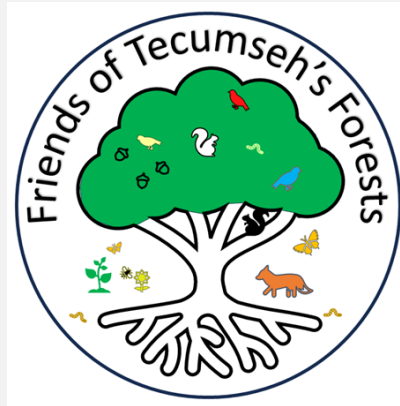
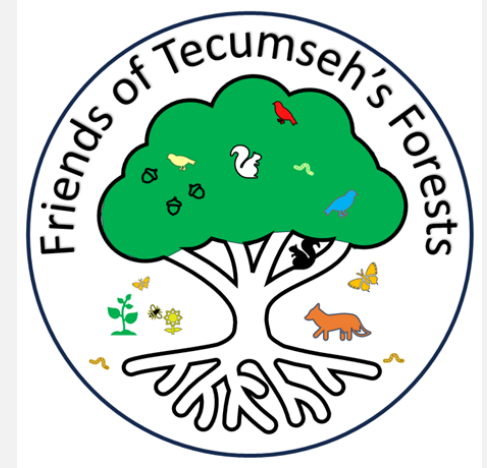


Community Support for Tecumseh's Forestry and Naturalization Management Plan



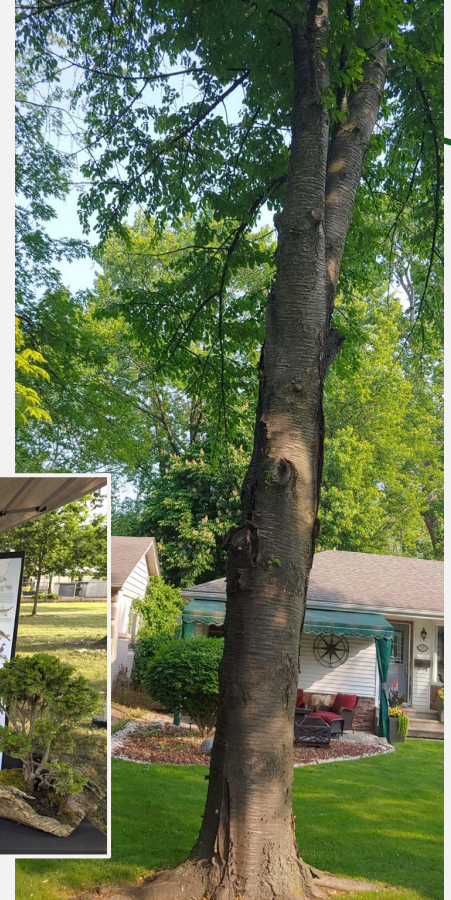
Friends of Tecumseh's Forests (FOTF)



We endorse the Town of Tecumseh's proposed Urban Forest and Naturalization Master Plan since it establishes protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the urban forest in Tecumseh which is aligned with FOTF's mission.

FOTF is a community group which aims to protect and enhance the urban forest and to support biodiversity in the Town of Tecumseh through engagement with community and decision makers. Tecumseh's urban forest provides many benefits, including:

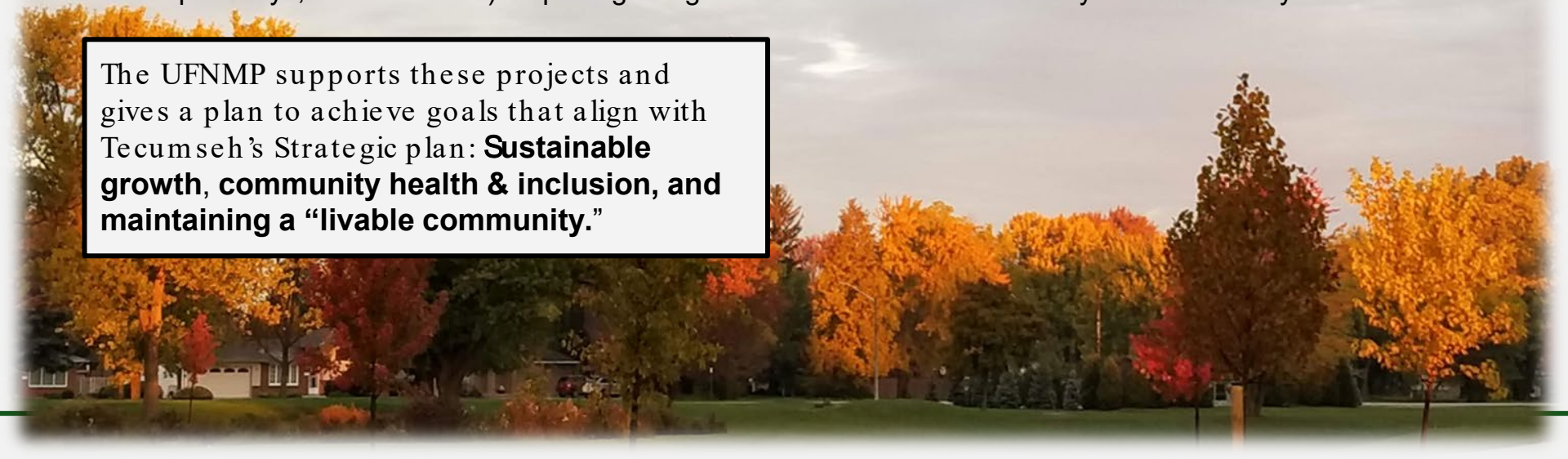
- Absorbing greenhouse gas emissions
- Creating local cooling effects and reducing energy costs for buildings
- Shading sidewalks on tree lined streets making walking more enjoyable for residents
- Privacy and noise reduction
- Flood mitigation



The Town has various initiatives in place that also align with the goals of the UFNMP:

- **Urban Forestry Project (Town of Tecumseh):** Boulevard tree planting in multiple phases, species diversification, and post-planting maintenance.
- **Tree Maintenance & Removal Policy No. 108 (Dec 2020):** Policy providing direction regarding tree planting, maintenance and removal.
- **Streetscaping & Landscaping Beautification – Lesperance North:** Installation of street trees and landscaping along Lesperance from McNorton to First Street.
- **Active Transportation & Transit Investments:** While not strictly forestry, these investments (multi-use pathways, electric buses) help integrate green infrastructure with mobility and community health.

The UFNMP supports these projects and gives a plan to achieve goals that align with Tecumseh's Strategic plan: **Sustainable growth, community health & inclusion, and maintaining a "livable community."**



FOTF advocates for the benefits of balancing growth with protecting and promoting green spaces while we still can.

People understand that we are tied to nature and rely on a healthy environment to build a strong community.



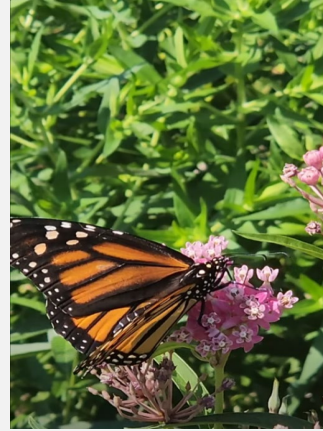
Nature must be valued as a critical asset and formally recognized by the Town as such.

We need the UFNMP in place to:

Integrate and value nature in decision making.

Demonstrate leadership and guide the community in collective action

Commit to protecting the community for generations to come.



Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)



CAPE supports and endorses the Urban Forest and Naturalization Master Plan (UFNMP) since it aligns with our perspective that a healthy planet supports healthy people. We applaud the benefits of the UFNMP as a public health strategy, a piece of critical infrastructure, and a preventative investment in the community's future.

