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The public consultation approach for this project is organized around two critical phases of the project:

- At the beginning of the research and planning program, to include the community's interest, ideas and vision for the project; and
- Once the plan has been drafted, to present the findings and solicit feedback on the recommendations.

This summary provides a summary of the 2018 – first phase – consultation findings.

## **Methods**

First phase consultation on the Urban Forest Strategy consisted of the following methods:

1. Two public workshops
  - a. Monday June 25, 7-9pm at the Lower Native Sons Hall
  - b. Tuesday June 26, 1-3pm at the Lower Native Sons Hall
  - c. The workshops consisted of display panels available throughout the session, a half hour presentation by Diamond Head Consultants, followed by Q&A and workshop exercises which solicited the following information in small-group exercises:
    - i. Visioning: what's special about Courtenay and its urban forest?
    - ii. Mapping: opportunities and priorities for improvement
    - iii. Priority actions: sharing ideas amongst the groups
  - d. A copy of the presentation slides and display panels are available at: [www.courtenay.ca/urbanforest](http://www.courtenay.ca/urbanforest)
2. Two dedicated stakeholder meetings with individuals who work in the field of land management: Development and construction sector, including professional arborists and land development consultants; and the conservation sector.
3. Internal staff workshop.
4. A survey questionnaire, available in hard copy and on-line formats between the dates of June 26 and Sunday September 30 (96 days).
5. An on-line survey with interactive 'story-map' functionality which was available between June 26 and September 30 (96 days). Between August 13 and September 30 (48 days) a competition was also advertised for photo submissions to be included on the cover of the final plan.

## **Advertisement**

The advertisement for the public opportunity to participate in the consultation was provided through the following:

1. Two press releases printed in the Comox Valley Record: June 21 ("Help shape the future of Courtenay's urban forest"); and August 8 ("City wants a photo of your favourite Courtenay tree"). Paid advertisement for the public workshops in the June 19 and June 26 papers.
2. Story and paid advertising in Island Word July/August 2018 edition ("Help Shape the Future of Courtenay's Urban Forest").
3. Social media ads.
4. Social media FB events for both public workshops.



5. A radio interview with the Goat radio station.
6. City’s website page: on the homepage and dedicated project page ([www.courtenay.ca/urbanforest](http://www.courtenay.ca/urbanforest)).
7. Distribution of over 500 business cards.
8. Sharing through staff planning email contacts, including a list of local developers, land development consultants, land surveyors, biologists and arborists and the Downtown Courtenay Revitalization email list.
9. Booth presence and advertisement at Downtown Courtenay Market Days Saturday, July 21 (9am – 6pm).
10. Presentation to ~30 SD71 teachers as part of their ‘community curriculum opportunities’ Professional Development day, Wednesday August 29.
11. Advertisement on the TV monitors at Lewis Centre, Florence Filberg Centre and City Hall.
12. Hardcopies of the survey made available at City Hall with a large poster alerting of the opportunity during much of the survey consultation window.

The opportunity to win a \$100 gift certificate for filling out the questionnaire was advertised as part of the consultation opportunities.

**Participation statistics**

- 306 individuals conducted the survey, 77% of which own property and/or live within the City;
- 54 attended the public meetings;
- 865 unique page views received on the dedicated Urban Forest Strategy webpage. Unique page views are individual counts of on-line devices with each their own IP (Internet Protocol) address;
- 102 photos submitted on the Story Map (many photos could be submitted by one person), 17 participants of which submitted for the photo competition.

**Summaries – Public Meetings**

The two public meetings focused participant feedback around the following three themes:

1. *Visioning: what’s special about Courtenay and its urban forest?*
2. *Mapping: opportunities and priorities for improvement*
3. *Priority actions: sharing ideas amongst the groups*

**1. Visioning: what’s special about Courtenay and its urban forest?**

*(Feedback is provided verbatim and therefore some of the responses may not respond exactly to this question)*

<i>From June 25 Public Meeting (35 participants)</i>	
<b>Vision comment</b>	<b>Category</b>
Close to nature	Access to nature
Hidden places to find	Access to nature
Connects people to nature	Access to nature
Trees bring nature into the city streets	Access to nature
Park and trail system brings natural world into city	Access to nature



<i>From June 25 Public Meeting (35 participants)</i>	
<b>Vision comment</b>	<b>Category</b>
Natural setting with close access to rivers, streams, lakes and surrounding forests	Access to nature
Proximity to forested areas	Access to nature
accessibility to nature	Access to nature
river walkway along Puntledge: Morrison Creek	Access to nature
proximity to beaches and mountains	Access to nature
relatively wild areas eg- Puntledge	Access to nature
Adds to the beauty	Beauty
Home for birds and animals (e.g. Blue heron nesting area)	Biodiversity
Birds, insects	Biodiversity
Biodiversity	Biodiversity
The urban ecology is diverse, animals and birds all around us	Biodiversity
The forest protects our creeks and waterways to allow fish to use them	Biodiversity
we need nest trees for larger birds	Biodiversity
wildlife: GB Herons nest in large trees on piercy ave, eagles nest in Lewis Park merlins in puntledge park neighbourhood	Biodiversity
it provides habitat for a healthy bird population	Biodiversity
beautiful and attracts birds	Biodiversity
birds and wildlife: lots of wildlife depending on trees and vegetation	Biodiversity
trees for herons, eagles, ravens and merlins	Biodiversity
Forest near river - wildfires	Climate change
Large trees conserve water	Climate change
absorbs pollution	Climate change
trees help buffer the effects of wind storms	Climate change
I visited Courtenay in 1971. I thought it was God's country...trees were likely part of it.	Community character
Forested bike paths	Community character
Retains a smaller town feel	Community character
Fall leaves in the city	Community character
I love watching the trees change throughout the year	Community character
blocks view to some buildings	Community character
Trees bring the city to life	Community character
Older areas (ex. Old Orchard) have wonderful street trees (ex. Lindens on Duncan and big trees on big lots)	Community character
the natural history - cedar houses, large old trees	Community character
like the city landscaping on streets I walk on	Community character
colour: conifers provide green in winter, deciduous fall & spring colour	Community character
Cottonwoods on airpark extension - replace with less messy trees. Pollen = mess on cars	Concerns
View at corners, safety for walkers	Concerns
Airport - \$ with parking double size	Concerns



