





PUBLIC CONSULTATION AUGUST 31, 2023

Goal: To gain consensus regarding the KGP tree 5 year management plan

- Tree removal
- Robinia trees
- Replacement trees





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Trees, branches fall in heavy winds



de Maisonneuve west of Victoria on October 27.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

High wind on several days last week brought down branches and trees, keeping Public Works and tree crews busy, Public Security officials report.

Among many incidents was the fall of a large tree October 27 at 4865 de Maisonneuve across from the Château Westmount long-term care residence near the corner of Victoria. A parked car had its sun roof and windows broken as well as other damage. A city lamp post was also damaged.

Officers were called at 10:27 am and special tree contractors were immediately called in. The tree was reported down at 12:27 pm.

Another tree had to be taken down in King George (Murray) Park after a woman at the dog run heard it "crack" around 8:14 am.

No injuries were reported in either of these two incidents.

Many affected trees to be cut down

Beetle bores into black locust trees in Murray Park

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Users of King George (Murray) Park may have noticed large chunks or long

"slices" of tree bark that have fallen from some of the trees. In some cases, it may look as if the bark had been knocked off by vandalism or damage.

But the reason, in this case, turns out to be a borer insect that affects the black locust trees (also known as pseudo acacia). This is "a fast growing but not long lived tree," explains landscape architect Anna Polspoel, who works in the city's Public Works department as a project manager.

"The ones in KGP are affected by a locust borer beetle that separates the bark from the trunk," she said last week. "The felling of the dead trees should take place over the course of 2022-2023 with a replanting plan of various tree species to follow in the same

PHOTO COURTESY OF NICK VRINIOTIS.

On the same day at 8:38 am, a branch

was reported hanging over a house and the

public stairs at 157 Edgehill. As public safe-

ty officers attended, they saw the branch

fall onto the roof, requiring a large crane

vears.'

An assessment of the trees was being done last week, she said. "Many are affected and will be cut down. The borer is



the cause of the mortality."

According to information from Natural Resources Canada, the *megacyllene robiniae* is a native insect that attacks black locust

(robinia pseudoacacia).

"Trees growing in the open (e.g. along roadsides) or planted in badly eroded soils or in nutrient-deficient soils provide an

> ideal environment for the locust borer and pave the way for subsequent severe attacks," it states.

"Drought-weakened trees are especially subject to attack. Injury is caused by the larvae mining in the inner bark and sapwood, and later burrowing into the solid wood."

The insect, a longhorn beetle, lays its eggs into the bark, which mature by mid-August and transform into pupae at the end of their tunnels, the information explains. These become active again in the spring and bore deeper into the tree trunk as development progresses.

■ Some of Murray Park's trees on November 1.

PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.

PHOTOS, INDEPENDE





One-time cut cancelled, project to extend over 5 years

89 trees to be felled in Murray Park, many others to be pruned, secured

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council cancelled a call for tenders March 21 for tree cutting and stump removal in King George (Murray) Park as well as another for tree planting. Both were in order to review the project for reforestation of the park.

"We will be spreading the work over five years in order to replace the trees gradually," explained Anna Polspoel, horticulture and arboriculture technical officer in Public Works. "Meanwhile, we will prune and use other means to keep standing those that require removal. The plan is to ensure that a new life cycle takes root in the park."

Some of those to be felled include a cluster of black locust trees, also known as acacia, described as having exceeded their natural life span and had been irreversibly

damaged by invasive insects (see story and photos November 2, 2021, p. 14).

No longer permitted

Black locusts, because of their invasiveness, are no longer on the list of permitted trees to the planted in Westmount and will be replaced by other species, Polspoel said.

The current inventory of the park canopy lists 401 trees of which 133 are black locusts (including those along Murray Ave.). The rest are 67 Norway maples, 28 oaks and 173 trees of various other species.

Those needing work include 89 to be felled and 137 to be secured by pruning and

An interactive map of the park's action plan and existing trees can be accessed on the city website from Engage Westmount on the home page and then under "current

Guest column

Thoughts on the black locust trees of King George, King Henri

By Ron Williams

Several Westmount residents who are concerned by the current re-forestation project in King George (Murray) Park have asked me to provide my thoughts on the subject, with particular regard to the many existing black locust (robinia pseudoacacia) trees. I hope that some of the observations and reflections I prepared for them will also be of interest to your newspaper and your readers.

I first encountered this remarkable stand of trees in the mid-1980s when I was involved in the re-design of a residential garden immediately adjacent to the park. I have renewed my acquaintance with these splendid trees on many subsequent occasions while working on similar projects in the neighbourhood, and on projects with the city and local non-profit associations.

Many of the trees were already mature decades ago and the total stand within the park numbered perhaps 60 to 100 in total. This is certainly one of the largest and most impressive groupings of this tree species in the Montreal area. Since the

black locust is approximately at its limit of cultivation here, it is not surprising that there are relatively few other major groupings of this species in our region; and I believe that, from an esthetic and landscape perspective, the King George Park grove is the most outstanding of these.

The primary value of these trees lies in their visual character as irregularly-formed and picturesque plants with extremely rough bark and gorgeous racemes [flower stems] of downward-hanging white flowers; and the delightful fragrance of these blossoms, which typically arrive in late June at our latitudes. The overall appearance of a well-established grove of these trees is most through the years to photograph the overall effect and the individual trees.

Long history in North America, Europe

The black locust is also of considerable historical interest. Its native habitat is within the Appalachian region of the United States and was first planted outside that region by Jean Robin, the royal botanist of French king Henri IV, in 1601. The tree's scientific name, robinia pseudoacacia,



Work on the black locust trees in Murray Park has begun, as seen May 20. Some of the trees have been labelled green (for pruning), purple (for cabling/buttressing) and red (for removal). The grove reaches from mid-Murray Ave. to southeast of the field on Westmount Ave. For more history on the trees, including a photo from the 1920s or before, see March 27,

was given to it Carl Linnaeus himself. (Linto black locust trees simply as "acacias." naeus was the originator of binomial Latin nomenclature, the modern system of nam-

1601 is an astonishingly early date – the seeds were apparently given to Robin by the famous English botanist John Tradescant the Elder, who may have received them from a colonist of the first, unsuccessful, 1580s English settlement in Virginia. Descendants of Robin's original tree still live in the Jardin des Plantes and in Place René Viviani in Paris.

ing organisms.)

Within the *robinia* genus, the species name of "pseudoacacia" does not suggest that the tree is somehow false or deceitful. striking. I have visited the park many times
It's simply an indication that the compound leaf array typical of this tree somewhat resembles that of the very numerous genus acacia (now considered to be several genera), whose species are found in the southern hemisphere, in Australia, Asia and Africa.

They are, like robinia, members of the vast bean family (fabaceae), well-known for their nitrogen-fixing properties that are beneficial to the soil. In Westmount and

Economic value, drawbacks

Besides its decorative and gardening potential, the black locust has proved to have considerable economic value over the years. It is a strong and robust tree with dense wood useful as firewood; a fastgrowing tree that tolerates poor soil conditions and is useful in erosion control and reclamation of damaged lands; and it has often been employed for honey production. It has been widely naturalized throughout many parts of the world for these and other purposes.

The plant has some drawbacks, includ-

a) the thorny branches of younger trees, b) its susceptibility to the locust-borer, an insect that tunnels into the bark and wood. This insect can weaken the tree and cause limbs to fall, and needs to be carefully monitored. Apparently, some maintenance measures, such as increased water supply during dry periods, can help.

c) the black locust reproduces not only from its flowers, but also by root suckers, Montreal generally, it is common to refer such that, in some locations, it is con-

sidered to be an invasive plant that supplants native vegetation and is thus undesirable. However, no less an authority than Frère Marie-Victorin (Flore Laurentienne, 1934) has stated that, in Quebec - probably due to our cold weather - it is not an aggressive plant. Certainly the trees in King George Park, which I have known for nearly 40 years, do not seem to be waging an aggressive war against their neighbours, as one often sees with such other species as rhamnus (buckthorn) or Norway maple.

Of course, all trees have disadvantages and are hosts to disease and insects, with very few exceptions such as gingkos and California redwoods (though the latter seem to have recently encountered some problems).

Given the vital role that the King George Park black locusts play in the visual character of the park and in the local residents' sense of identification with their community, it is vital that all major maintenance measures, including pruning and tree replacement, be discussed fully with local citizens and knowledgeable authorities, and that long-term strategies be worked out that are acceptable to all.

Preserving the stand

I understand from a recent article in the Westmount Independent (May 3, p. 7), that the current plan for re-forestation of the park is being reconsidered. I hope this is a sign that major tree removal, particularly of black locusts, has been postponed, and that such an interactive process will be es-

A final note: when dealing with aging trees that will sooner or later need to be replaced, it is often useful to plant future substitutes of the same species nearby some years before cutting the trees so that their replacements are already well-established when old trees are removed, and the visual loss to nearby residents and park users is

I hope my observations, reflections and suggestions will help the city in its delib-

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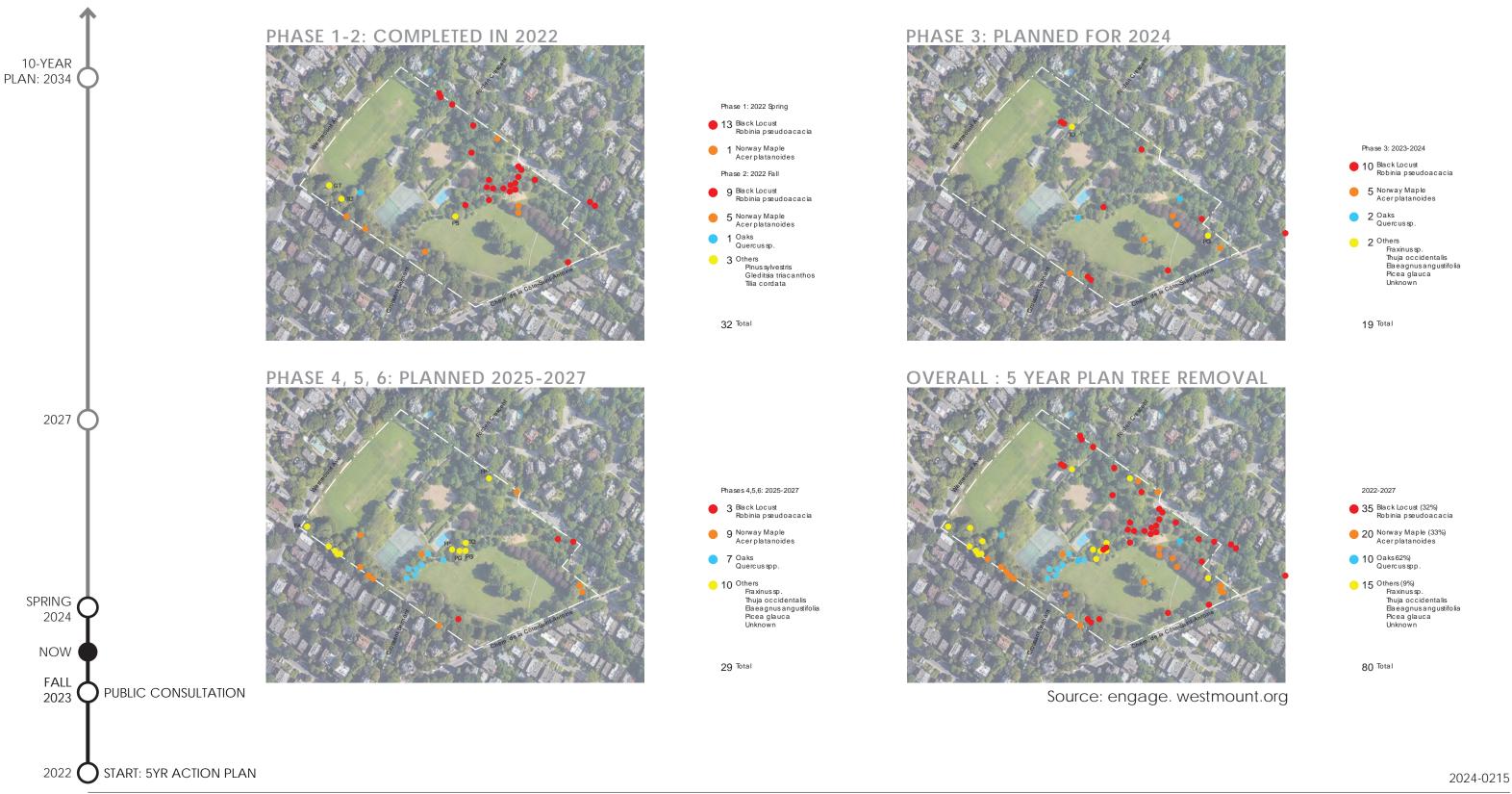




