



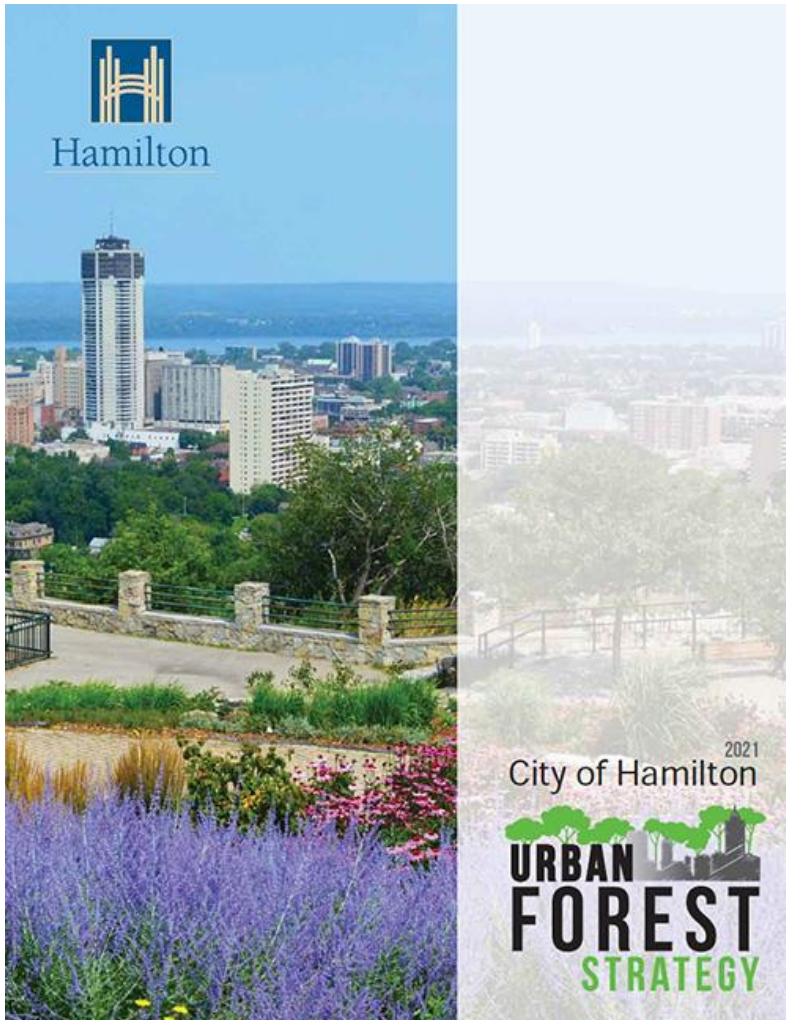
Hamilton

CITY OF HAMILTON'S URBAN FOREST STRATEGY – UPDATE

Climate Change Advisory Committee

February 25, 2025

Hamilton's Urban Forest Strategy (UFS)



The Urban Forest Strategy includes:

- A sample inventory of trees within the urban area to describe the condition of Hamilton's urban forest
- A community-developed vision for the desired future state of the urban forest
- Background research on existing policies, by-laws, programs, partnerships, and activities within Hamilton
- Identifying challenges and opportunities for improving the urban forest
- Recommended actions including programs, policies, and partnerships
- Recommended monitoring and indicators to determine if the UFS is meeting its vision

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CITY OF HAMILTON URBAN FOREST VISION

HAMILTON'S URBAN FOREST IS RESILIENT,
CONTRIBUTES TO THE WELL-BEING
OF ALL NEIGHBOURHOODS, AND IS VALUED
AS A SHARED ASSET.

THE URBAN FOREST STRATEGY SUPPORTS OTHER STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON

STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT

TRANSPORTATION AND
GROWTH PLANNING

CLIMATE CHANGE
RESILIENCE

PUBLIC AND
COMMUNITY HEALTH

ENVIRONMENT AND
BIODIVERSITY

UFS Action Plan - Progress

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(Vibrant Cities Lab)

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26 ACTIONS

- 4 COMPLETED ACTIONS
 - 2 FTEs in Forestry
 - Create an Interdepartmental Working Group
 - Planning and Economic Development
 - Public Works
 - Public Health
 - Communications and Engagement
- 22 IN PROGRESS ACTIONS
 - Partner with organizations that support the City's urban forestry program
 - UFS Branding
 - Implement a forest health monitoring program in Hamilton, including natural areas
 - Implement a forestry asset management system

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[UFS Webpage](#)

Download Final Report and Technical Report
Access Council Reports and Public Consultation Information/Resources

Check out improved [Trees and Gardens](#) webpage

Tree Giveaway Program

Street Tree Planting Program

Tree Ownership and Responsibilities

Doing Work Near a Tree

Tree Health

Community Tree Planting