

News Release

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Leduc's urban forest inventory currently exceeds 9,000 trees – Inventory of urban trees to continue in 2012

More than 4,000 trees were recorded in the City of Leduc's 2011 Urban Forest Inventory Program. This year's program, which reviewed 40 per cent of the city's park space, is a continuation of last year's inventory of more than 5,000 trees in the city's boulevard tree program.

"Our Urban Forest Inventory Program will continue in 2012 to ensure our green infrastructure is properly maintained," says Jason Simituk, acting director of community development and service planning with the City of Leduc. "This program is very important in order to protect and maintain the health of Leduc's urban forest."

Benefits to urban forestry include:

- Improved air quality
- Improved aesthetics
- Storm-water attenuation
- Energy conservation by acting as a canopy cover
- Increased property value for homeowners
- Provision of wildlife habitat

Leduc's Urban Forestry Program responds to citizen feedback incorporated in the city's updating Municipal Development Plan. Clean air was identified as the most important environmental priority by residents.

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