BLACK LOCUST (ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA) AT KING GEORGE PARK



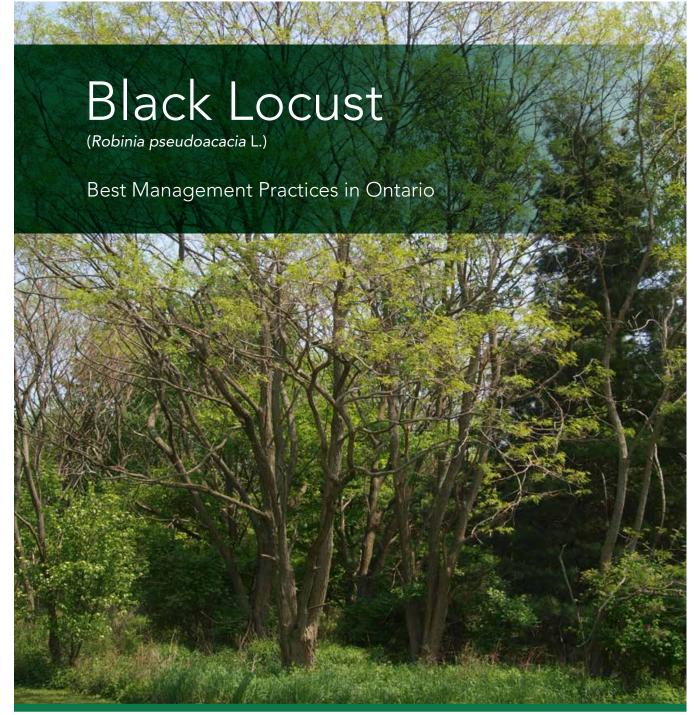
WESTMOUNT'S 5-YEAR ACTION PLAN (2022) | PHASED TREE REMOVAL UPDATED



REVISED PHASING FOR TREE REMOVAL AT KGP



- 1. Black locust is native to the southern Appalachians and the Ozarks, where it grows primarily on slopes and forest edges.
- 2. Seeds can remain viable for decades and seedlings have a greater survivorship compared to other native and non-native species.
- 3. Extensive roots system extends 1 to 1.5 times the tree height, and as far as 50 meters, causing aggressive colonization.
- 4. Roots alter the soil chemistry and ecosystem, causing a decrease in species richness.
- 5. Dense colonies shade-out native flora.
- 6. Large prolific blossoms divert pollinators away from native plants.
- 7. Fast growing but medium lived tree with an average lifespan of about 80 to 90 years (rarely over 100).
- 8. Host to many pests, such as locust borer, some macro fungi, locust leaf miner, locust twig borer, witches' broom, Texas root rot and coral rot.



* Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ontario Invasive Plant Council: 'Black Locust, Best management practices in Ontario"





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PUBLIC CONSULTATION - COMMUNITY INPUT



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PUBLIC CONSULTATION: WHAT WE HEARD



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PUBLIC CONSULTATION: RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Maintain three (3) existing Robinia groves & same quantity of 97 2. Manage robinia suckers to prevent unwanted invasive propagation and encourage tree diversity at KGP. 10-YEAR PLAN: 2034 3. Develop a tree plan that enhances park character & ecology 2027 Chem. de la Côte-Saint-Antol SPRING 2024 NOW FALL PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2023 2022



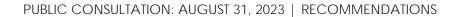
Number of Robinia trees at KGP

132: Total Robinia trees in 2022

35: Total planned to be removed 5 year plan

97: Remaining after 5 year plan







CURRENT MANDATE & PROCESS



2027

SPRING 2024

NOW

2023

DDP-2023-059: PLAN DIRECTEUR DES ARBRES // PARC KING GEORGE

December 2023

Goal:

To develop a 5-year tree masterplan to enhance the beauty and resilience of the park

Process:

- 1. Site observation and analysis
- 2. Historic research
- 3. Generate tree survey representing the City's proposed 5-year plan (including recent & proposed tree removal)
- 4. Analysis of proposed tree composition (Westmount 5-year plan)
- 5. Tree master plan RC proposal
- 6. Preliminary review with Westmount Public Works
- 7. Review masterplan with City of Westmount Director General, Mayor, and Councillors
- 8. Public Consultations meeting (February 12, 2024)
- 9. Plan refinements
- 10. Implementation phase 3 tree removal & phase 1 planting: 2024

WESTMOUNT 5-YEAR ACTION PLAN (2022)



SUMMARY:

TOTAL TREES (2022): 401

TOTAL TREES TO BE REMOVED (2022-2027): 80

INCLUDING: 35 OF 132 ROBINIAS

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WESTMOUNT 5-YEAR PLAN (2022)

5YR ACTION PLAN





TREES REMOVED IN 2022



TREE SURVEY - TREES CUT IN 2022





TREES TO BE REMOVED BY 2027 | WESTMOUNT 5-YEAR ACTION PLAN

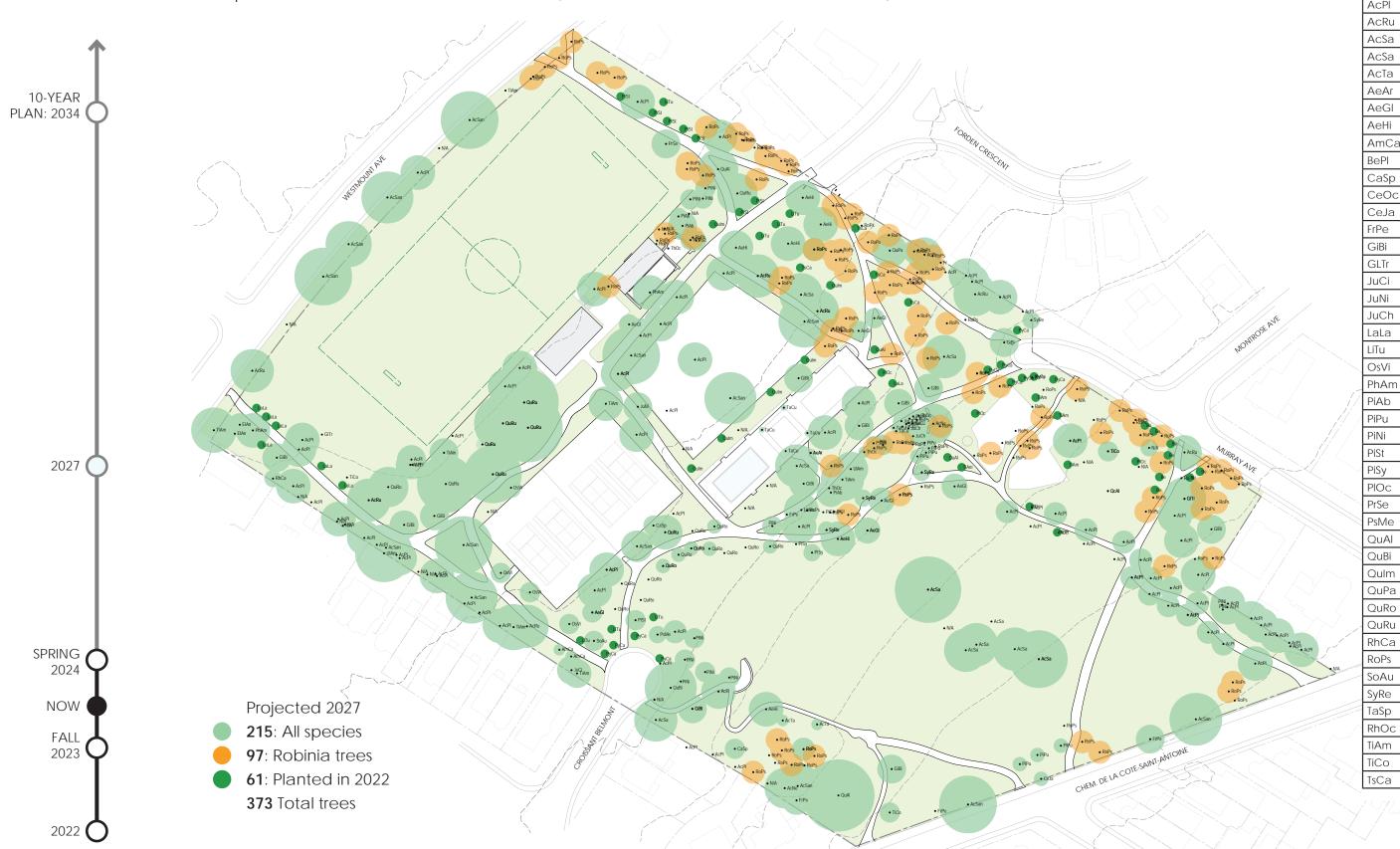


TREE SURVEY - REMAINING TREES TO BE CUT (PHASES 3, 4, 5, 6)





TREE PLAN | PROJECTED AFTER 2027 (WESTMOUNT 5-YEAR PLAN) - OLD PLAN



TREE SURVEY - TREES REMAINED AFTER CURRENT 5 YR ACTION PLAN (OLD PLAN)

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LEGEND:

AcNe ACER NEGUNDO

ACER PLATANOIDES

ACER RUBRUM

ACER SACCHARINUM

ACER SACCHARUM
ACER TATARICUM

AESCULUS GLABRA

CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS
CERCIDIPHYLUM JAPONICUM
FRAXINUS PENNSYLVANICA

LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA

OSTRYA VIRGINIANA PHELLODENDRON AMURENSE

PICEA ABIES
PICEA PUNGENS
PINUS NIGRA
PINUS STROBUS

PINUS SYLVESTRIS

QUERCUS ALBA

QUERCUS BICOLOR

QUERCUS IMBRICARIA

QUERCUS PALUSTRIS

QUERCUS ROBUR

QUERCUS RUBRA

RHAMNUS CATHARTICA

PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS PRUNUS SEROTINA PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII

ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA

SORBUS AUCUPARIA
SYRINGA RETICULATA

THUJA OCCIDENTALIS

TAXUS SP.

GINKGO BILOBA
GLEDITSIA TRIACANTHOS
JUNGLANS CINEREA
JUNGLANS NIGRA
JUNIPERUS CHINENSIS
LARIX LARICINA

AESCULUS GLABRA 'ARGUTA'

AESCULUS HIPPOCASTANUM
AMELANCHIER CANADENSIS
BETULA PLATYPHYLLA
CATALPA SPECIOSA









TREE MASTERPLAN | GOALS & CONCEPTS

GOALS & CONCEPTS:

- 1. MAXIMIZE DIVERSITY FOR ECOLOGY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE
- 2. CELEBRATE HISTORY
- 3. IMPROVE PARK'S BEAUTY AND CHARACTER



GOALS & CONCEPTS | 01. MAXIMIZE DIVERSITY TO MINIMIZE RISK OF IMPACT FROM PESTS AND DISEASE



Winnipeg, Manitoba: Residential street, before and after Dutch Elm Disease.

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DUTCH ELM DISEASE







BEECH BARK DISEASE





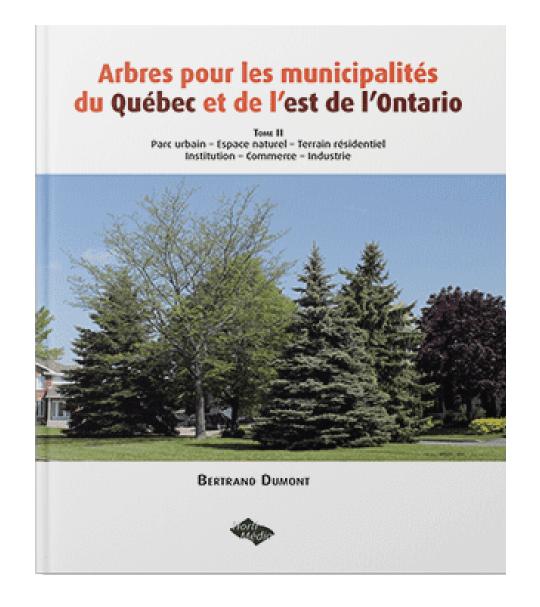
GOALS & CONCEPTS | 01. MAXIMIZE DIVERSITY TO MINIMIZE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE & IMPROVE RESILIENCE





FLOODS DROUGHT

RULE#1: TREE COMPOSITION TO INCLUDE NO MORE THAN 10% FROM A SINGLE BOTANICAL FAMILY









ith news of invasive insects and diseases that are destroying community trees throughout the country, it is easy to view the situation as hopeless. However, one of the most powerful means of combating the havoc caused by these invasions is relatively simple and inexpensive — diversifying the kinds of trees we plant and manage.

