

Creating Engaged and Empowered Communities How we can strengthen and support community action!

How do we foster appreciation for the urban forest? How do we inspire action?



LEAF inspires collective awareness, appreciation and action around our urban forest. Over 18 years, we've grown from a small seedling organization into a vital urban forest advocate in Toronto and York Region.



We envision a city that is healthier because every citizen cares for the urban forest.

Our success and strength lies in our ability and desire to connect people with their urban forest, fostering deeper and broader community support and action!



Through training programs, educational workshops, tours and events, we are a key environmental educator building knowledge within communities.



Tree Tenders Volunteer Training Program

Equips citizens with the tools they need to create their own urban forest initiatives.



...a crash course in arboriculture

3 times a year.
15 hours over 4 days.
6 years running. Over 500 grads.
\$50 +HST or \$70 +HST with manual.

Tree biology, anatomy and functions Trees and soils Tree identification Identifying and managing tree stresses Tree planting and establishment Tree care and maintenance Municipal bylaws and policies How to get involved in urban forest issues



What Tree Tender Grads Say...

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Tree Tenders in Action!







Planting & Stewardship



Getting More Trees Planted LEAF's Backyard Tree Planting Program City of Toronto Free Front Yard Tree Program Native and Edible Garden Kits from LEAF



The Leslieville-Riverdale Tree Project



Adopt-a-Tree

Water, mulch and weed trees in parks, on streets and at schools

Bloordale Adopt-a-tree Initiative

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LEAVE A COMMENT



Good news: we have new trees!

Unfortunately, their survival is not guaranteed. F community's help we can give them a fighting cha

How can you help?: Adopt-a-tree and look afte





Adopt-a-Park-Tree

A simple concept with big impact. Watering park trees in the first few years after planting to help them get established and significantly increase tree survival.

Each young tree is adopted by an individual.

So simple. So effective!







De-Pave. Free A Tree!



Heritage Trees





Advocate & Protect

Understand tree protection bylaws Identify improper care or protection and take steps to correct it

Keep an eye on trees in your neighbourhood

Start a 'canopy committee' of your local Residence Association or BIA

Share tree care information with friends, family, and neighbours

More help from LEAF?

Community Action Kit Community Action Presentation



Beyond Tree Tenders

Our stewardship and planting programs instil a sense of ownership and pride and empower residents to take direct action.







Urban Forest Demonstration Gardens



wild strawberry Fragaria vesca















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Backyard Tree Planting Program



Most of the City's plantable space is on private property.

Getting the right tree in the right place.

Help with native selection.

Focus on education and care!

The Role of LEAF and the Like...





Thank You! www.yourleaf.org