

Managing Director Of Community Services

URBAN FORESTRY

Landscape Architect & Urban Forestry Project Manager

WHAT WE DO

Urban Forestry is responsible for enhancing the condition of public trees and the quantity of public tree canopy cover in the Township of Centre Wellington. The department also manages capital park projects, reviews site plan application arborist reports, tree preservation plans and landscape plans.

KEY FACTS

- With the help of Township staff, Neighbourwoods volunteers, and consultants, approximately 6,500 public trees have been inventoried to date and are recorded in the Townships GIS database.
- Urban Forestry partners with many community organizations including: Rotary Club, Neighbourwoods, Communitrees, Green Legacy, Union Gas, RBC, Centre Wellington Hydro, and the GRCA.



Pictured: In 2021, the Township received 10 large calliper trees generously donated by the County of Wellington Green Legacy Programme for the Township to use for street tree planting.

NUMBER OF STAFF:



Landscape Architect & Urban
Forestry Project Manager

CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Current (Fall)

Fall 2022 Street Tree Planting

Hazard Tree Removal

Stump Grinding

Tree Planting along Cottontail Road
Trail

Forfar Park Construction

Milligan Park Construction

Graham Park Construction

Upcoming (Winter/Spring)

Implementation of the Trees on Public Property By-law and Permit Process

Spring 2023 Street Tree Planting

Winter Ash Removal

Hazard Tree Removal

Stump Grinding

Confederation Park Concept Design

Veteran's Park Concept Design

Veteran's Park Retaining Wall



TOP QUESTIONS ASKED



Are there any opportunities for residents to get involved with community tree planting projects?

Yes. We have community planting events in both the spring and the fall. Anyone is welcome and the help is appreciated.

- Who is responsible for maintaining public trees?
 - Township staff are responsible for maintaining public trees.
- Does the Township have a Private Tree By-law?

No, there is no private tree By-law for the Township, however, the County of Wellington has a Forest Conservation By-law which applies to any woodlands of one hectare (2.47 acres) or more, and the Township passed a Trees on Public Property By-law in July 2022.

How are heritage trees protected?

Trees with significant cultural or ecological value are informally identified.

How are Township forests & woodlots protected from development?

Public trees within Township-owned forests and woodlots are protected by the Trees on Public Property By-law. In addition, developers are required to meet the minimum tree protection and compensation guidelines set out in the Public Forest Policy as part of the site plan approval process. They are also required to obtain a permit from the County if applicable.