When reflecting on his state's historic loss of elm trees, Dr. John Ball of South Dakota State University told *The Forestry Source*, a publication of the Society of American Foresters, "I realized we learned the wrong lesson. The lesson we learned was not to plant elms. What we should have learned was to diversify."

That important lesson means not simply switching to another species that is immune to a current plague.

A greater focus on diversification of a community's trees should be a goal of every tree board and urban forestry department.

but rather to truly diversify the trees being planted. To ensure maximum effectiveness and maximum protection of the benefits provided by the urban forest, the diversification needs to be carefully planned.

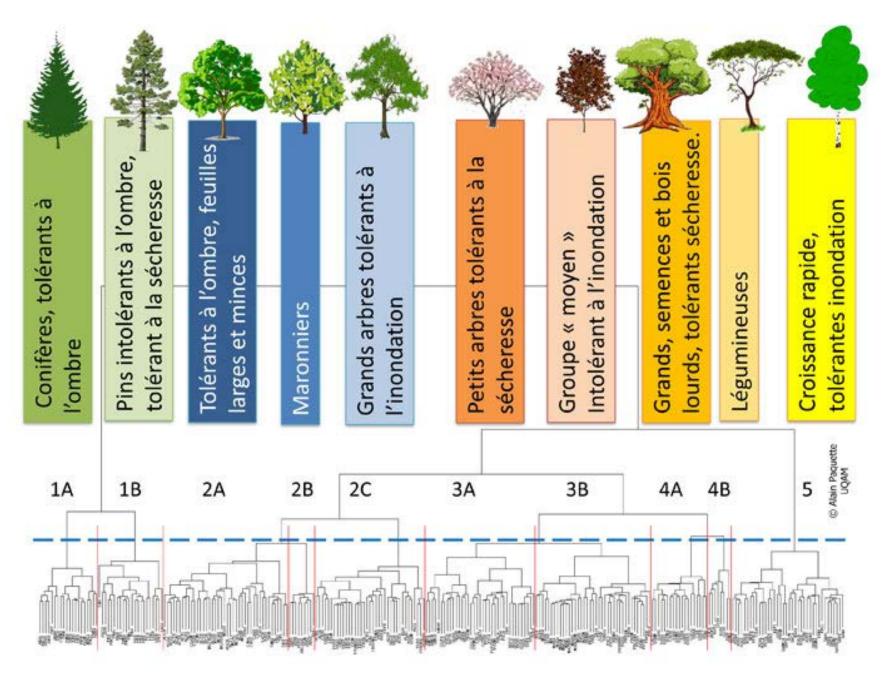
Urban forest diversity has been defined by Professor Emeritus Joe McBride of the University of California-Berkeley as "the complexity of tree species composition, the size distribution of trees, and the patterns of distribution within an urban forest." With the continuing spread of urbanization and in the face of climate change, the concept — and practice — of tree diversification is more important than ever.







RULE #2: SELECT TREES FROM A WIDE RANGE OF FUNCTIONAL GROUPS



Grille d'interprétation des groupes fonctionnels.

Groupe	Type fonctionnel	Espèces représentatives
1A	Conifères généralement tolérants à l'ombre, mais pas à la sécheresse ou l'inondation. Mycorhization ECM et graine dispersées par le vent.	Les épinettes, sapins et thuya, et le pin blanc
1B	Conifères héliophiles, tolérants à la sécheresse (pins). Mycorhization ECM et graine dispersées surtout par le vent.	Les pins, mélèzes, genévriers, et ginkgo
2A T	Climaciques. Arbres tolérants à l'ombre à feuilles larges et minces, croissance moyenne. Mycorhization mixte et graine dispersées par le vent surtout.	Les plupart des érables, les tilleuls, magnolia, le hêtre, ostryer et quelques autres petits arbres
2B	Ressemblent à 2A sauf pour les semences très lourdes et dispersées par gravité. Mycorhization AM exclusive.	Les marronniers
2C	Grands arbres tolérants à l'inondation. Mycorhization AM et dispersion surtout par le vent.	La plupart des ormes, les frênes, micocoulier, érables rouge, argenté, et negundo
3A	Petits arbres tolérants à la sécheresse, bois lourd, feuilles épaisses, croissance faible. Mycorhization mixte (surtout AM). Zoochorie sauf les lilas (achorie).	Rosacées (sorbier, poirier, aubépine et amélanchier), et les lilas
3B.	Groupe « moyen ». Intolérant à l'inondation, mycorhization AM. Dispersées surtout par les animaux.	Grandes Rosacées (cerisier, pommier), Catalpa, Maackia, autres espèces diverses
4A	Grands arbres à semences et bois lourds. Plusieurs tolérants à la sécheresse. Mycorhization surtout ECM; zoochorie	Les chênes, noyers, et caryers
4B	Grande tolérantes à sécheresse, mais pas à l'ombre ou inondation. Semences lourdes, feuilles riches. Mycorhization surtout AM et zoochorie.	Les légumineuses (févier, chicot, robinier, gainier)
5	Espèces pionnières à très petites semences. Croissance rapide, tolérants à l'inondation, bois léger. Mycorhization	Tous les peupliers, saules, aulnes et bouleaux (sauf jaune)
468	mixte (souvent double); anémochorie.	© Alain Paquette, UQAM

Source: Chaire de recherche, CRSNG/Hydro-Québec sur le contrôle de la croissance des arbres: 'Repenser le reboisement : Guide stratégique pour l'augmentation de la canopée et de la résilience de la forêt urbaine de la région métropolitaine de montreal'





GOALS & CONCEPTS | 01. SUPPORT LOCAL ECOSYSTEM

RULE #3: FAVOUR NATIVE TREES



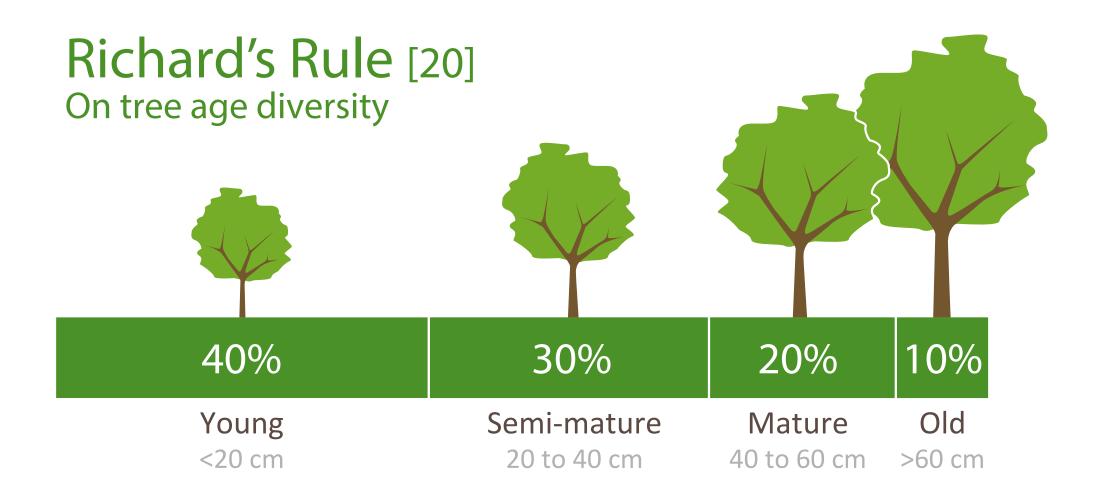


Native plants support local fauna. For example, red maples provide food for cardinals and nesting for American goldfinch





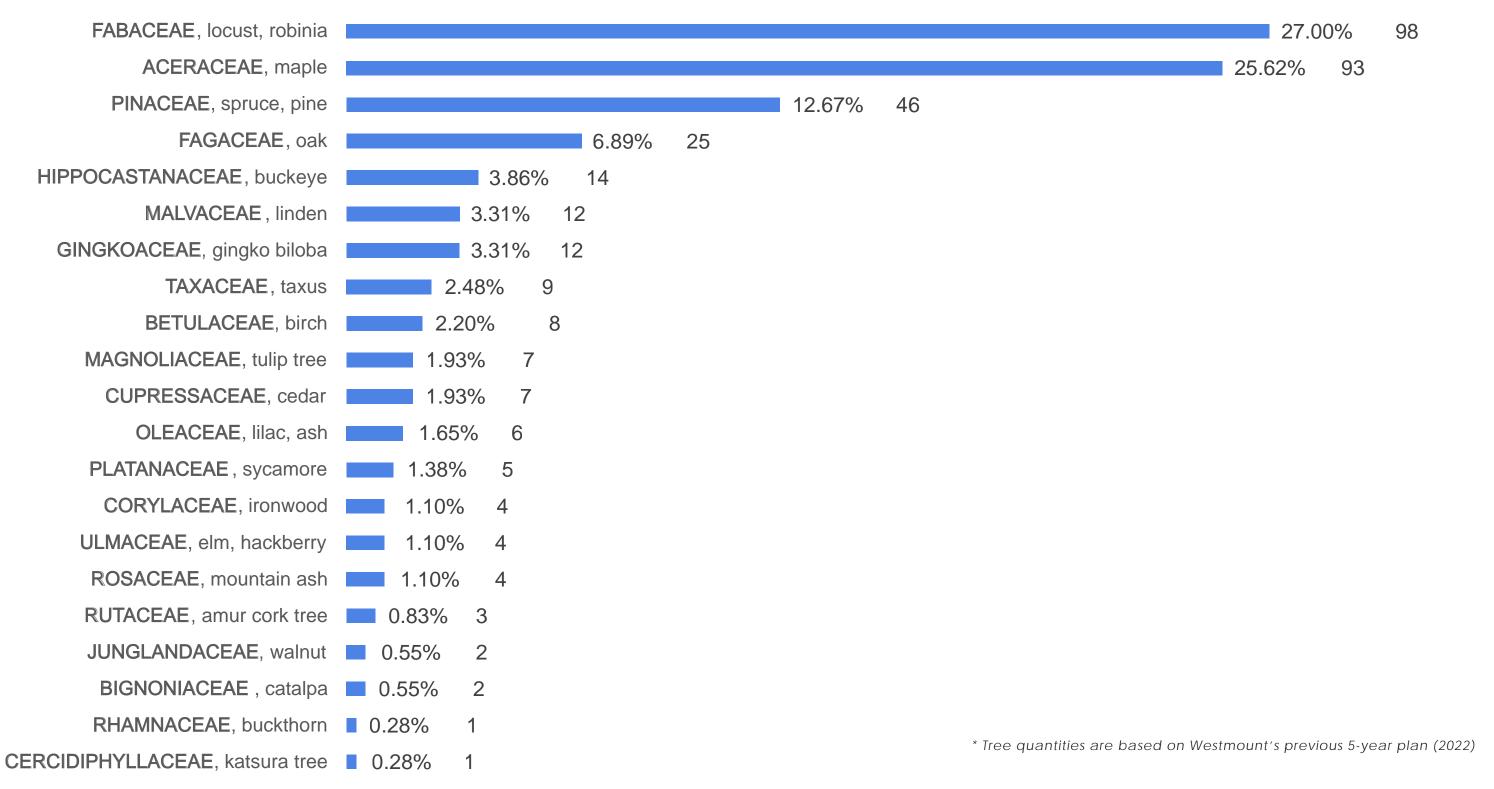
RULE #4: MAINTAIN A RESILIENT AGE DISTRIBUTION



Source: 'City of Vancouver 2018 Urban Forest Strategy'