<i>From June 25 Public Meeting (35 participants)</i>	
<b>Vision comment</b>	<b>Category</b>
House sells, new residents cut down the trees	Concerns
Why cutting down ahead of development. Ex. New Cumberland village in forest	Concerns
Parking airport. Stores want cars, perceived that they buy more. Make sit awkward for walkers	Concerns
Organic monuments	Cultural significance
Provides me with a job (arborist)	Economic
reduces need for air conditioning - saves money	Economic
Old orchard apple trees	Food production
Free Food	Food production
I find big trees everywhere I go in Old Orchard - House chestnuts, douglas firs, sequoias and cottonwoods	Heritage trees
Location: easy access to outer islands , mt., beaches, rivers, forests	location/access to nature
Easy access to nature for mental health	Mental health
A quiet place for relaxation	Mental health
Reduce stress	Mental health
Ability to travel by foot or bike away from traffic in the shade	Protection from elements
Covered bike paths	Protection from elements
Cool places to go on hot days	Protection from elements
Shade in the heat	Protection from elements
shade: especially in the hot summer weather	Protection from elements
provides shade for walking	Protection from elements
Shade: I cycle and streets with no trees are not pleasant	Protection from elements
we need shade trees for our sidewalks	Protection from elements
urban forest areas keep the local area cool	Protection from elements
treed areas soften sounds of traffic and other harsher sounds	Protection from elements
Privacy: sound absorption	Protection from elements
Shade	Protection from elements
Trees on 5th bring shade and calm to downtown	Protection from elements
Sun protection (UV block)	Protection from elements
Moderates temperature	Protection from elements
Cooler with trees where there's also pavement	Protection from elements
On hot days, you can find shaded walks in parks (ex. Simms, McDonald wood, Bill Moore, etc.)	Protection from elements
love picking black berries and rosehips also gathering stinging nettle & horsetail	Provisioning Services
some urban trees produce food for birds	Provisioning Services
Easy access to nature for recreation	Recreation
Fun/ peaceful places to be/ recreate	Recreation
cycling trails, I like to cycle through the treed areas	Recreation
Put plaques for trees	Signage



<i>From June 25 Public Meeting (35 participants)</i>	
<b>Vision comment</b>	<b>Category</b>
Tree trail with signage by historical trees, ex. Qualicum	Signage
scent: cottonwoods smell so good leafing out in the spring	Smell
Sound: wind in the trees	Sound
Easy access to nature for teaching moments with youth	Teaching/youth engagement
No boulevards with trees in most of the neighbourhoods in West Courtenay	To do
Would like to see vertical on building vines , ivy's, etc. roof top?	To do
Urban forestry - 80 years then harvest; managed wood lots	To do
Education re: best trees, Garry oaks	To do
Gives children and young people the opportunity to learn about nature (right in their backyards)	Youth engagement

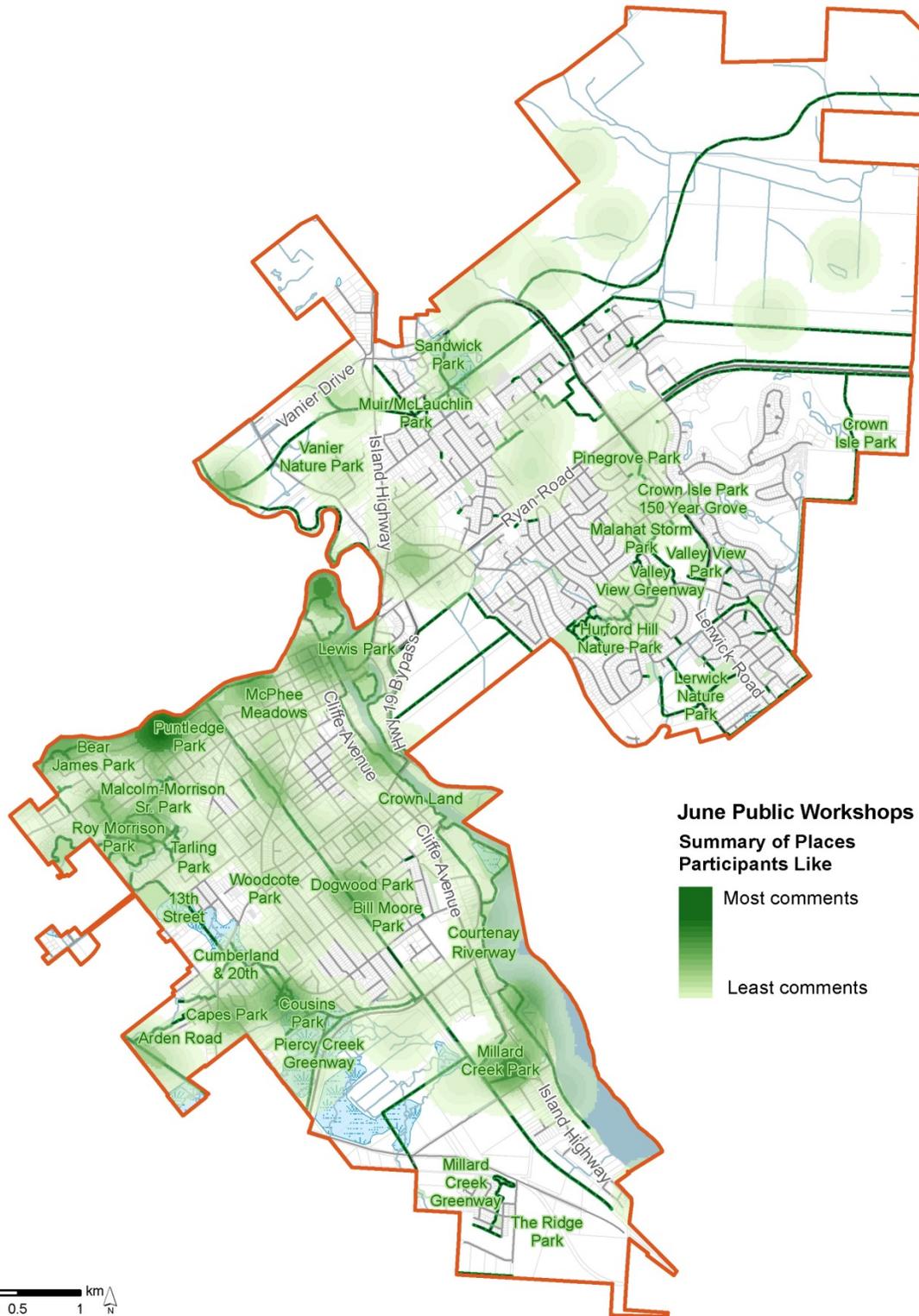
<i>From June 26 Public Meeting (19 participants)</i>	
<b>Vision comment</b>	<b>Category</b>
Diverse Species	Biodiversity
Craving diversity	Biodiversity
40% tree canopy goal	Canopy target
40% tree canopy goal	Canopy target
Commitment to healthy tree canopy	Canopy target
Carbon sink canopy	Climate change
More street canopy	Community character
A mile of trees to replace a mile of flowers	Community character
Welcome to "the place among the trees"	Community character
Picture of Duncan with more mature trees is reality	Community character
Improved distribution of trees throughout the entire city	Community character
Attractive ambiance	Community character
Flowering and fruit trees	Community character/food
Connecting green spaces	Connectivity
Connection/increase of urban trails through developments	Connectivity
Pedestrian only streets with trees	Connectivity
Increase green corridors	Connectivity
2050: Human values honour our dependence and interconnection with nature	Cultural significance
Respecting Nature	Cultural significance
Strong commitment to community	Cultural significance
Relationship with K'omoks people whose land we live on	Cultural significance
Create a vision for 2050	Cultural significance
Respect and appreciation for trees has grown	Cultural significance
People becoming more education, involved in tree protection	Cultural significance
People and Nature	Cultural significance

