municipal projects.	Insure all city departments cooperate with common goals and objectives.
Involvement of large private and institutional land holders	Ignorance of issues	Educational materias and advice available to landholders.	Clear goals for tree resource by landholders. Incentives for preservation of private trees.	Landholders develop comprehensive tree management plans (including funding).	Large private landholders embrace city-wide goals and objectives through specific resource management plans.
Green Industry Cooperation (unknown at this time)	No cooperation among segments of the green industry (nurseries, tree care companies, etc.) no	General cooperation among nurseries, tree care companies, etc.	Specific cooperative arrangements such as purchase certificates for "right tree in the right place"	Shared vision and goals including the use of professional standards	The green industry operates with high professional standards and commits to city-wide goals and objectives.
Neighbourhood action	No action	Isolated or limited number of active groups	Isolated or limited number of active groups	Isolated or limited number of active groups	Isolated or limited number of active groups
General awareness of trees as a community resource	Trees seen as a problem, a drain on budgets.	Trees seen as important to the community	Trees acknowledged as providing environmental, social and economic services.	Urban forest recognized as vital to the communities environmental and social well-being	The general public understanding the role of the urban forest