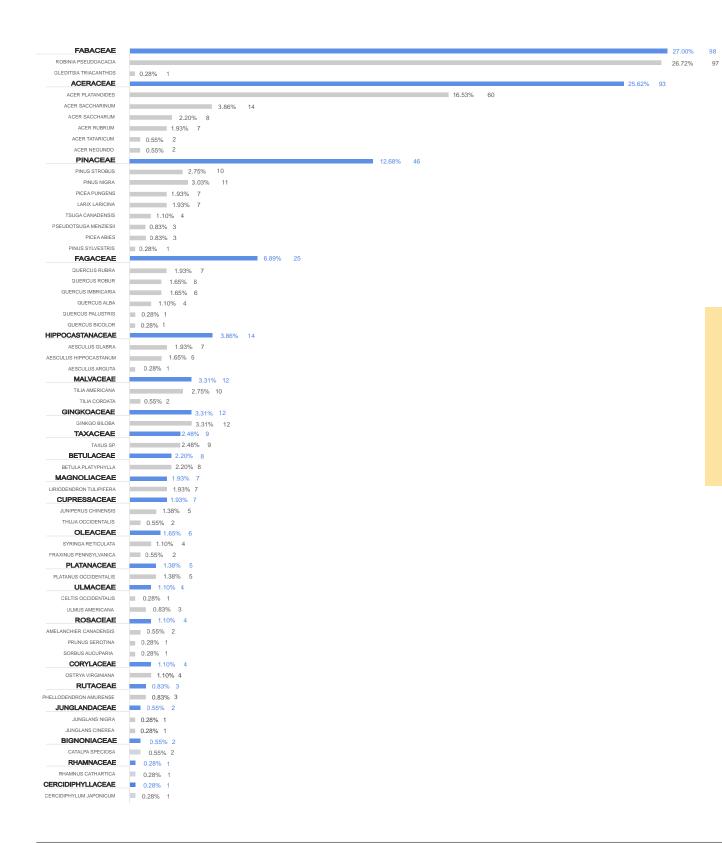
ANALYSIS | EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION - 363 TREES CLASSIFIED BY FAMILY







ANALYSIS | EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION - SPECIES CHART



AT KGP

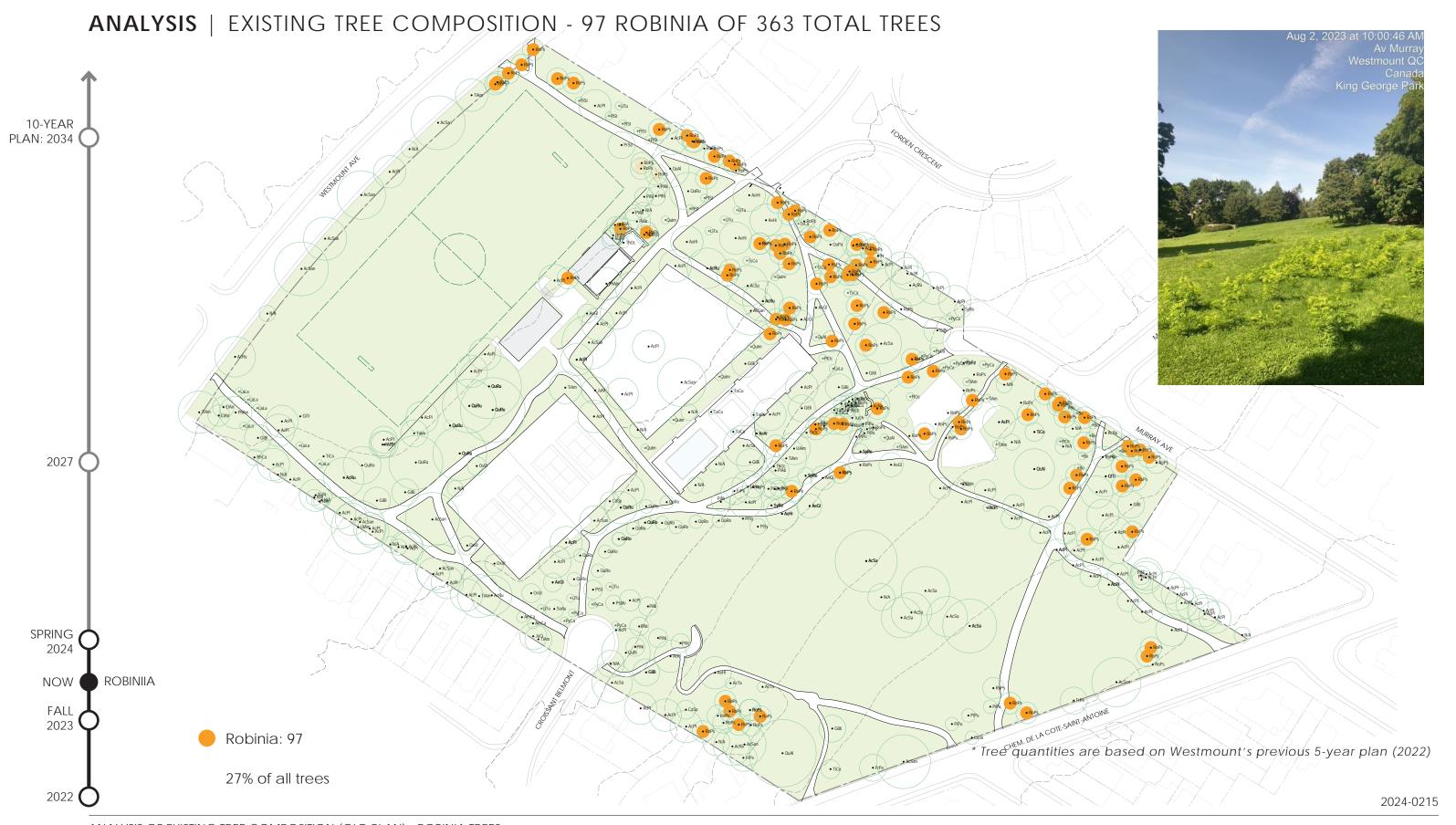
1 IN 4 TREES ARE ROBINIA

1 IN 6 TREES ARE NORWAY MAPLES

* Tree quantities are based on Westmount's previous 5-year plan (2022)











ANALYSIS | EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION - 60 NORWAY MAPLES OF 363 TOTAL TREES

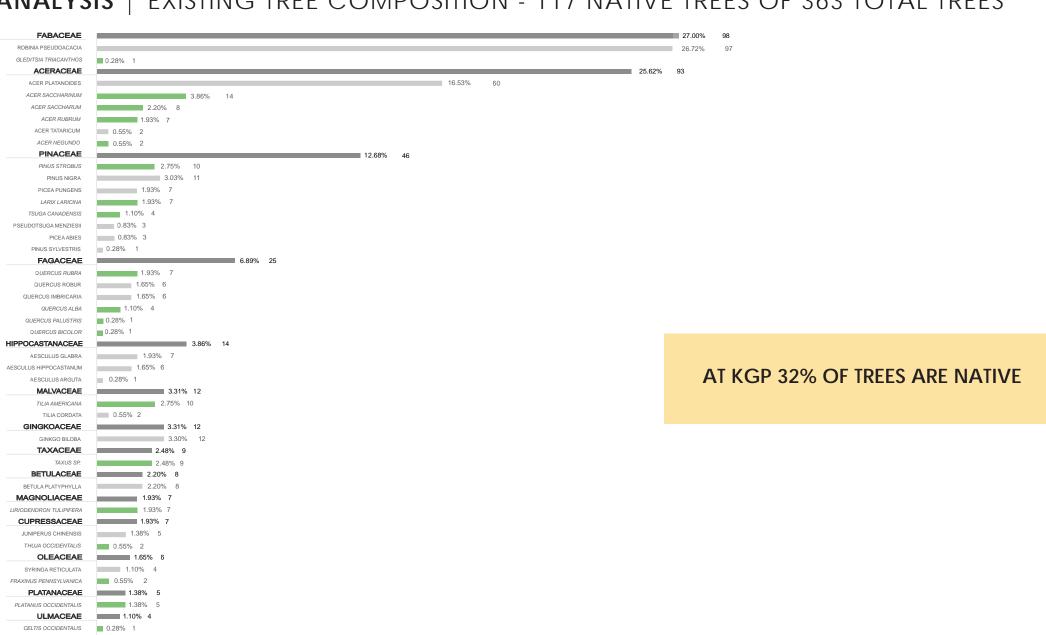


ANALYSIS OF EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION (OLD PLAN) - NORWAY MAPLE TREES





ANALYSIS | EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION - 117 NATIVE TREES OF 363 TOTAL TREES



* Tree quantities are based on Westmount's previous 5-year plan (2022)

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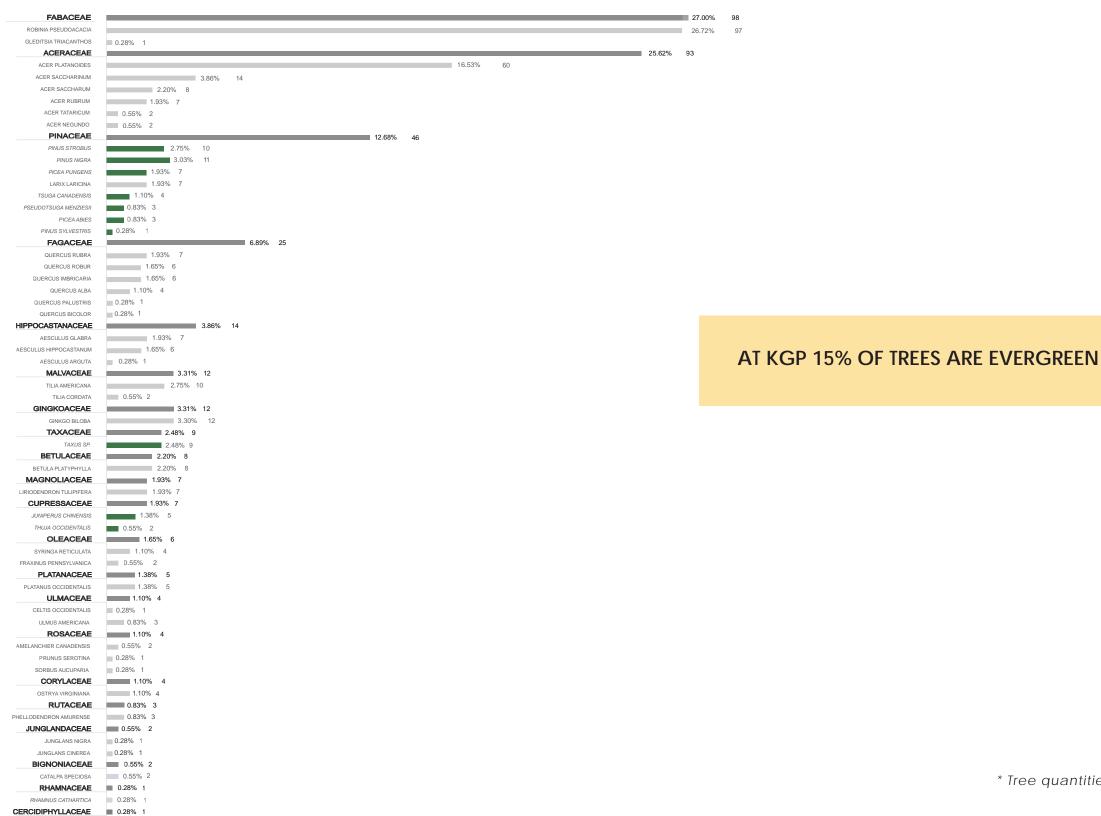
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 RHAMNUS CATHARTICA
 0.28% 1

 CERCIDIPHYLLACEAE
 0.28% 1

 CERCIDIPHYLUM JAPONICUM
 0.28% 1

ANALYSIS | EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION - 53 EVERGREEN TREES OF 363 TOTAL TREES



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ANALYSIS OF EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION (OLD PLAN) - EVERGREEN TREES



