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Community Associations for
Environmental Sustainability

Tree Program Review

Agenda Item 7.1: Tree Program Review - Early Actions
Environment and Climate Change Committee Meeting

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- About Us



- Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) was founded in 2010 and is a network of local and neighbourhood environmental leaders and community builders.
- Our members include representatives from urban, sub-urban and rural communities.
- As of June 2024, the network includes nearly 200 individual and organizational representatives across all wards, and over 50 neighbourhoods.

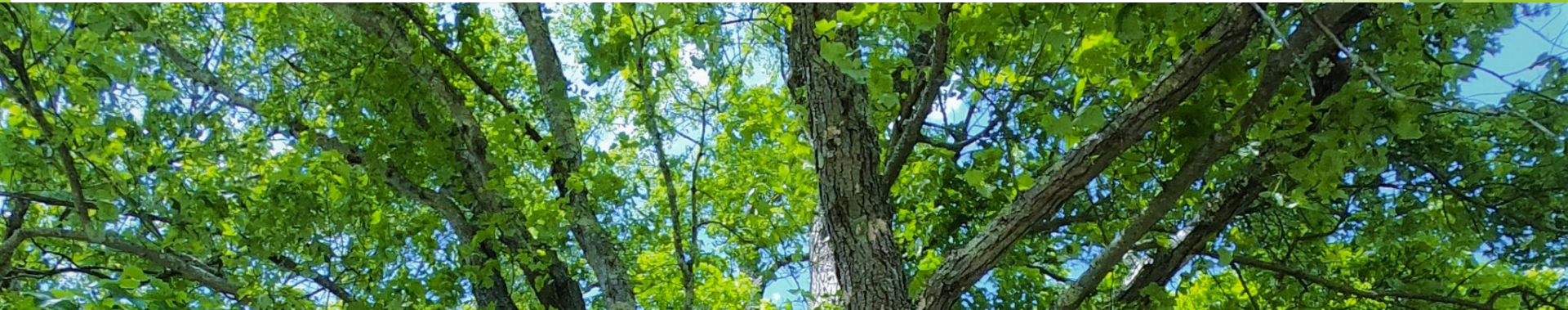


Overview

1. Proactive Tree Planting
2. Private Land Tree Planting program
3. Equity Approach to Urban Forestry
4. Community Engagement & Consultation
5. Community Stewardship, Invasives & Non-Natives

1. Proactive Approach to Right-of-Way Tree Planting

- CAFES strongly in support of proactive planting of Right-of-Way trees
 - Automatic replacing of caliper trees
 - Planting in gaps - commend the report's commitment to conduct proactive planting in equity areas



2. Private Land Tree Planting Program

- CAFES strongly in support of Private Land Tree Planting Program
- No cost to residents very important for equity
- Tree planting on private property one of the most impactful ways to increase overall tree canopy
- Education will be important



Saplings from CAFES' 2024 giveaway to support private property tree planting

3. Equity Approach to Urban Forestry Services

- Support the commitment to equity - planting in neighbourhoods with disproportionately fewer trees
- **Official Plan** direction:
 - Provide residents with equitable access to urban forest canopy
 - Achieve urban canopy cover target of 40%
- **40% canopy cover in *each* neighbourhood**
- Tree Equity Analysis tool



Paved-over, treeless areas in Centretown West

4. Community Engagement & Consultation

- City attended the CAFES & FCF Trees and Greenspace Caucus meeting
- Always in support of in-depth, collaborative community consultation
- For identifying plantable spaces - community knows best
 - Consult with them for identifying gaps



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Connecting Ottawa's
Local Environment and Climate Leaders

5. Community Stewardship, Invasives & Non-Natives

- Community stewardship
 - Removing harmful invasive species
 - I.e. Dog Strangling Vine
- Remove non-natives from species list
 - Native species important in taking action toward Biodiversity



Dog
Strangling
Vine



Ginkgo and Japanese Lilac trees



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