

The Health of Richmond Hill's Urban Forest



Richmond Hill has more than **2.96 million trees** collectively called Richmond Hill's urban forest



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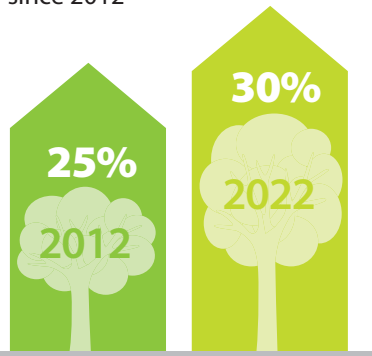
of Richmond Hill trees are growing on private land

CANOPY COVER

is the area of land under every tree on public and private lands, including woodlands and trees along streets, in parks, cemeteries, and backyards

Change in Canopy Cover

An approximate increase of 5% since 2012



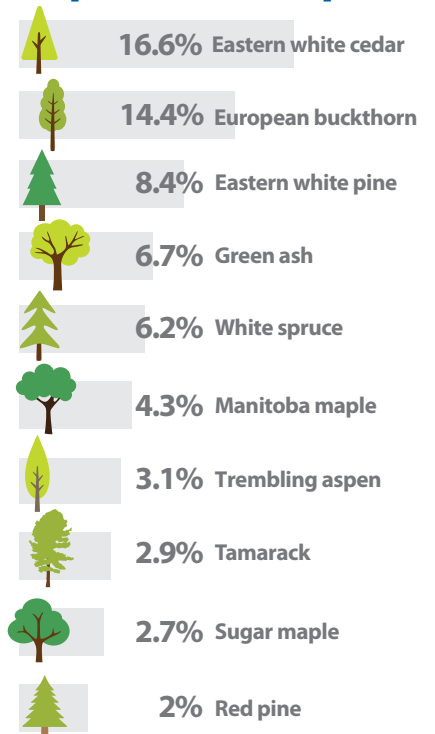
75% of trees are in excellent or good condition

67% of the tree population is made up of the top 10 species

12 of the top 20 species are vulnerable to climate change

71% of trees are small

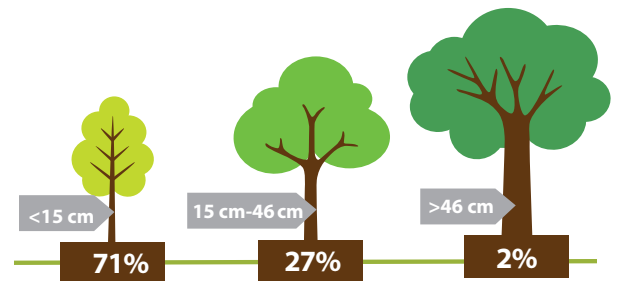
Top Ten Tree Species



We can help protect and enhance the urban forest in many ways, including:

- Planting a greater diversity of trees and selecting tree species more resilient to climate change
- Maintaining trees by watering and carefully pruning
- Preserving and restoring areas of natural cover

As tree size increases in forests, so do their environmental, social, and economic benefits, including improvements to air, water, and the ability to remove carbon from the atmosphere via storage. It is important to maintain trees so they can grow into larger trees and provide more benefits.



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