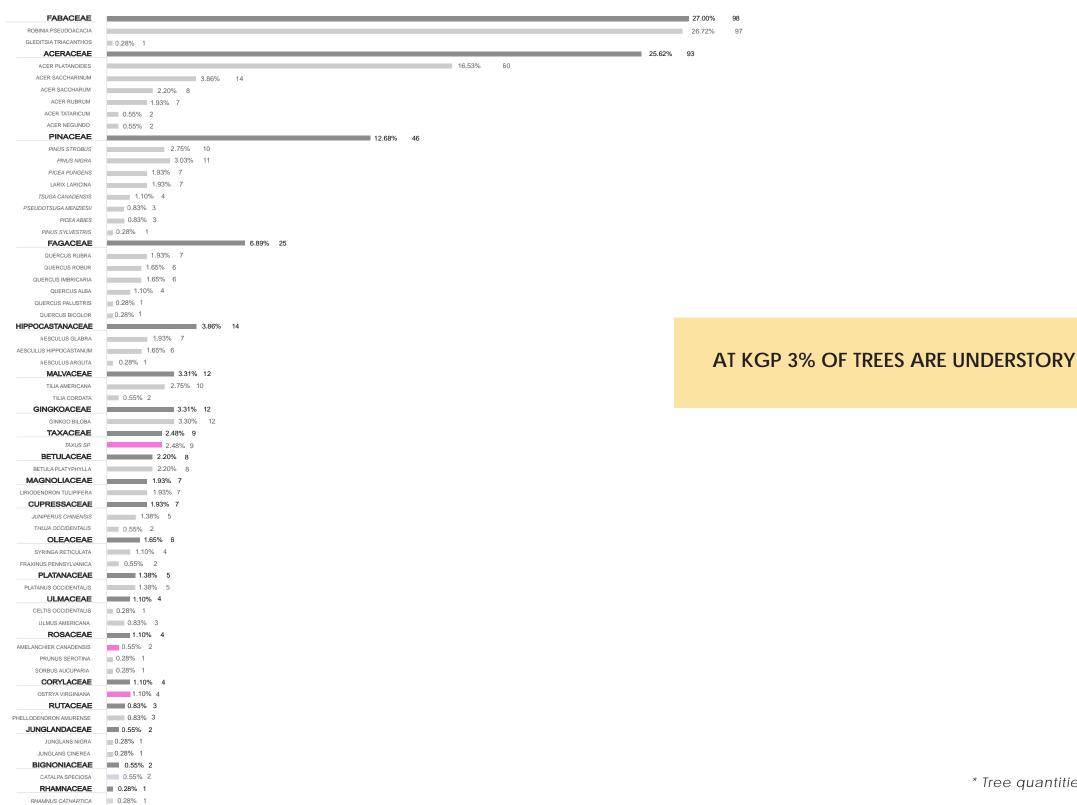
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ANALYSIS | EXISTING TREE COMPOSITION - 32 UNDERSTORY TREES OF 363 TOTAL TREES



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WESTMOUNT



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ANALYSIS | TREE COMPOSITION - 160 TREES ARE AN INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES



AT KGP 44% OF TREES ARE INVASIVE NON NATIVE

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GOALS & CONCEPTS | 02. CELEBRATE HISTORY

First Nations -

Trail at southern boundary (Côte Saint-Antoine) through native forest

French Farmers - 1706 to 1845

Land clearance for farms

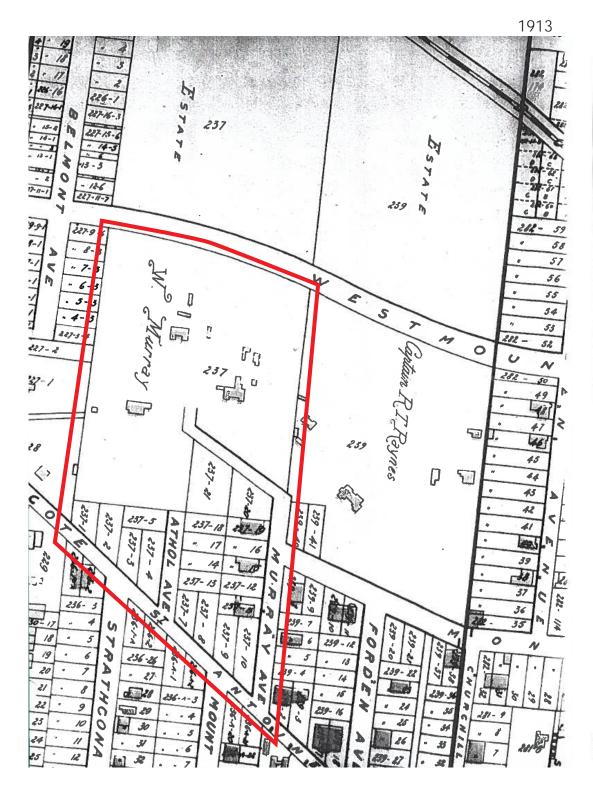
British Landowners - 1845 to 1927

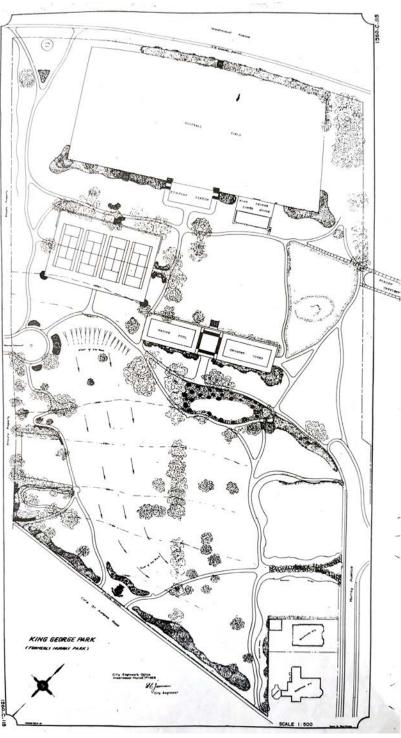
- -Estate kept intact with little development 4 residences
- -Used by local children, records of apple picking

City of Westmount - 1927 to present

- Land becomes public park
- Murray and Lighthall families donate some of the land
- Lighthall family request that robinia trees be kept

Source: Westmount Historical Association (WHA)



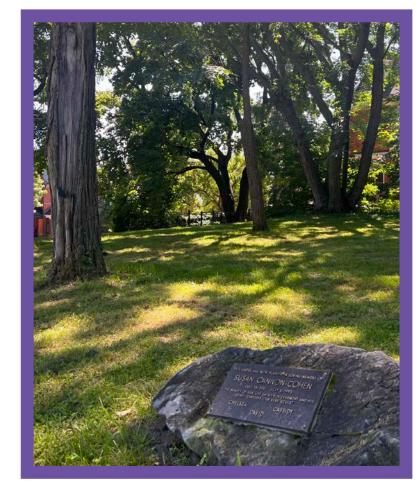


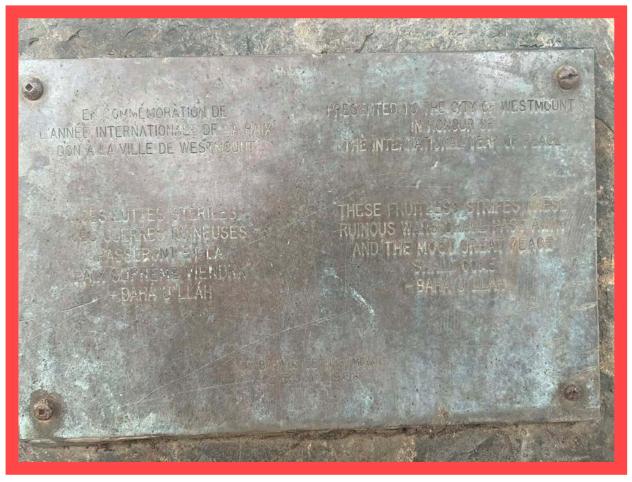
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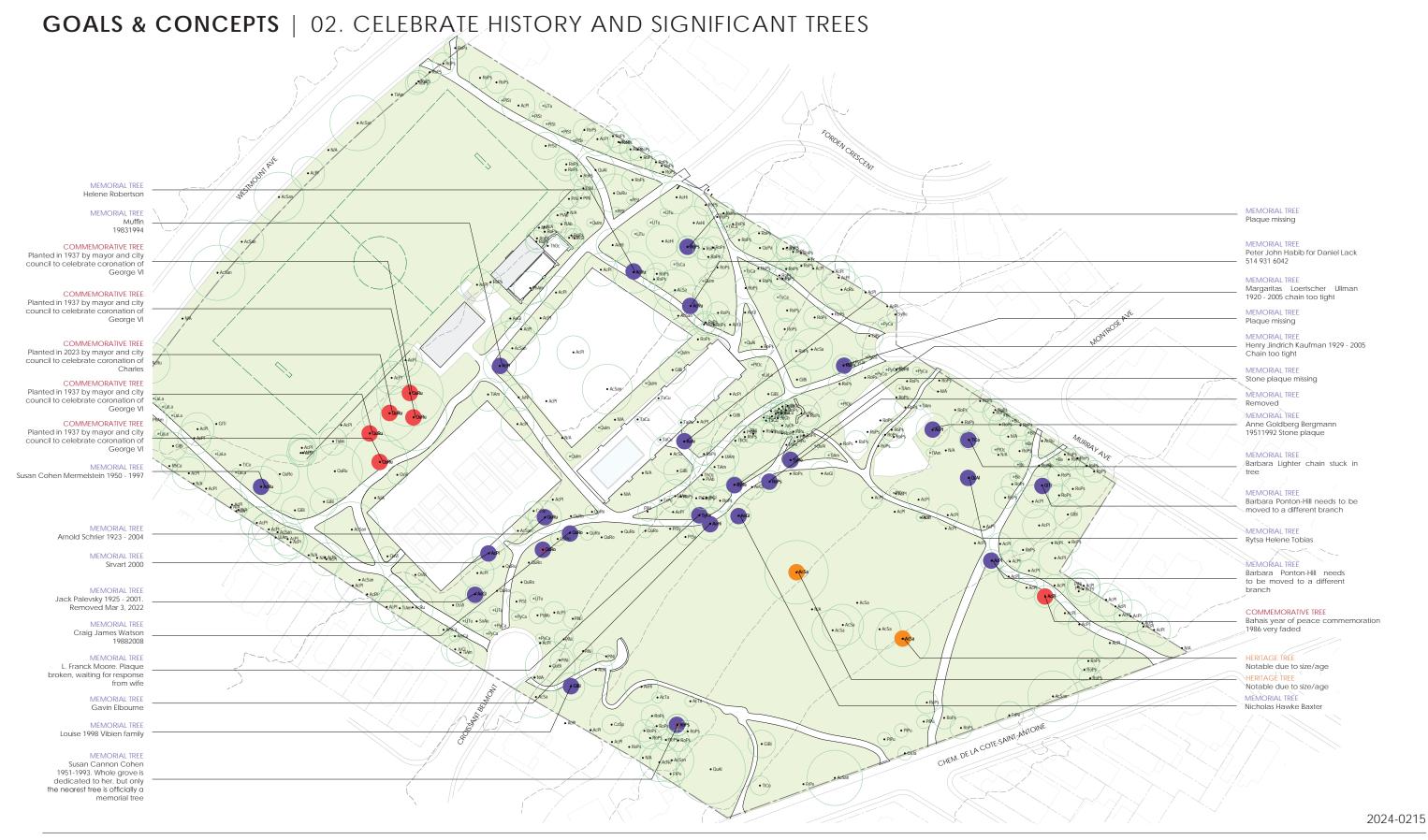
GOALS & CONCEPTS | 02. CELEBRATE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANT TREES







MEMORIAL TREES COMMEMORATIVE TREES HERITAGE TREES



GOALS & CONCEPTS- CELEBRATE HISTORY - SIGNIFICANT TREES





OLMSTED'S TOOLKIT FOR STRUCTURING EXPERIENCE WITH TREES



Specimen Tree in Open Area

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Groupings & Groves

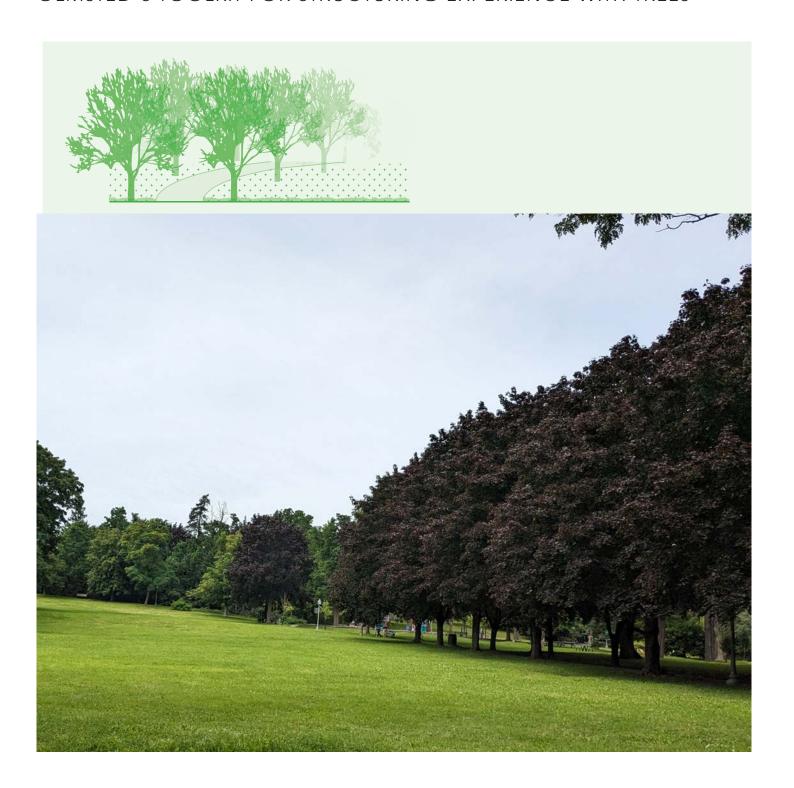
Groups of multiple trees frame open views across parks. They also helped to differentiate foreground from background, giving a sense of scale to these large open areas.

