

YORK REGION FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

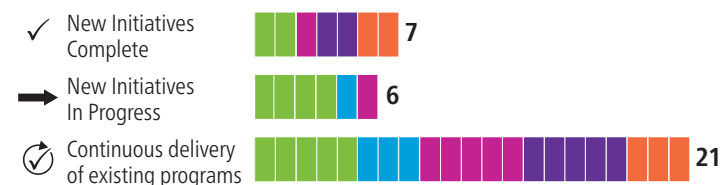
Short Term Actions (2017 to 2019) | 2018 STATUS



ACTION STATUS



ACTION STATUS BY GOAL



GOAL 1 | Canopy Cover and Woodland Cover

STATUS

Develop a prioritized planting plan by analyzing current planting opportunities.	➡
Continue to assess tree planting opportunities on Regional-owned properties.	✓
Prepare a summary report of urban forest studies, including results of integrated monitoring.	✓
Continue to optimize existing tree planting partnerships (e.g. school boards).	✓
Implement 'Grow Your Legacy' large-scale private land tree planting campaign.	➡
Continue to actively support others in the development of urban Forest Management Plans.	✓
Continue to collaborate with York Region departments, local municipalities, agencies and partners to share information and exchange ideas.	✓
Monitor to ensure that the York Region Forest Management Plan is followed, reports on results are prepared and activities achieve desired results.	✓
Complete the update of York Region's Street Tree and Forest Preservation and Compensation Guidelines.	✓
Update York Region's Street Tree Planting Design Guidelines and share with local municipalities.	➡
Assess the alignment of the Forest Management Plan with Provincial Plans and York Region's Official Plan.	➡

GOAL 2 | Climate Change and Sustainability

STATUS

Continue to undertake assisted migration trial plantings to adapt to climate change.	✓
Continue to collaborate with organizations including the Invasive Species Council, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Canadian Forest Service to quickly detect and respond to threats.	✓
Continue to collaborate with partners to explore science-based biological control opportunities.	✓
Look into innovative low-impact development practices that emphasize conservation and use of green infrastructure to manage storm water quantity and quality.	➡



GOAL 3 | Awareness and Education

STATUS

- Produce and distribute a 'State of the Forest' report summarizing the results of urban forest studies. ✓
- Educate York Region residents about the ecosystem functions and services provided by trees and woodlands. ➡
- Continue to deliver York Region forest festivals and events and education programs. ✓
- Continue to expand partnerships with York Region Public Health. ✓
- Participate in and contribute to legislation and policy reviews that recognize connections of trees and public health. ✓
- Support and participate in local community events that promote the benefits of trees. ✓
- Update website to post educational materials; promote events and solicit public feedback. ✓

GOAL 4 | Stewardship and Taking Action

STATUS

- Continue to explore environmental partnerships with the agricultural community to protect farmland and improve canopy cover. ✓
- Document use of agricultural easements and shared benefits, practices in collaboration with the Ontario Farmland Trust. ✓
- Continue to coordinate the Emerald Ash Borer Technical Working Group. ✓
- Continue to manage the York Regional Forest to meet the Forest Stewardship Council certification requirements. ✓
- NEW!** Prepare York Regional Forest 20 Year Forest Management Plan for 2019-2038 period. ✓
- Share best practices on urban tree planting and maintenance through forums and events. ✓
- Strengthen relationships among the Region, local municipalities, Ontario Woodlot Association, Forests Ontario and others to encourage good forestry practices on private land. ✓

GOAL 5 | Governance, Innovation, Research and Development

STATUS

- Continue to review emerging science-based arboriculture practices and integrate into tree planting and maintenance specifications. ✓
- Continue to review science-based silvicultural practices to inform management of the York Regional Forest and implementation of the Forest Conservation Bylaw. ✓
- Complete a green infrastructure asset management plan for Regional assets, including street trees. ✓
- Promote green infrastructure asset management as a best practice to the province, municipalities and other organizations. ✓
- Continue to provide input to provincial and federal legislation through coordinated reviews within and between departments. ✓