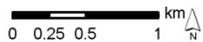
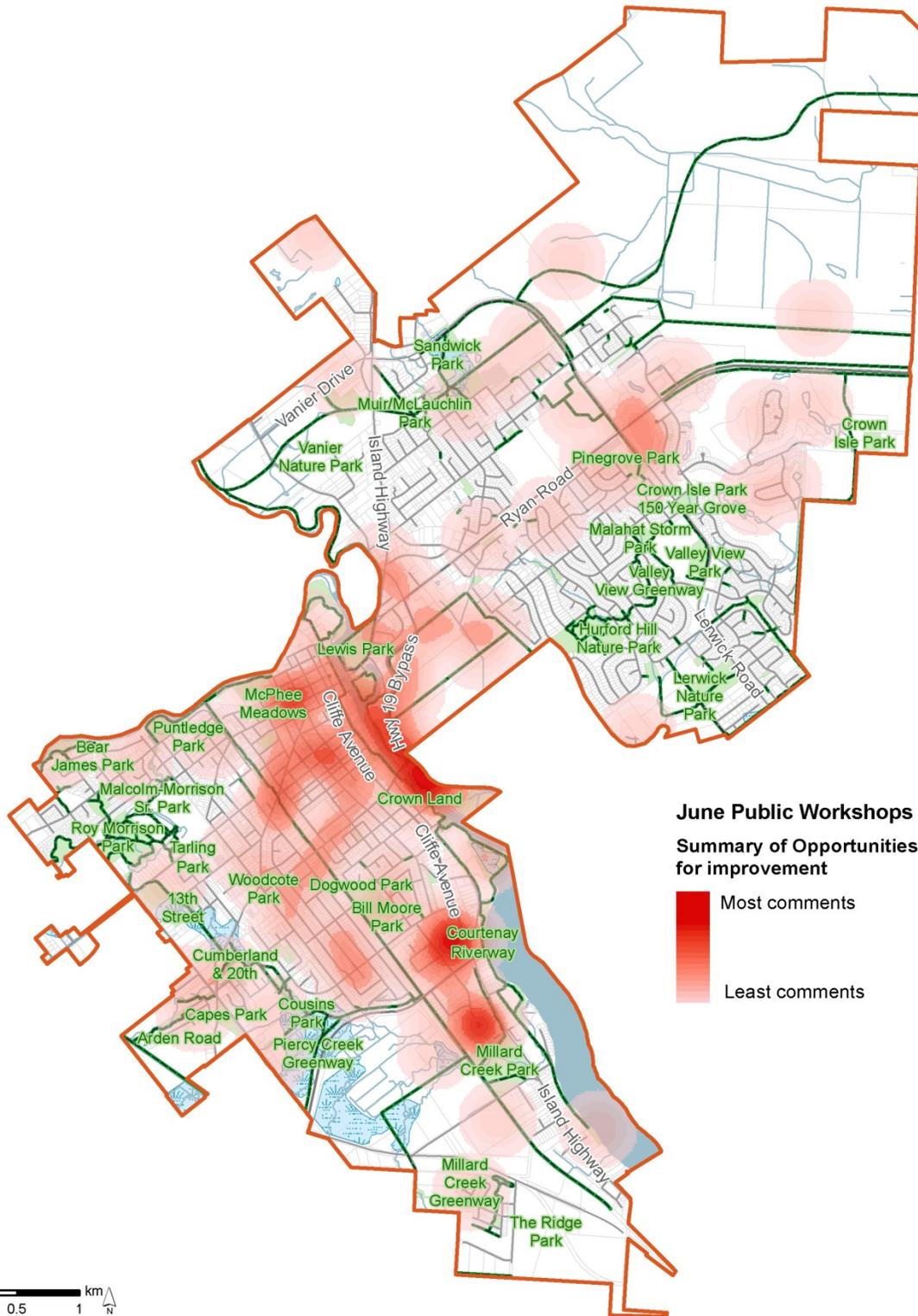


<i>From June 26 Public Meeting (19 participants)</i>	
<b>Vision comment</b>	<b>Category</b>
Trees bring health and enjoyment and cooling	Eco service
Green it up	Naturalize
More trees, less pavement	Naturalize
2050: The forest will be an integral part of our community in terms of health, and shelter, and clean air and water, as well as foster a sense of renewal towards greater harmony and diversity	Naturalize
Preparing for a natural future; protecting the past	Naturalize
More native trees	Naturalize
Require developers to retain/replant native species	Naturalize
Strict enforcement of tree management and protection of trees	Nature protection
Shady	Protection from the elements
Protection	Protection from the elements
In 2050 we still have clean air to breathe	Protection from the elements
Keep it cool	Protection from the elements
Allow water to go to ground "shallow sub-surface interflow"	Protection from the elements
Natural environment - air, breezes, oceans, waterways	Protection from the elements
Many more shaded streets	Protection from the elements
Walkability - access to trails, forested areas, parks, variety of experiences	Recreation
Restoring Natural Areas	Restoration
Integrity	Restoration
Increased social interaction outside	Social interaction

*2. Mapping: opportunities and priorities for improvement*

The maps on the following pages show areas that workshop respondents like and indicated could use improvement (combined June 25 and 26 workshops).