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Lines & Allée

More purposeful planting of canopy allées edge significant promenades, separating modes of travel, and providing both important shade and a sense of order and formality.



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Woodlands

Much of the woodlands are purposefully planted, though their arrangement is more natural and included an understory layer. They provided contrast and backdrop to the central open meadow and created an immersive and shaded separation between the park and the city.

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Understory Trees & Shrubs

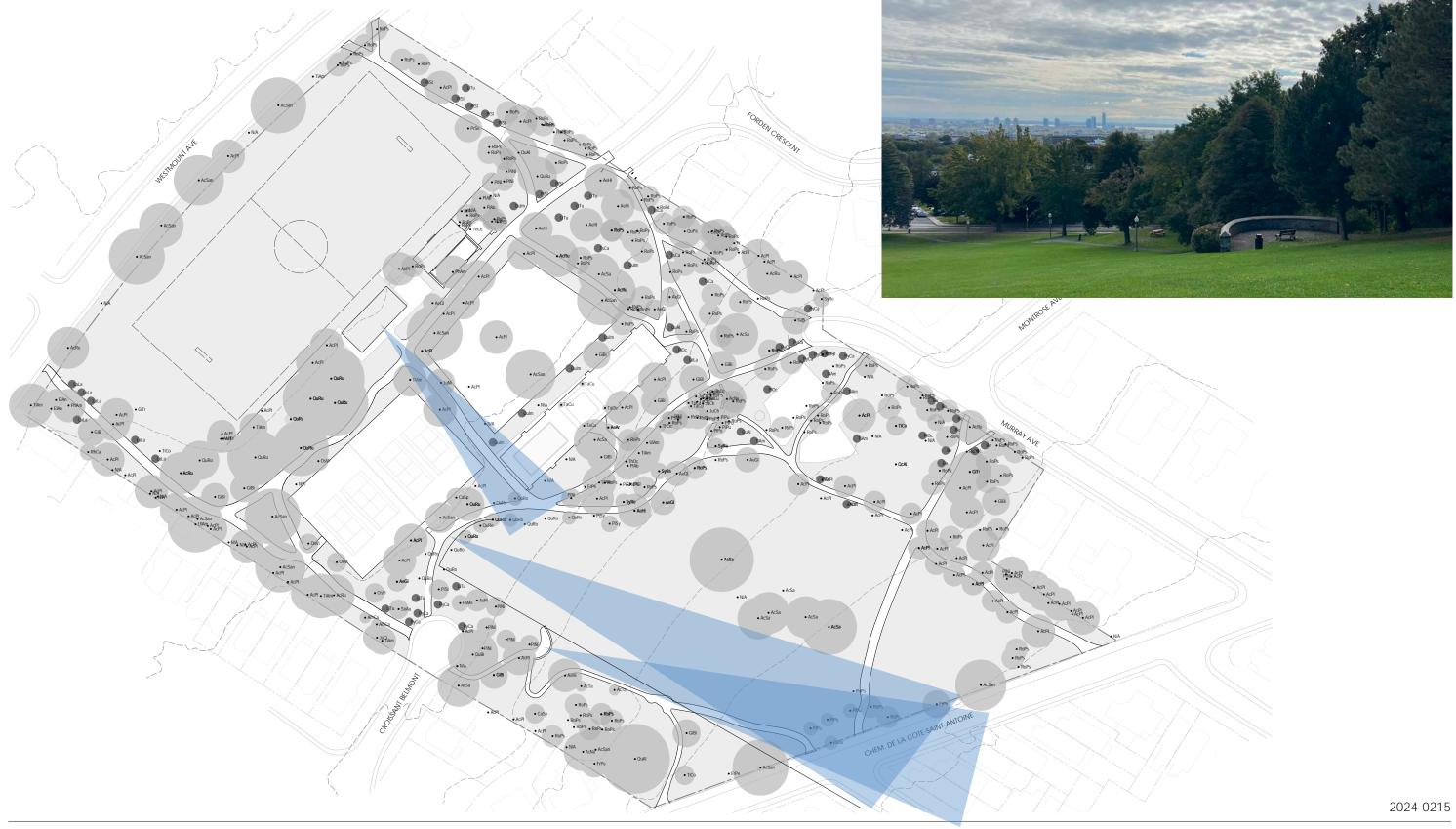
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GOALS & CONCEPTS | 03. MAINTAIN AND RESTORE VIEWS



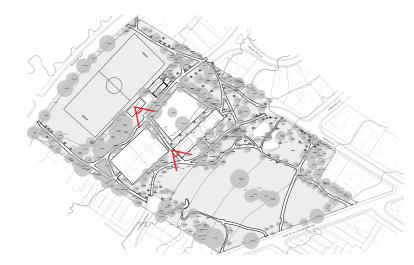
GOALS & CONCEPTS - DESIGN / TREE SPATIAL IMPROVEMENT - VIEWS + GATEWAYS



GOALS & CONCEPTS | 03. RESTORE VIEWS FROM THE OVERLOOK







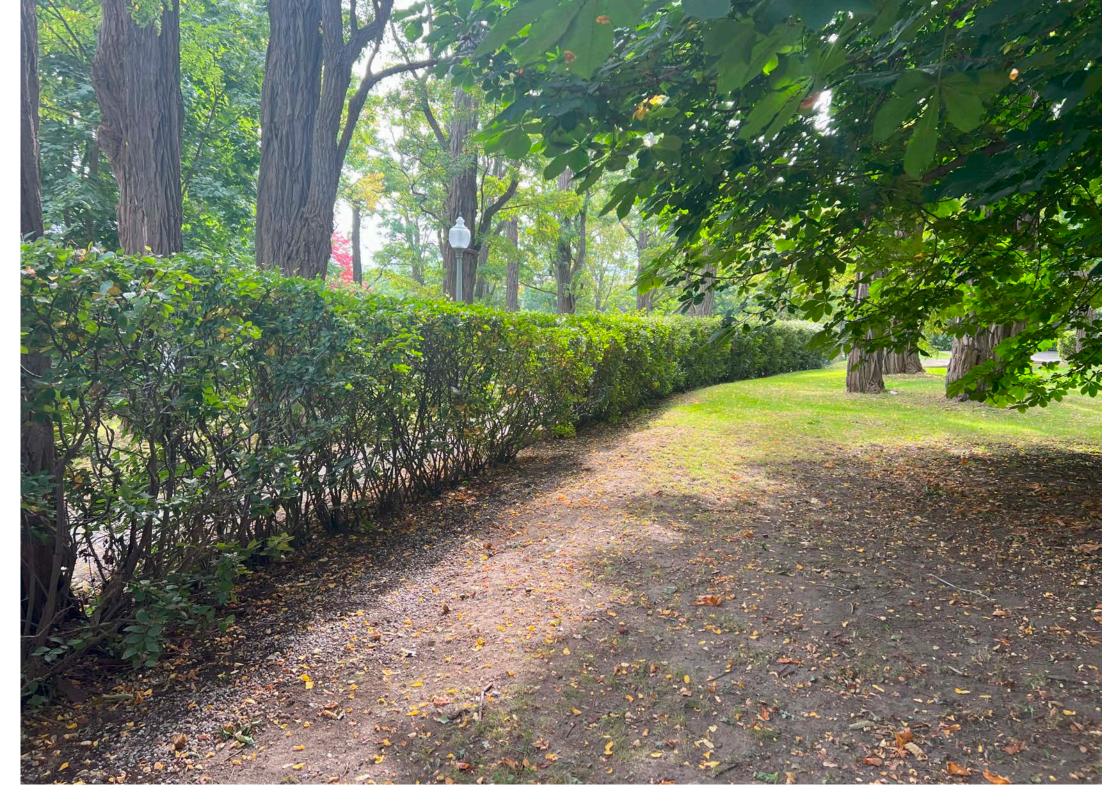


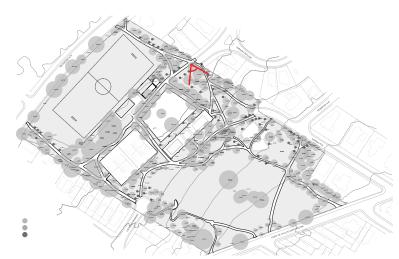
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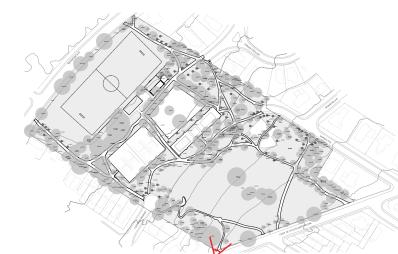






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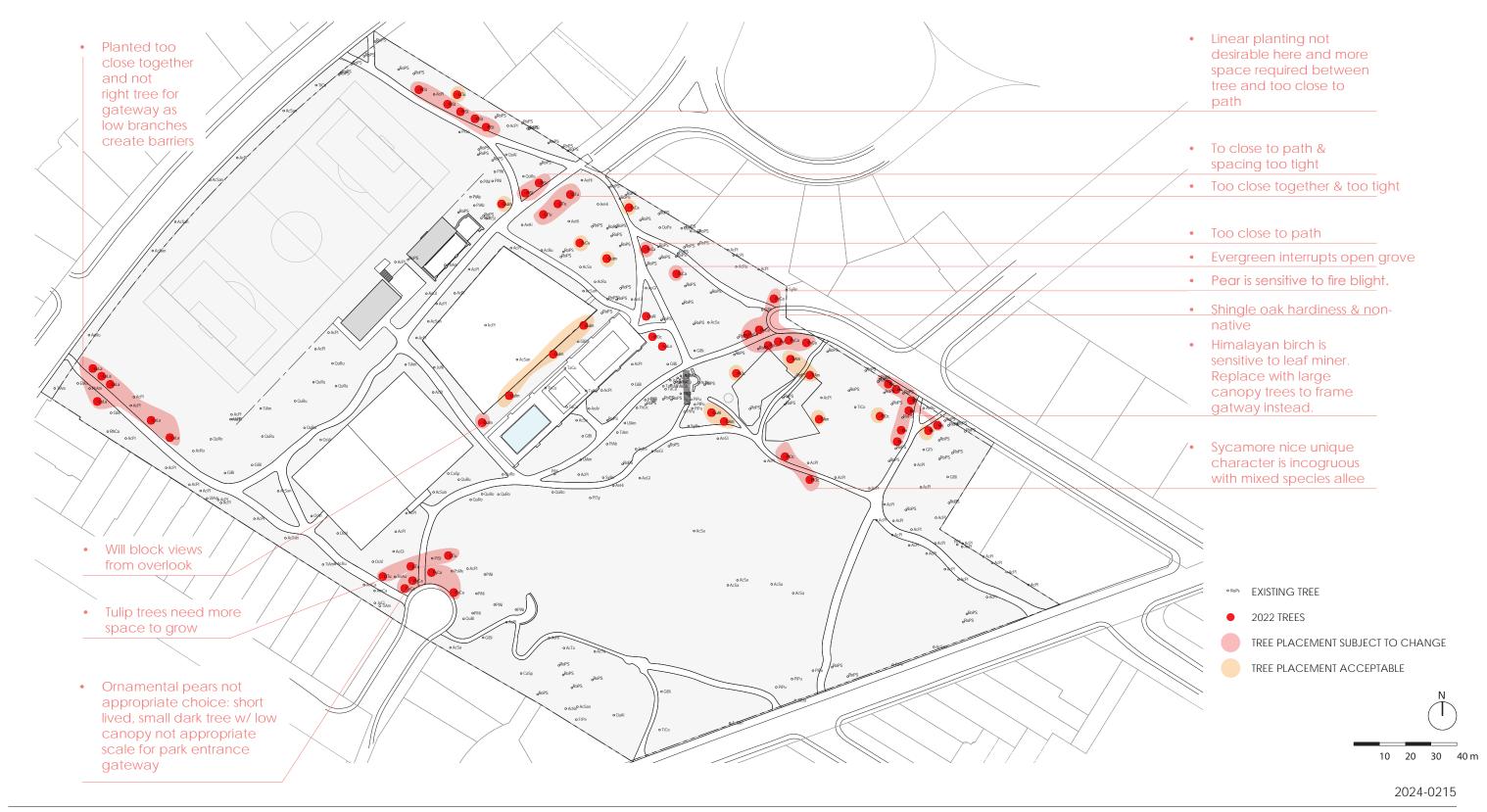