The Urban Forest & Public Health in Tecumseh



Healthy Urban Forest = Healthy People = Resilient, Non-Toxic Communities

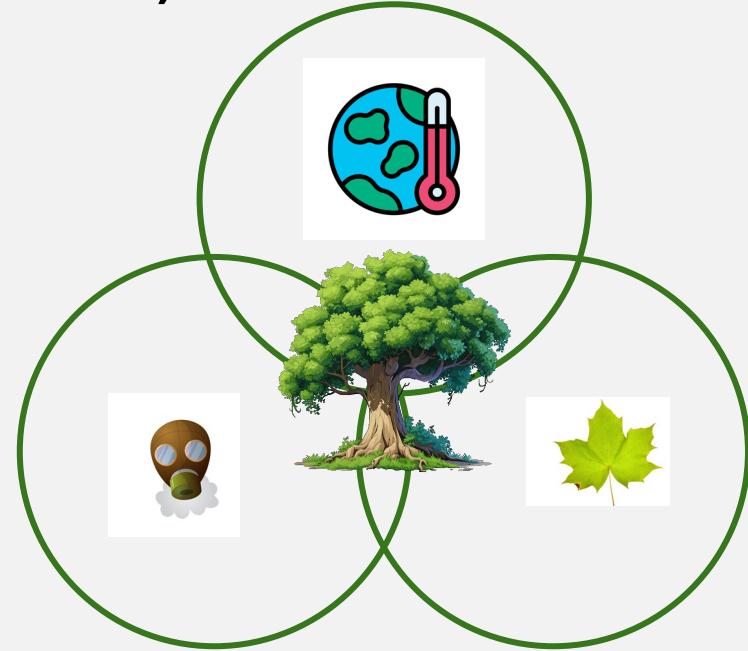
Why Urban Forests Matter (The Big Picture)

One solution to three major challenges

- Climate Change
- Biodiversity Loss
- Pollution

Urban forests address all three simultaneously

- Supports pollution reduction and safer, less toxic environments
- Aligns with biodiversity targets (30x30) and federal health protections

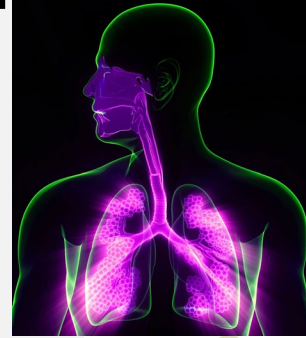


Public Health & Community Benefits

Trees Improve Physical, Mental, and Social Health

Physical Health:

- Cleaner air → fewer illnesses
- Cooling → reduced heat risk
- Encourages active living



Mental & Social Health:

- Reduces stress, anxiety, depression
- Improves focus and well-being
- Strengthens community connections



Reduced Toxic Exposures

- Less reliance on pesticides and herbicides
- Safer parks, streets, and play spaces
- Lower cumulative exposure to harmful chemicals



Equity, Biodiversity & Resilience

Healthier Ecosystems = Healthier, Fairer Communities

Biodiversity Benefits:

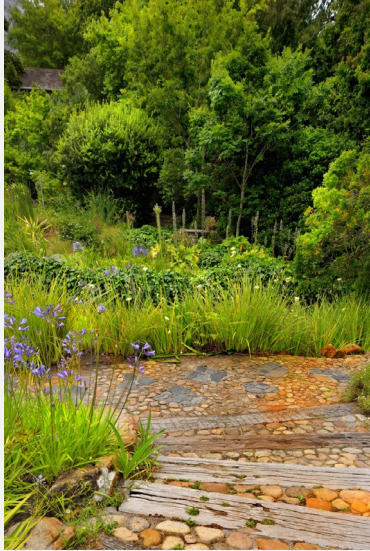
- Linked to longer life expectancy
- Supports natural pest control and ecosystem balance

Equity Benefits:

- Reduces disparities in heat, pollution, and toxic exposure
- Protects vulnerable populations

Resilience Benefits:

- Flood mitigation
- Climate adaptation
- Carbon storage



Why Support the UFNMP

A Smart Investment in Tecumseh's Future

The Plan Delivers:

- Proactive, cost-effective infrastructure management
- Healthier residents & reduced healthcare costs
- Climate resilience & biodiversity protection
- Reduced toxic exposures through safer land management
- More equitable access to nature

Bottom Line:

Urban forests are essential, non-toxic infrastructure—not optional amenities

Call to Action:

Support implementation and sustained investment



Canada South Land Trust (CSLT)

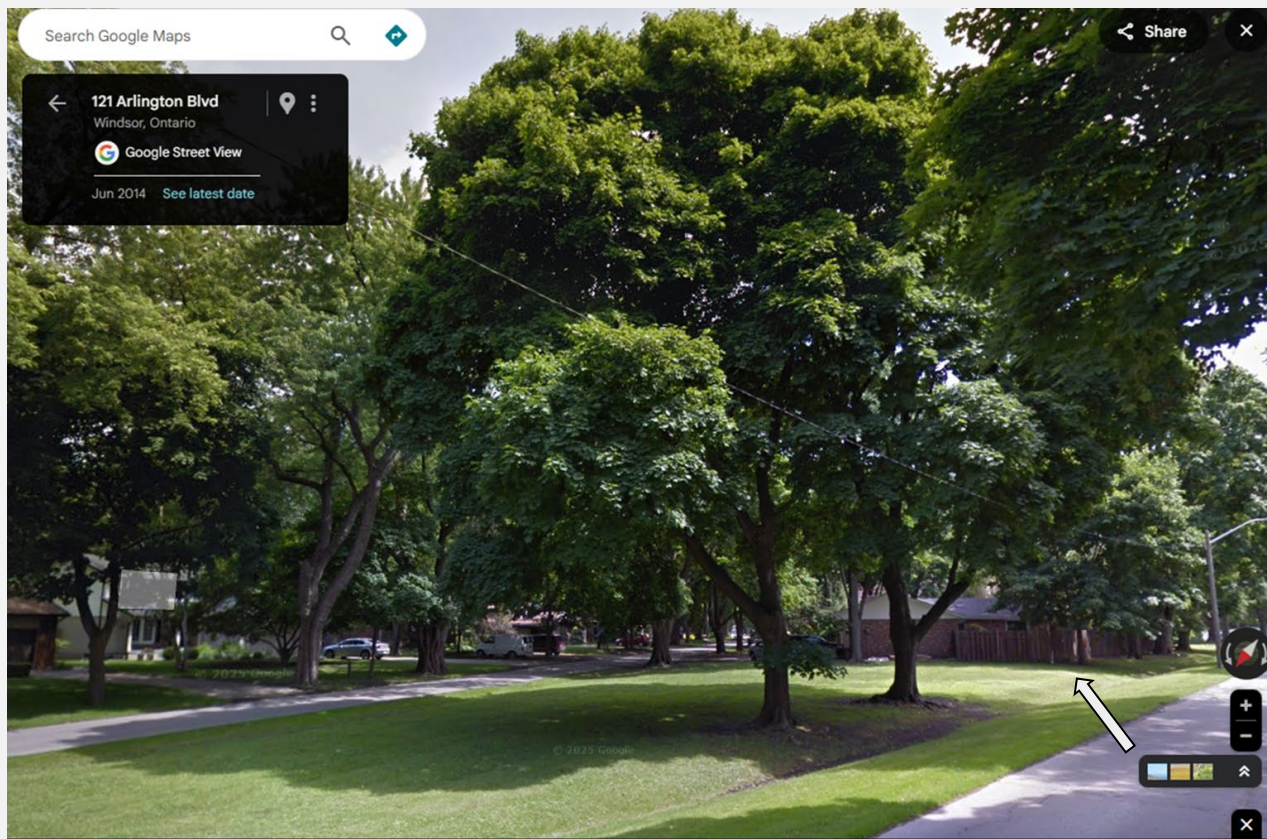


Canada South Land Trust endorses the Town of Tecumseh's Urban Forestry and Naturalization Master Plan because it supports the establishment, enhancement, and protection of the urban forest, which align with CSLT's mission.