### 3. Priority actions: sharing ideas amongst both workshop participants

Priority Actions	Categorization
Educate public on caring for, planting, pruning trees	Public education
Worm composting for waste	Waste management
Education on nature values is critical for 1) politicians 2) the people using the regions spaces 3) businesses on sensitive lands	Education
Begin to value the living world that changes and grows as opposed to monolithic vision of solidity with no room for diversity or change	Diversity
Identify small sign "value of this tree" in ecosystem services	Signage
Forest stewardship program for residential areas	Stewardship program
Plant trees, fruit etc along the outside edges of all schools	School trees
Sell trees for private lands at a reduced cost to encourage new planting (Ex. Vancouver)	Tree planting incentives
Comox Valley naturalists have started a tree of the year award. Currently just in house but we want to go public in the near future	Education
Teach, let people know about tree protection bylaws. Trees are often cut because people don't know what is required.	Education
Importance of community consultation with a neighbourhood before a part of the urban forest is modified	Public consultation
Bury overhead wires to allow for bigger trees	Utilities coordination
City buy land around streams to protect and build trees	Protection
Weekly column in local newspaper educating how to take care of trees, the local tree bylaws, and benefits of trees	Education
Do this workshop in schools	Education
Website that educates about planning now and in the past	Education
Courses	Education
More focus on education of homeowners as to the importance of their existing trees and vegetation	Education
Educate and designate special stands	Protection
Tree history/age plaques for old trees	Signage
Promote "we live in and among forests, not outside them"	Culture
Sometimes new residents are afraid of the trees on their property, cut them down and replant with small trees (ex. Japanese maples)	Education
Public education regarding benefits for retaining trees on their property	Education
Offering workshops on proper pruning practices	Education
Information packages for developers and homeowners to understand best management practices (BMPs) for retaining trees	Education
Benefit of west tree planting on property for energy and water conservation	Urban design
Less power to developers	Development requirements
Irrigate trees	Irrigation



Professional pruning required for significant protected trees. Consider all trees over a certain height or size.	Pruning
Monitoring activities/construction near urban forests	Development requirements
Permeable parking lots for better drainage	Hydrology
Infiltration trenches	Hydrology
Think about nature's services and needs before development occurs	Urban design
More garbage cans in front of paths and parks	Waste management
Transitioning area	Urban design
Tools for right tree right place	Education
Allocate 10% of parks budgets to planting and caring for trees	Tree budget
Line item in City annual budget - urban forest improvement	Tree budget
Climate change: plan our urban forest ecosystem for a changing climate	Climate/GHGs
Invasive removal: Ilex (English holly), Ivy, non-native species	Restoration
Enforce tree bylaw	Enforcement
More trees required when land developed - native species not imports	Development requirements
Some areas restrict height of trees. Many streets end up with only Japanese maples and small flowering cherries. Encourage planting larger trees for a real canopy.	Large trees
Use sidewalks strategically to protect trees.	Urban design
Protect creeks. Ex. Piercy Creek is being destroyed quite quickly.	Protection
Planting plan to regenerate our urban forests	Regeneration
Eco asset valuation. Pros & cons. What is the valuation, which may help people to understand.	Asset valuation
What options are here for increasing carbon sequestering	Climate GHGs
Prefers trails without gravel - bird watchers find it noisy and distracting, not good for dogs feet, can cause a barrier to wildlife	Urban design
Nurse logs are wonderful when left - give new growth and vegetative connectivity. But why are they chopped into sections vs. left whole?	Habitat
More trails that are connected and connect to shops and services	Connectivity
Keep forests clear of garbage	Waste management
Do a tree survey. Know what we have and how well they are doing. Identify management needs from there	Inventory
If you think of Courtenay in 100 years, we should be thinking of what we need to plant now	Plan for the future
Be consistent	Regulations
Bylaw regarding fir hedges - ban them	Regulations
Developing landscapes with existing trees in mind instead of clearing lots and replanting	Development requirements
Densify development, rather than developing out	Reduce sprawl
Property owners should maintain their trees (i.e. pruning, aware of disease)	Roles and responsibilities
City support should be available for tree management	Education
Danger trees should be removed	Minimize risk



Manage to reduce the likelihood of wildfires in forests close to residential areas (i.e. small burns?)	Minimize risk
Do limbing vs. removal	Protect existing trees
35% canopy is good - we need great - much higher % for welfare of people, wildlife and air quality	Habitat, Quality of life, Air quality
Communal land for vegetable and fruit growing	Food
For water conservation	Water conservation
Green corridors for walking, cycling, wildlife	Connectivity
Successional planting considerations (grass--> shrub --> saplings --> etc.)	Successional planting
General densification of forest canopy in residential areas in West Courtenay	Increase canopy
Add trees among large open spaces &/or promote hedge rows of trees	Increase canopy
More Arbutus and evergreen trees	Types of trees
More densification of forest cover through residential neighbourhoods	Increase canopy
Offer incentives to residents to buy discounted trees bought by the city in bulk	Incentives
Streets with overhanging canopy that almost grows across street and meets branches on other side	Increase canopy
Think about wildlife corridor connectivity	Connectivity - wildlife
Fruit and nut trees, especially along Rotary Trail	Food
Tree replacement plan with budget	Planting with budget
Wide streets could benefit from trees to calm traffic and improve walkability	Urban design
Plant native trees - Garry oaks, arbutus, etc., in preference to English Oaks, Red Maples, etc.	Native
Look for drought resistant native plants	Water conservation
Turn unused lands into parks. Ex. 5th and England where a theatre used to be	More park land
Edible landscaping, nut trees and berries	Food
Near creeks and barren commercial areas (ex. Willemar & 1st, Costco parking lot, car dealers, etc.)	Protection
Trees and permeable parking lots for retail areas such as Superstore, Driftwood mall - possibly incentivise redesigns with tax breaks	Hydrology
Developers must follow guidelines to protect and plant trees.	Development requirements
Plant Garry oaks not cedars	Garry oaks
Plant trees that are non-allergenic; replace cottonwoods with cleaner trees	Allergies
Sidewalks shaded by trees, with benches. Especially barren downtown streets	Protection from elements
Tree-lined boulevards and gardens on corners and right-of-ways enhance the community	Urban design
Cliffe street should become treed, Lisa strip-mall desert	Urban design
City of Parksville offered saplings ~6' tall every spring, a choice from three for \$15 to homeowners. They were delivered with instructions	Incentives
Ensure new developments maintain a high percentage of standing trees	Development requirements
Goal of 40% canopy	Increase canopy
Food forests - plant fruit and nut trees	Food
incentives for replanting trees that age out or succumb to disease or draught	Incentives