CRITIQUE OF 2022 TREE PLANTING



GOALS & CONCEPTS - CRITIQUE OF 2022 TREE PLANTING





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PROPOSED TREE PLANTING STRATEGY



GOALS & CONCEPTS - PROPOSAL



OVERALL TREE MASTERPLAN



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2024 PROPOSED TREE PLANTING & RELOCATION | CONCEPT DESIGN



2024 PLANTING: NEW TREE AND RELOCATION CONCEPT PLAN

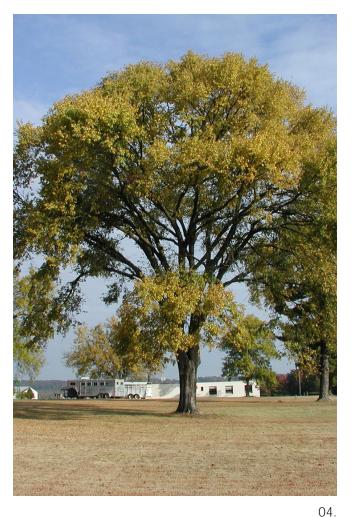


PROPOSED TREE SELECTION - LARGE CANOPY TREES









01.

Bignoniaceae : Catalpa speciosa (Northern Catalpa) Fagaceae : Quercus palustris (Pin Oak) Fagaceae: Quercus palustris (Pin Oak)
Juglandaceae: Juglans cinerea (Butternut)
Aceraceae: Acer rubrum (Red Maple)
Aceraceae: Acer saccharum (Sugar Maple)
Betulaceae: Betula lenta (Sweet Birch)
Magnoliaceae: Liriodendron tulipifera (Tulip Tree)
Fagaceae: Quercus alba (White Oak)
Fagaceae: Quercus rubra (Red Oak)
Fagaceae: Quercus bicolor (Swamp white Oak)

01. Juglandaceae : Carya ovata (Shagbark Hickory)
02. Malvaceae : Tilia americana (Linden)
03. Betulaceae : Betula alleghaniensis (Yellow Birch)
04. Ulmaceae : Ulmus americana (White Elm)



PROPOSED SELECTION MEDIUM CANOPY TREES









02. 03.

- 01. Cannabaceae : Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)
 02. Betulaceae : Betula papyrifera (Paperbark Birch)
 03. Coryloideae : Carpinus caroliniana (Hornbeam)
 04. Hippocastanaceae : Aesculus glabra (Buckeye)

Coryloideae : Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood) Betulaceae : Alnus incana (Grey Alder)

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04.

PROPOSED TREE SELECTION - UNDERSTORY & FLOWERING TREES









02. 03. 04.

01. Cornaceae: Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda Dogwood)
02. Rosaceae: Amelanchier laevis (Serviceberry)
03. Leguminosae: Cercis canadensis (Eastern Redbud)
04. Rosaceae: Crataegus crus-galli (hawthorn)

Hamamelidaceae: Hamamelis virginiana (Witchhazel)
Rosaceae: Prunus nigra (Canadian Plum)
Rosaceae: Prunus serotina (Black Cherry)
Rosaceae: Malus domestica (Crabapple) Caprifoliaceae: Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry) Rosaceae: Cratagegus mollis (Downy Hawthorn)





PROPOSED TREE SELECTION - CONIFER TREES









Pinaceae : *Picea rubens* (Red Spruce) Pinaceae : *Pinus banksiana* (Jack Pine)

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Pinaceae: Pinus resinosa (Red Pine)
Pinaceae: Pinus strobus (White Pine)
Pinaceae: Tsuga canadensis (Canadian Hemlock)
Cupressaceae: Juniperus virginiana (Virginian Juniper)
Cupressaceae: Thuja occidentalis (Eastern White Cedar)

Larix laracea

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02. Pinaceae: Picea glauca (White Spruce)
03. Pinaceae: Abies concolor (White Fir)
04. Pinaceae: Tsuga canadensis (Eastern Hemlock)



PROPOSED SELECTION OF SHRUBS FOR MASS PLANTING









03.

04.

01. Ericaceae: Vaccinium corymbosum (Blueberry)
02. Anacardiaceae: Rhus aromatica (Sumac)
03. Cornaceae: Cornus sericea (Red Twig Dogwood)
04. Aquifoliaceae: llex verticillata (Winterberry)

Ericaceae: Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (Bearberry) Adoxaceae: Viburnum dentatum (Arrowwood)

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PLANT IMAGES - SHRUBS

TREE GROUPINGS | NATIVE WOODLAND EDGE





TREE GROUPINGS | NATIVE WOODLAND EDGE EVERGREEN TREES

Canadian hemlock | Pruche du Canada Tsuga canadensis



Eastern white cedar I Cèdre Thuja occidentalis



White pine I Pin blanc Pinus strobus



Balsam fir I Sapin baumier Abies balsamea

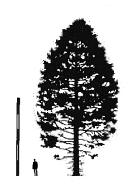




Exposure

Sun in partial shade. Prefers shaded situations

Rich, fresh and well drained. pH slightly acidic



Exposure

Full sun to light shade

More or less rich, neutral, wet, but heavy or light indifferently



Exposure

Half shade sun

Rich, drained, medium humidity. pH acid



Exposure

Full sun in mid shade

Rich, light, loose or heavy regardless. pH acid with moist soil

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PLANT IMAGES - NATIVE FOREST COMPOSITION

TREE GROUPINGS | NATIVE WOODLAND DECIDUOUS TREES

Paper Birch I Bouleau à papier Betula papyrifera



Yellow birch I Bouleau jaune Betula alleghaniensis

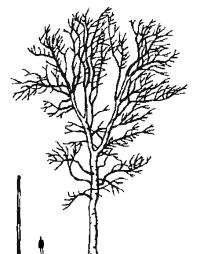


Red Maple I Érable rouge

Acer rubrum



Hornbeam I Charme
Carpinus caroliniana

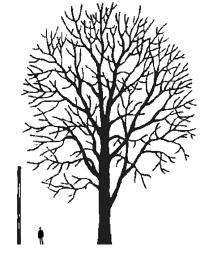


Exposure

Preference for full sun

Soil

Sandy, poor, slightly acidic pH, and moist soil

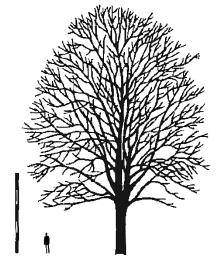


Exposure

Full sun in mid shade

Soil

Rich, heavy or light regardless. pH alkaline



Exposure

Preference for full sun

Soil

Rich, moist and slightly acidic pH. Poorly supports alkaline soils



Exposure

Full sun to partial shade

Soil

Rich, fresh and well drained. pH slightly acidic







TREE GROUPINGS | NATIVE WOODLAND UNDESTORY TREES

Canadian serviceberry I Amélanchier Amelanchier canadensis 'ballerina'



Pagoda dogwood | Cornouiller à feuilles alternes Cornus alternifolia



Striped maple | Érable Acer pennsylvanicum



Nannyberry I Alisier Viburnum lentago





Exposure

Full sun to partial shade

Soil

Rich, fresh and well drained. pH slightly acid



Exposure

Middle shade, but supports the sun if the soil is wet

Soil

Rich, fresh and well drained with slightly acidic pH



Exposure

Half shade to complete shade

Soil

Rich and humiferous, fresh and well drained. pH acid



Exposure

Full sun to half shade

Soil

Rich and moist, indifferent to pH types



TREE GROUPINGS | FORDEN GATEWAY

RECOMMENDATION:

SPECIFY TREE GROUPINGS OF 3-5 SPECIES TO DISTINGUISH UNIQUE AREAS OF THE PARK

Black locust | Robinier Robinia pseudoacacia

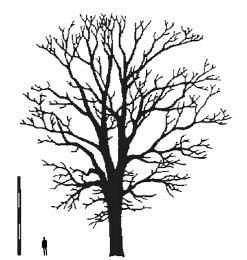


Horsechestnut I Marronnier Aesculus hippocastanum



Red oak | Chêne rouge Quercus rubra

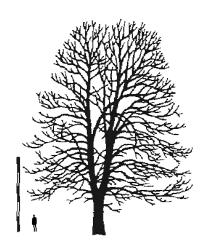




Exposure

Preference for full sun

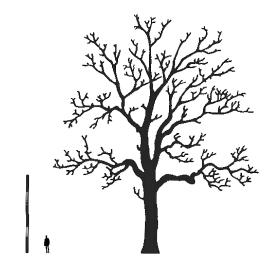
Fertile, adapts to all types of soils. Average humidity



Exposure

Full sun to light shade

Rich, deep, drained. pH neutral. Average humidity



Exposure

Preference for full sun

Non calcareous, drained, pH slightly acidic. Medium humidity







TREE GROUPINGS | STREET TREES

Basswood I Tilleul Tilia americana

Hackberry I Micocoulier

Celtis occidentalis



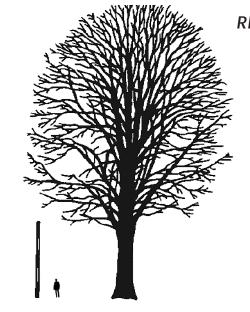
White elm I Orme Ulmus americana



Silver maple I Érable argenté . Acer saccharinum



RECOMMENDATION: SPECIFY BROAD CANOPY TREES THAT ARE RESISTENT TO POLLUTION. FAVOUR NATIVE SPECIES



Exposure Full sin in mid shade

Soil

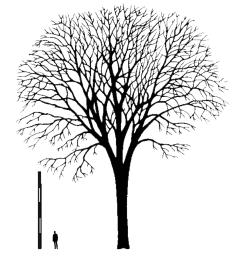
Deep, rich and moist; adapts to all soil types



Exposure

Full sun to light shade

Rich and rather moist soil. Supports all types of pH. Average compaction tolerance

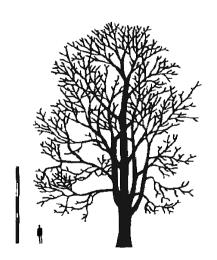


Exposure

Tolerates shade but grows better in full sun

Soil

Sandy or gravelly, wet and well drained



Exposure

Full sin in mid shade

Soil

Adapts to all types. Preference for neutral pH and moist soil





OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | MISSING STREET TREES

RECOMMENDATION:

IMMEDIATE REPLANTING OF

MISSING STREET TREES



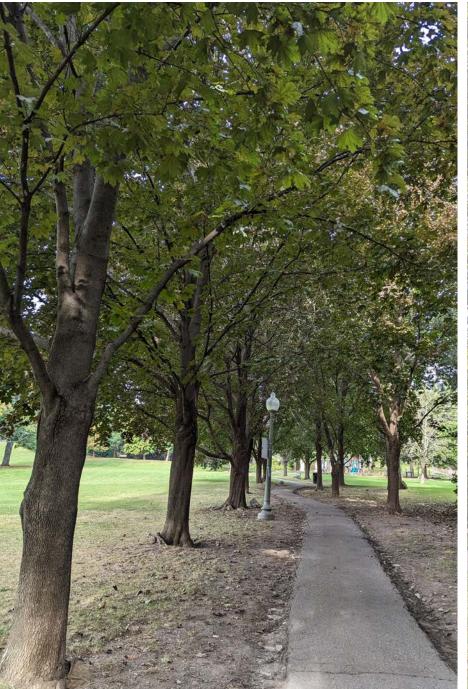


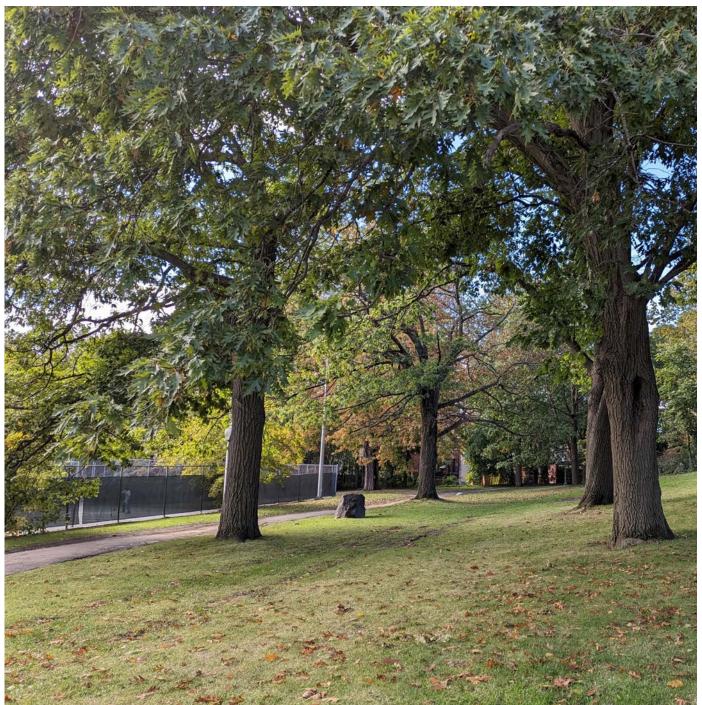


OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | TREES PLANTED IN ROWS (ALLÉES)

RECOMMENDATION:

LIMIT TREES PLANTED IN ROWS TO SPECIFIED AREAS









OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | MAGNIFICENT GROUPING OF SUGAR MAPLES

RECOMMENDATION:

THEIR PRESENCE IN

PERPETUITY.

PRESERVE AND REGENERATE ICONIC GROUPING OF SUGAR MAPLES. PLANT NEW SUGAR MAPLES IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE





OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | RESTORE THE POND'S FUNCTION AND BEAUTY



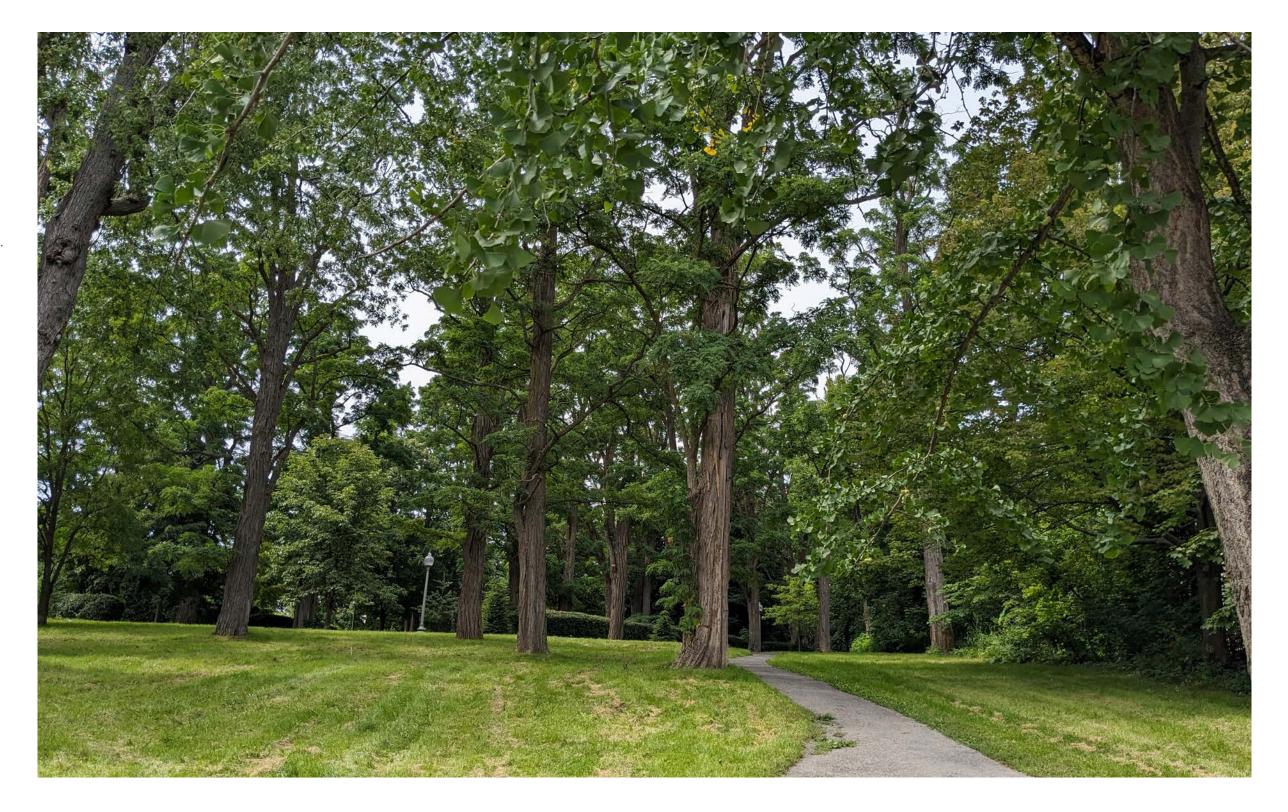
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OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | ROBINIA GROVES

RECOMMENDATION:

MANAGE ROBINIA
GROVES TO MAINTAIN 97
TREES; ALLOWING SUCCER
GROWTH IN DEFINED
AREAS TO ACHIEVE A
HEALTHY AGE DISTRIBUTION.

MAINTAIN CLEAR VIEWS IN GROVES, FREE OF EVERGREEN TREES AND HEDGES.





OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | ATHLETIC FIELD

RECOMMENDATION:

ADD LARGE SPECIMEN
CANOPY TREES AROUND
PERIMETER TO IMPROVE
CHARACTER OF PLACE
AND PROVIDE SHADE.

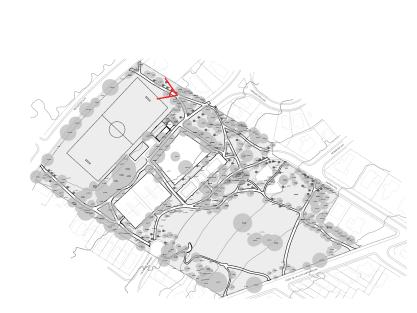




OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | NEWLY PLANTED WHITE PINES

RECOMMENDATION:

RELOCATE WHITE PINES FURTHER FROM THE PATH AND WITH AN APPROPRIATE SPACING THAT ANTICIPATES THEIR SIZE AT MATURITY. DO NOT PLANT IN ROWS.











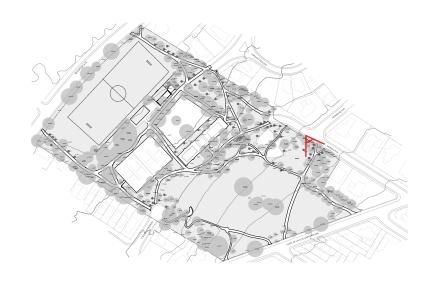
OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | NEWLY PLANTED HIMALAYAN BIRCHES

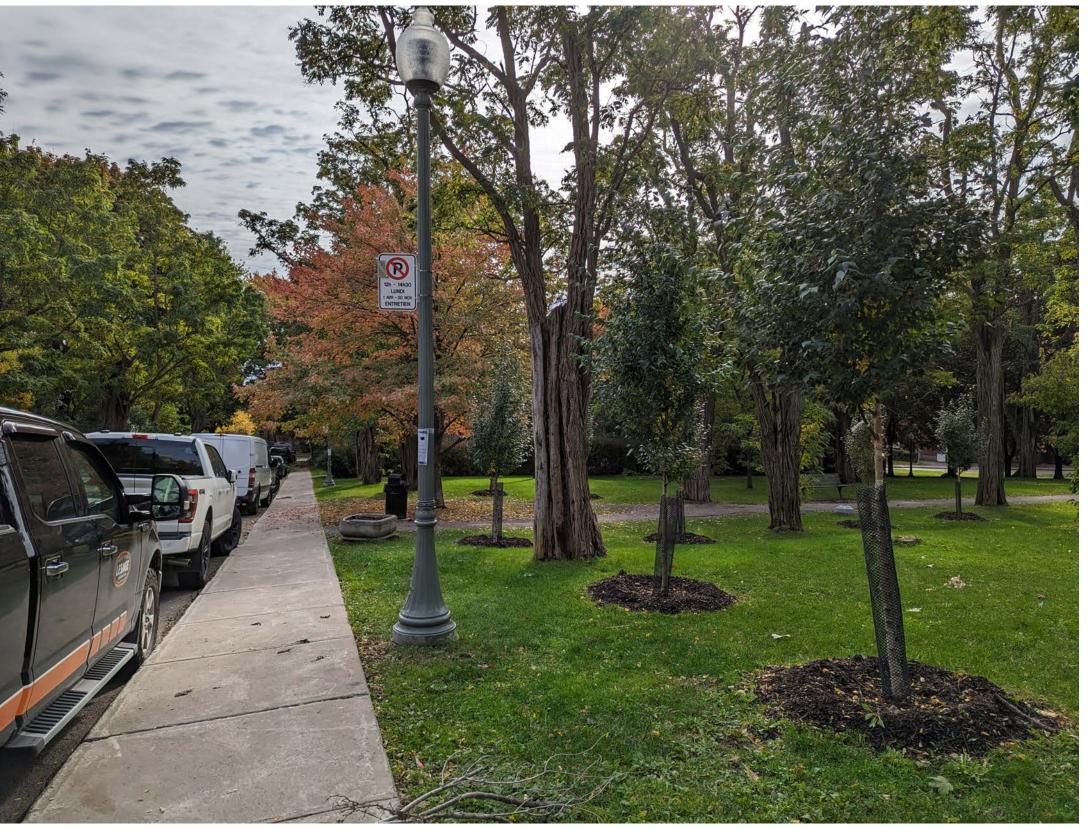
RECOMMENDATION:

RELOCATE HIMALAYAN BIRCHES.
PLANT IN IRREGULAR
CONFIGURATION INSTEAD OF
ROWS.

THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION
AND SPECIES SELECTION IS
INAPPRORIATE TO THIS PARK
ENTRANCE.

REMOVE NEARBY ORNAMENTAL PEAR TREES FROM KGP.





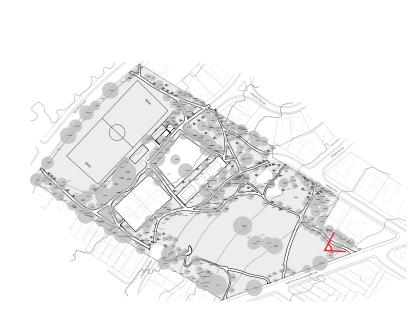




OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

CONTROL SPONTANEOUS
GROWTH OF INVASIVE NORWAY MAPLES ALONG EDGES
AND FENCE LINES. CREATE
BUFFER ZONE AND APPROPRIATE SEPARATION WITH NATIVE
WOODLAND PLANT GROUPINGS INCLUDING UNDESTORY
TREES AND CAREFULLY LOCATED CONIFERS.









OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS | NEWLY PLANTED LARCH TREES

RECOMMENDATION:

RELOCATE LARCH TREES
AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SPACING THAT ANTICIPATES THEIR SIZE AT MATURITY. DO NOT PLANT IN
ISOLATED ROWS.
CURRENT LOCATION IS NOT
APPROPRIATE.