The mission of Canada South Land Trust is to preserve natural areas in the City of Windsor, Essex County, Pelee Island and the municipality of Chatham-Kent for future generations.

Trees are routinely damaged at construction sites in Tecumseh, unnecessarily causing the death of town trees.





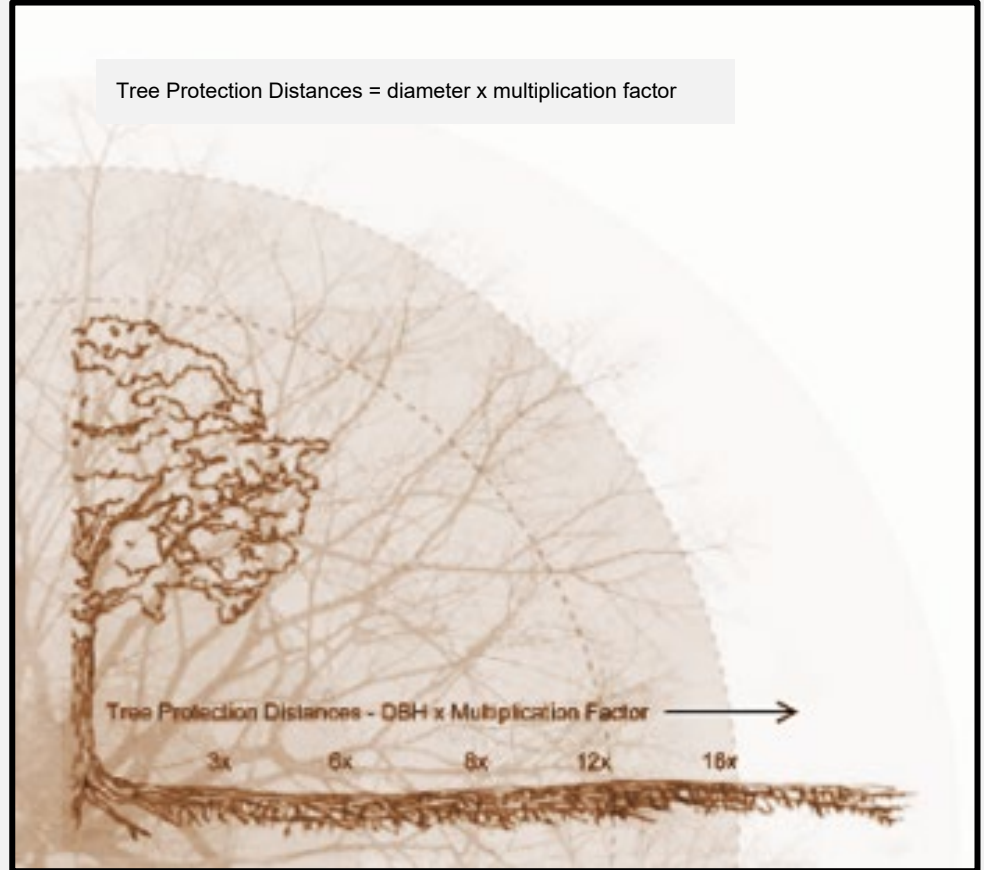
The area between Clovelly and Arlington Boulevard once contained large Town trees, providing shade and enhancing the neighbourhood. When the house shown by the arrow was demolished and a larger home constructed to replace it, heavy machinery ran around these trees and large dirt piles and construction material were dumped around them. That heavy traffic and dumping compacted the soil and suffocated the trees' root systems.



The result was that all these mature Town trees died. Their loss affects the entire neighbourhood and could have been prevented using simple tree protection measures.

Our understanding is that protections in the new Forestry Management Plan will help avoid the loss of Town trees.

For this reason, CSLT strongly supports the proposed plan.



On behalf of FOTF, CAPE, and CSLT, we endorse the proposed Urban Forestry and Naturalization Management Plan

