

WHAT IS THE CITY DOING?

The City of Brampton is currently identifying priority tree planting areas across the city to protect, maintain and enhance the urban forest. The City also has development standards that require compensation for the removal of trees.

The City offers public tree planting events that occur each year:

- Community Planting Events
- National Tree Day
- Earth Day Community Tree Planting
- Community Parks Day

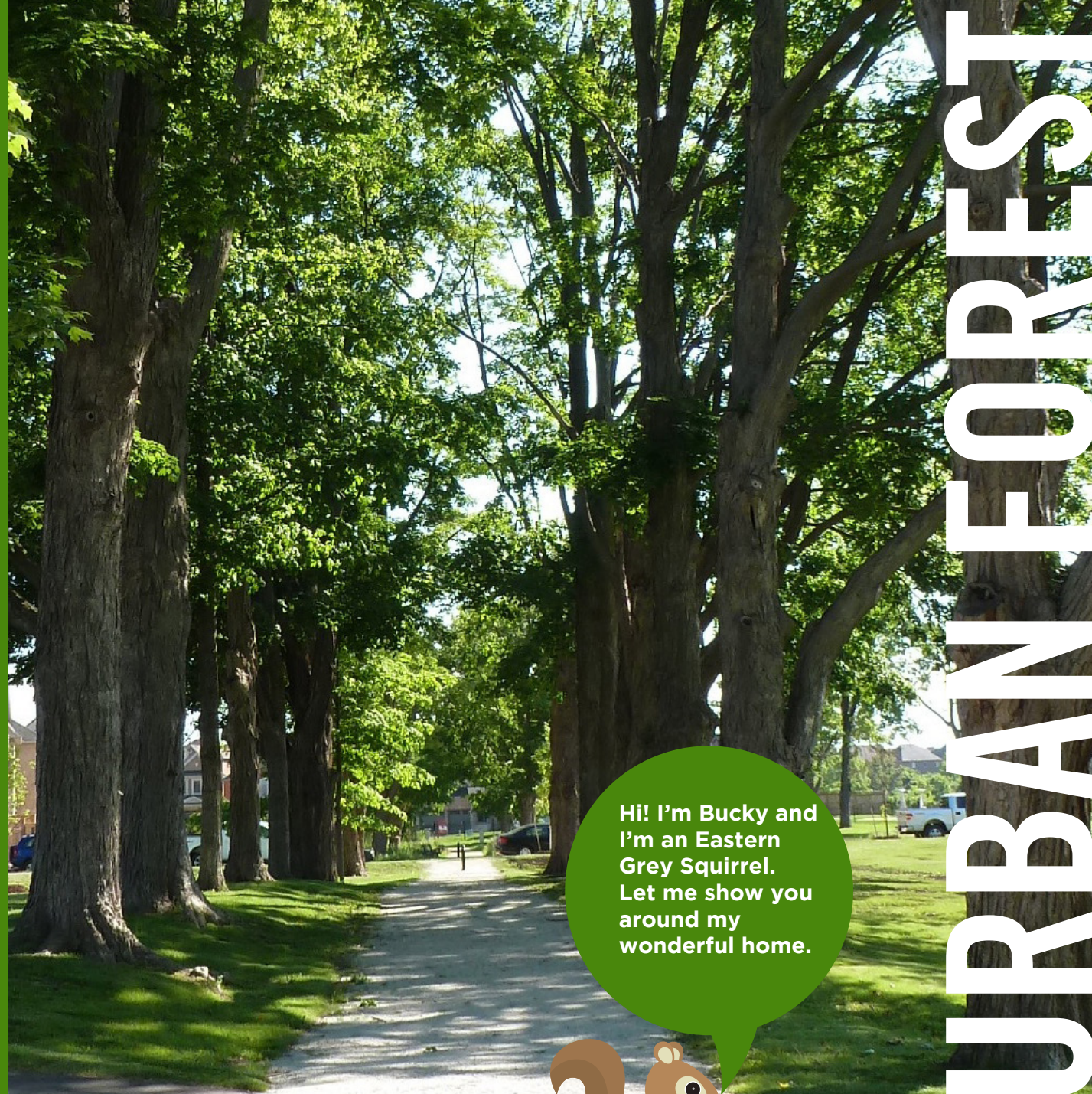
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are many simple actions you can take to help increase Brampton's urban tree canopy.

Try planting a tree in your yard. Once your tree is planted, be sure to provide regular maintenance such as watering and pruning.

Participate in a community tree planting event with the City of Brampton, conservation authorities or other environmental partners.

Join Brampton's Grow Green Network to help improve Brampton's urban forest at brampton.ca/growgreen



URBAN FOREST



Hi! I'm Bucky and I'm an Eastern Grey Squirrel. Let me show you around my wonderful home.



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Brampton's urban forest provides me with shelter and allows me to forage for food throughout the city. From your backyard to the local park - you can find me wherever.



MYTHS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

We have enough trees

It is easily assumed that because people see a lot of trees in their day to day activities, we don't need any more. In fact, Brampton lost many trees through the recent ice storm and the Emerald Ash Borer. Planting more trees ensures that we maintain and expand the city's tree canopy.

Trees are messy

Trees can seem messy, especially in the fall when they start to lose their leaves. When the leaves are mulched into smaller pieces, this leaf litter will actually help to fertilize your lawn and garden, making it greener and healthier.

The urban forest is all the trees, shrubs, and understory plants that are found across the city. Street trees, the tree in your yard and the woodland near your local park all form a part of Brampton's urban forest!

It may be hard to believe, but Brampton was once covered in trees! Agriculture and urbanization removed most of Brampton's trees. Now the City is trying to incorporate more trees into the urban environment. The urban forest provides numerous ecosystem services to Brampton, such as clean air and better water quality. Protecting and enhancing our urban forest is important as it continues to face increasing pressure from factors such as urbanization, invasive species and diseases. It can be said that the health of the city can be determined by the health of its urban forest.

COMMON NATIVE SPECIES

Plants

- American Beech
- Sugar Maple
- Red Oak
- Red Maple
- Trembling Aspen
- White Birch

Animals

- Squirrel
- Blue Jay
- Downy Woodpecker
- Chipmunk
- House Sparrow
- Red-Tailed Hawk



Creates oxygen that we breathe - one acre of trees can provide oxygen for 18 people.



Offers recreational activities such as photography and bird watching.



Reduces energy costs by providing shade during the summer months and cooling the air.

BENEFITS OF THE URBAN FOREST



Reduces stress and anxiety.



Provides habitat and food for many plant, animal and insect species.



Absorbs carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and filter urban air pollutants.



My nest is in an American Beech tree!