Create canopy on top of buildings (green roof) - great for growing vegetables	Urban design
Community Orchards	Food
Edible plants	Food
Consider undergrowth and street landscaping with native plants for lower maintenance and drought resistant varieties (ex. Red current, oregon grape, fern, etc.). Encourages birds and insects	Native, habitat
Easy on the pin oaks - more variety	Diversity
Street planting in wide residential streets with little shade	Protection from elements
Street planting along bike routes	Protection from elements
Connecting greenspaces	Connectivity
Access to City's advice and help in planting and choosing trees	Education
Trees with food for birds	Habitat
Plant up downtown area and Walmart	More planting
Give the best growing start not a minimum	Soil requirements
Cooling/shading houses and riparian areas	Protection from elements
Better infiltration to soil depths	Hydrology
Protection for all riparian areas, including wetland and wetted areas	Protection
Protection for areas that support indicator and sensitive species	Protection
Cameras at the front of forest for littering	Technological solutions
Garry oak trees and meadowlands	Garry Oaks
Protect large, old trees of any species, even if on private residential land	Protection
protect red cedar as culturally and spiritually significant species	Protection
Minimize trails in some areas to prioritize nature and wildlife sensitive to human disturbance	Protection
Remove trees if public safety issue - falling/disease	Reduce risk
Individual trees have protection on some private or commercial lots regardless of change of ownership and owner desires	Development regulations
Interface planning Ex. fire planning and invasive species --> resources for developers	Education
Native species favoured	Native
Wetlands should not be developed	Protection
Courtenay tree bylaw is a good start	Enforcement
Go after Crown Isle for abuses in tree removal	Enforcement
30 M setbacks from creeks, particularly Morrison and Arden Area Plan. This goes beyond the Riparian Area Regulation. Let landowners know what trees and shrubs must be retained simply, without having to hire someone for assessment	Protection/ education
City needs to clarify roles and responsibility for planting and maintaining which trees. Clarify for residential homes/private.	Education
Tell residents which trees they find are successful	Education
Plant tree species that will adapt to climate change	Climate change/GHG
Trees make us dance	Cultural
Proactive protection	Protection
Heritage trees	Heritage



Newly planted trees need watering/feeding, make it clear who' responsibility it is	Education
In block 71, black bear are known to be denning and this habitat needs protection in the form of buffers and forest with corridors	Protection, Habitat
Protect trees in new developed areas with better canopy targets	Protection
Protect our watershed	Protection
Strong enforcement of bylaws protecting trees	Enforcement
Seek working jointly with other interest groups such as agriculture and ducks unlimited to maximize green spaces	Partnerships
utilize programs such as Ecological Gifts Program	Funding programs
Seek to connect ESAs to other sensitive areas to enhance	Connectivity
Developers caring for new plantings for multiple years and replacing or up keep irrigation, etc.	Development requirements
Adopt stewardship management in local schools as accredited courses	Education
Local tree stewardship in all schools	Education
Increase water retention: passive collectors and stormwater. We will need to store freshwater more into the future.	Hydrology
School programs "adopt" an area nearby to look after and learn value of trees	Education/partnerships
Monitor small groves to see if they stay healthy	Research
Keep tall trees in areas where they are not interfering with wires, buildings, etc.	Protection
What guidance could the city provide to landowners to maintain their trees?	Education
Unify tree trimming, removal and replanting through a central mechanism.	Planning
Plant trees on parking lots	Urban design
Protect and enhance riparian areas, no building near stream areas	Protection
Cherry blossom festival	Festivals
Fruit trees that contribute to food	Food
We need incentives and help for people who want to maintain their private home lot trees and restore the natural vegetation	Incentives
Multi-level parking to replace street	Urban design
Create a responsibility code	Education
Developer Stewardship code, which makes it straightforward for a developer to do the right thing	Development requirements
History	Culture
Stewardship vs. ownership education	Education
Incentive opportunities for landowners to retain trees (e.g. tax reduction)	Incentives

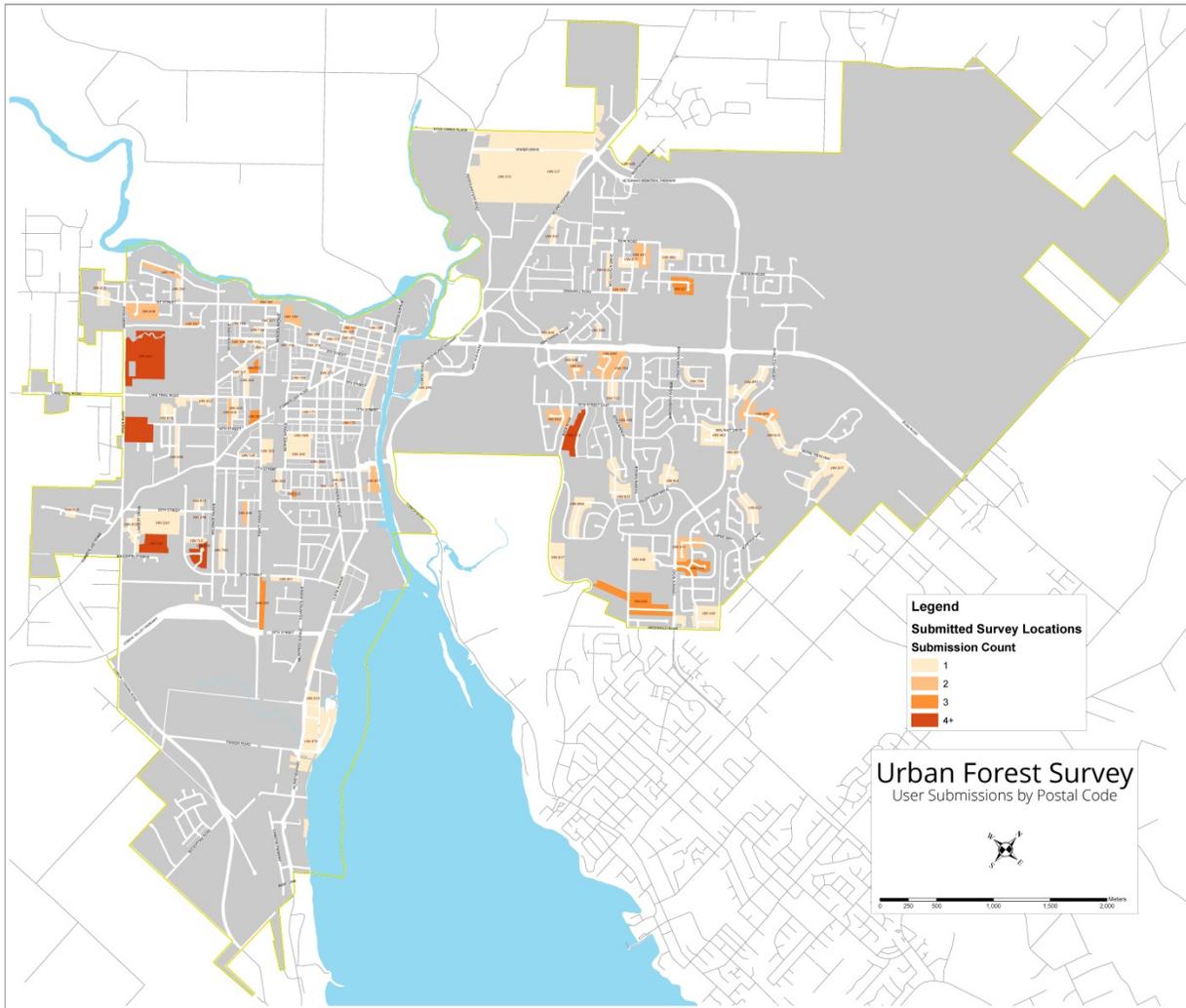
**Responses – Survey Questionnaire**

A written summary of key findings is presented here. For the full survey questionnaire responses, consult Appendix A. To view the original survey, consult Appendix B.



Demographic questions (questions 1-5) indicate that most respondents live in and/or own property within the City of Courtenay, are distributed across the City, are primarily homeowners of middle age or seniors, and have lived in the City for a number of years.

The map below shows the postal codes that participated in the survey.



Questions regarding urban forest perception and values (questions 6, 7, 12, 13) indicate that respondents value the urban forest for a wide variety of reasons and wish it to serve a number of goals chief amongst which are ecological: support habitat of native species, regulate storm water run-off and improve flood protection and reduce air pollution. Strictly anthropocentric values were ranked lower such as: the role of the urban forest in increasing property values, providing spaces of spiritual or exceptional personal meaning or reflecting Courtenay’s cultural heritage. Most respondents believe that Courtenay’s urban forest has decreased over the years and that the City’s Canopy Cover target should increase over today’s coverage and support planting in a variety of land types, with parks, natural areas and streets ranking the highest.



Regarding satisfaction with public trees, the public is generally satisfied with the number, condition and size of trees on their street and local park, with more satisfaction for the latter (questions 8, 9, 10, 14). Respondents were asked to refer to a set of photos showing different street tree arrangements, sizes and species mixes and indicate how closely their street resembles the photos and descriptions and indicate what their preference would be. Responses indicate that there is equal preference for regularly spaced large or medium trees or unevenly spaced predominantly native trees. Interestingly no one indicated that they would prefer to not have any street trees although a small number of respondents indicated they have no preference in street tree arrangements. The most common type of street tree arrangement indicated by respondents is unevenly spaced diverse mix of trees which is consistent with the prevailing urban forest character along road frontages. New street trees are desired in a variety of land uses, with emphasis in new residential areas.

Regarding policy options, respondents were asked to state how they feel mature trees should be considered, what actions could be taken by the City and the public and what information and educational opportunities would be most appreciated to assist in stewarding on their own land (questions 11, 15-18). Responses indicate that retaining mature trees is important to them and confirmed the Tree Bylaw policy which is to require that new developments keep some mature trees where safe to do so. Top actions the City could take include building more green infrastructure, encouraging people to plant on private land and planting trees on public land. While all possible actions were supported, the action least supported was to provide subsidies for people to plant on private property, a commonly used practice in other communities. This response was reiterated when asked what incentives would most encourage someone to plant on their property where subsidies ranked the lowest, and information on how to plant and where, or knowledge their area is targeted for canopy increase, ranked the highest. Top educational opportunities include naturescaping, pruning and managing pest and diseases with only a small percentage of respondents indicating they are not interested in tree management education. When asked how much respondents would be willing to pay for such initiatives, \$25 per household per year was the most commonly selected response although it is noteworthy that more respondents would pay \$50 or \$100 a year than would pay less than \$25.

Responses from open ended questions (19-21) are presented in the Appendix A.

### ***Stakeholder Engagement – Development Sector***

*90minute session held June 25, 2018*

Summary notes:

- Flexibility important; interested in the big picture, all-inclusive review; aware that 35% of the City's canopy is within Block 71; supports protection of tree density areas; notes that stormwater on the property has been deleteriously affected by upstream developments in the electoral area; individual trees are valuable to real estate when left standing; City's requirements for smaller lots make individual tree retention impossible; acknowledged that Campbell River allows entire subdivision to be 'mowed down', and is 'wild west'; doesn't have problem with some tree retention; notes that most people like tree bylaws because there is no cost them; concerned that this is another way to 'snip away at land' for development; asks who pays the price of the developer being required to keep trees; pleased that this work won't be voted on by the current Council; feels



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that developers don't have a voice with this Council; feels that the new Tree Bylaw is too onerous; notes that growth is coming and that the Tree Bylaw adds costs to affordable housing.

- People like tree bylaws until they're affected by them; many people are not educated about the bylaw; there are trees left that shouldn't be.
- Trees on residential lots should be a market decision; new re-greening will occur; tree bylaws necessary in commercial areas because those land owners are not motivated to green their site; we're surrounded by forest, we can enjoy it on the periphery of town; for single family residential homes the trees remaining can be hazardous; we have problems with invasive plants, thinks should spend more effort on that than on tree work;
- Staff works with a variety of opinions on the topic; striving for a workable solution – hopefully good, likely not perfect; discussion is not on the bylaw itself, although that could be reviewed later; emphasis on public lands.
- Relationship between retention and replanting important to figure out; have been developing since the 90s; have been using a building scheme since then to require 3 trees per lot; where does retention belong in addition to these replanting requirements?
- Wishes to encourage retention in more of their designs; interested in integrating trees as infrastructure, e.g. stormwater.
- Looking for a useable, practical UFS; sees direct negative cost implication of tree bylaw; bylaw is good in that it provides goals and targets; but is a black cloud over development potential for a site; affordability of housing affected; there must be other ways to reach the same target; let's set community wide targets and circle back on the bylaw and get on with business.
- Was a City of Edmonton arborist; interested in learning the impacts to consulting services.
- Has developer clients; is excited for the UFS, is needed; has lots of concerns and observations;
- Works at the interface of the bylaw and developer; is a forester, is interested in stand dynamics;
- Interested in how the UFS will balance multiple values; sees as a proactive tool.
- Wishes to re-establish a realistic system that delivers on shared values, that includes the community's values too.
- Ecosystem values, stormwater implications, observation that altering landscape alters the hydrology, large projects are a different animal than smaller developments. Requires master planning, to be more integrated. Community Character is important. BC has an image of green, of trees. The natural systems here are unsurpassed. Is opportunity for regeneration. There are psychological benefits. We can have trees and development. Trees are definitely important. The Valley is large, this should be a regional exercise. There are four cycles of development, which are more balanced now with more multi-family coming on stream. But single family residential is our dominant land use. Developing smaller lots is good for reducing land development costs, but makes retention more difficult. We're leaving the poorest people behind. Where is the urban forest in a high density housing scenario? Maybe we will see taller buildings. Campbell River is contemplating its first 12 story building. We're in transition. This is a good time for this work. Costs of development are skyrocketing now, want to capitalize on development sales. Housing developments are taking longer to pass through. Tree bylaw was viewed in isolation, which is not ideal. Costs are passed on to the consumer.
- What does good tree retention/replacement look like? Is there a market for it? Do we want to have a mix, and include it with green infrastructure? Noted that there is a history of forest management in the community, as part of the community's economy but also a desire from the community to preserve a forest identity as



evidenced by the fact that for the size of the City, Courtenay had a tree bylaw earlier than other communities. So what is the character, what do we want to build with?

- Vast number of people don't want to keep large trees on private lots. Interested in right tree right location. Retention areas could occur in certain areas, outside of lots. What's the scale of retention.
- Stormwater management an emerging topic, but one without much data. Need to understand how to value these assets in relation to engineering assets.
- Idea of reducing storm specifications by keeping trees – the City's own specs don't permit replacement. As an engineer, can't justify using green assets as engineering design. The loss of land to the tree bylaw is significant – don't underestimate this. If treated as infrastructure, then needs to be maintained as infrastructure – level of service implications. The public doesn't think there's a cost to tree bylaw, that's why they support.
- Clear design standards needed. Homeowners inheriting these assets – there is a cost of management. No rush, be cautious. Will we see carbon taxes? This could be wise to deal with through UFS. Is great if we can reduce the costs of arborist monitoring (e.g. repeat visits), but that is not the real cost. The real cost to development is the impact on land.
- Arborists believe they could streamline the monitoring process though. Important to factor in tree quality, not just any trees. Feeling that have to justify trees for retention that shouldn't be kept (windfirmness).
- Tree retention is challenging at best on a 550m<sup>2</sup> lot. Is a wasted effort, infuriating. Grading alone can annihilate the ability to retain trees. If the City is suggesting that tree retention occur in blocks of land that affects lot yield, the City should be saying that explicitly. Affecting lot yield is the biggest concern with the retention targets. Simple solution is planting instead of retaining.
- What about on ALR land? Food production is an important value.
- Could we do some collaborative mapping exercises with large land holders to determine where mutually desired retention areas are?
- Likes a goal, but believes number of stems doesn't work. Would like to be specific about what we wish to retain. Overtime, the value of land will adjust (sale price etc). Believes the tree consultation was too 'motherhood', not precise enough policy questions.
- What is the price of keeping a tree? Hears all kinds of numbers, but City would benefit from data. Depends on property.
- What are some of the values of our urban forest? Uniqueness, diverse, age specific should be the goals.

### ***Stakeholder Engagement – Conservation Sector***

*90minute session held June 25, 2018*

- Problem statement of poor design of communities: flooding, metal mercury in estuaries, cholera outbreaks in western countries, medicated aquaculture. We've altered the landscape with no foresight and have created problems. What's worse – the communities demonstrate a geography of nowhere with typical impacts and unhappiness correlations. People no longer have ecological literacy, people don't know what natural is (e.g. species selection). Supports the framing of a 'heritage landscape' (the original landscape, may have been modified by humans but not in a destructive way). Believes we can restore the heritage landscape through canopy cover retention targets and redistribution.



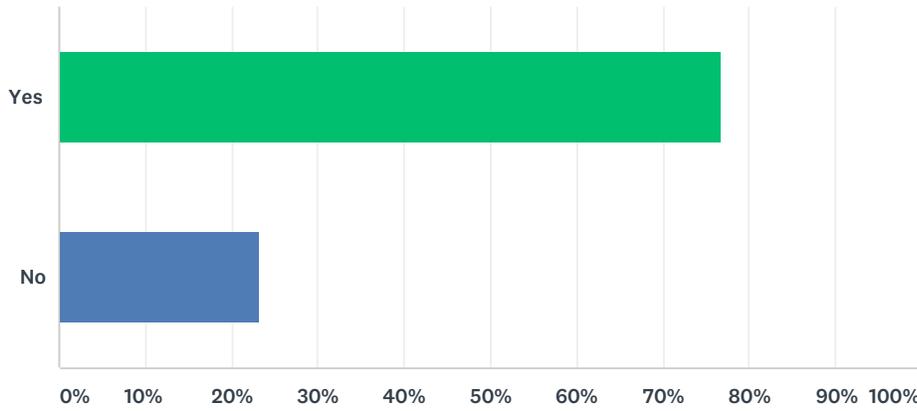
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- Background in forestry in Saskatchewan, where trees are not as valued (as here). Simple engineering solutions to complex community socio-ecological problems don't work in the long run. Civic leadership has not changed to reflect new realities facing communities. People want things 'neat and tidy', don't value ecology. We shall not forget that we're managing for more than trees (the keystone element) – we're managing for the systems that support the trees, including for the habitat that trees provide, including understory. Not all beasts fly.
  - Thoughts of long term, generations, children. There's Nature Deficit Disorder occurring. People spend 5% of time outdoors per day on average. Important to remember that if we don't work with Nature, Nature bats last. Mapping of critical areas would be beneficial.
  - Would like to see trees in her neighbourhood (Puntledge) protected. Makes so sad to see healthy trees being removed. She's out in her neighbourhood's nature all the time, sees a lot. Feels cynical after the experience with Morrison Creek Commons (bareland strata located at 303 Arden Rd). She used to say it was a good development, but doesn't feel that way anymore. The developer promised would keep trees within the development – has not (as background, this project did retain ~30% of parcel as riparian – required. City tried to require mature tree retention but because lot layout was determined prior to understanding tree retention, it was determined that mature trees could not be retained). In Saanich and Oak Bay the City has a consulting arborist on staff who assists private landowner. This would be great to have. Concern over hired arborists having a conflict of interest.
  - Varied stakeholders = different values. Everyone likes trees, but approaches are different. Protecting heritage seems important. HOW to work around trees is the technical challenge. Scenario planning should include climate projections, mapping. Things won't change overnight.
  - Noted that researchers with UBC are conducting a thesis on integrating forests into high density development.
  - Noted that using the property valuation aspect of trees has a double edged sword in communities with affordability challenges. Don't use as a primary justification for. Notes that we have a history of a Tree Bylaw longer than most communities our size. This is a legacy – something to celebrate.
  - Balance of protection, replacement, cost implications, how to spread it around. Marrying trees and development is difficult, is the goal where realistic, but may not always be. Desires cost analysis of different development scenarios – would be a worthy exercise.
  - The challenges with working with the public are systemic. E.g. you can still buy invasive species, input intensive species at the nursery. We are experiencing a 'strange overlay' of biota. We need to promote low maintenance, heritage landscapes (and disallow the contrary). We need to be asking ourselves what is the biological template that have governed the past 6000 years? (the abiotic and biotic factors). People need basic education, start from scratch some of them.
  - Local Governments could do more to create DP guidelines for water and energy conservation. This can include landscaping, could include species specification.
  - Tactic of different engagement with different players at different levels. Emphasized partnerships – that the community can assist in parks management which is a great news story and leverages limited City resources. Other communities do this. Need a volunteer strategy.
  - Vancouver has some great landscape plan template resources for private (and public) lands – to assist people and be clear on what City wishes to see.



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- General discussion on size of single family residential lots too small to do creative/ecological nature restoration. Multi-family the greater opportunity. Discussion on people buy what is available, they don't drive the market.
  - Pointed out that Beijing is an urban forest leader (pollution).
  - Could transplant native dogwoods from rural lands when being removed (no bylaw) to plant as City requirement (otherwise nearly impossible to get pure pacific dogwoods through nursery).
  - Cumulative impacts should be addressed, including positive cumulative impacts (e.g. replanting).
  - Surrey has a Jr. Forest program. Gets youth engaged in civic issues.
  - What gets measured gets valued, including social capital (e.g. volunteerism impacts).
  - Health aspects: Island Health's Regional Built Environment Consultant interested in benefits of nature in communities.
  - Value of using this work to introduce newcomers to the heritage landscapes of the community.
  - Connectivity important – E.g. Puntledge neighbourhood is one of the only areas in the City that you can do a longer walk almost entirely in forested areas. "I don't need to go as far as Cumberland, I have my own forest".
  - Would love to see more mature trees in greenways.
  - Puntledge parents may be an ally. A significant factor of keeping the school open was the access to nature on school grounds. Kids have planted those trees. Kids love their stewarded landscape. "their forest"
  - Need places to socialize, meet people – more than lawn required.
  - Would be good to get park usage data on preferences.
  - Want to collect stories on this topic.
  - Surrey – has a Green Development Fund.

### Q1 Do you live in and/or own property within the City of Courtenay?

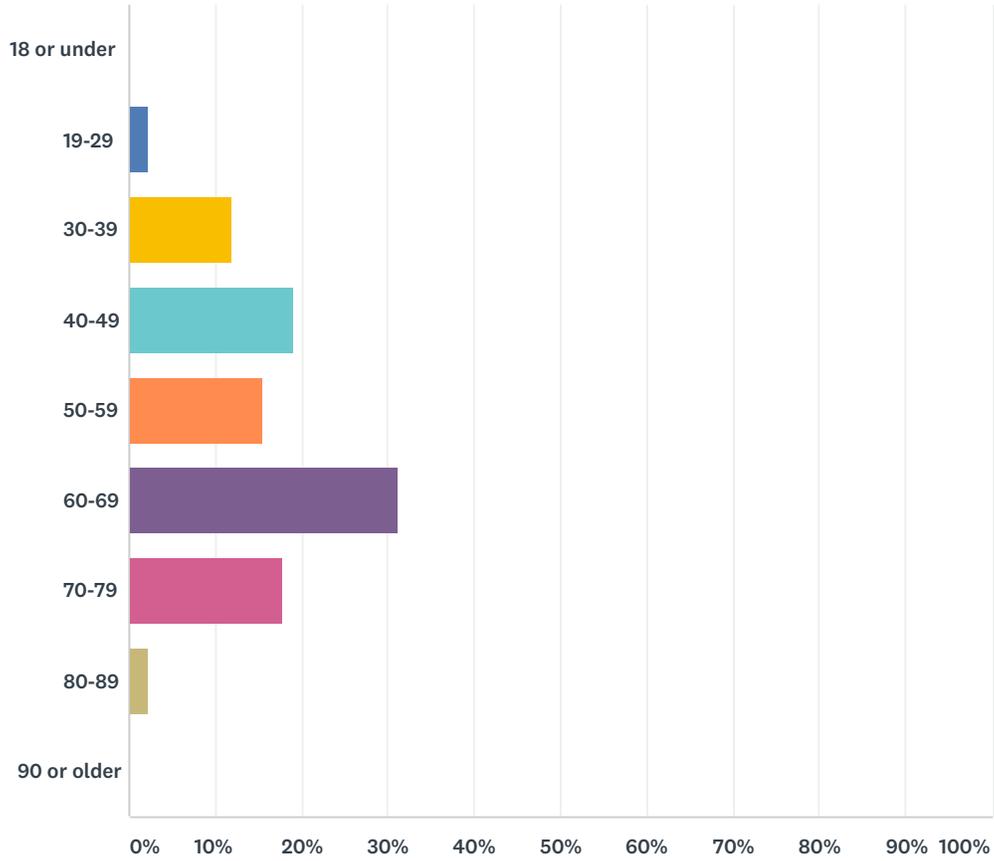
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.82%	232
No	23.18%	70
TOTAL		302

### Q3 Age

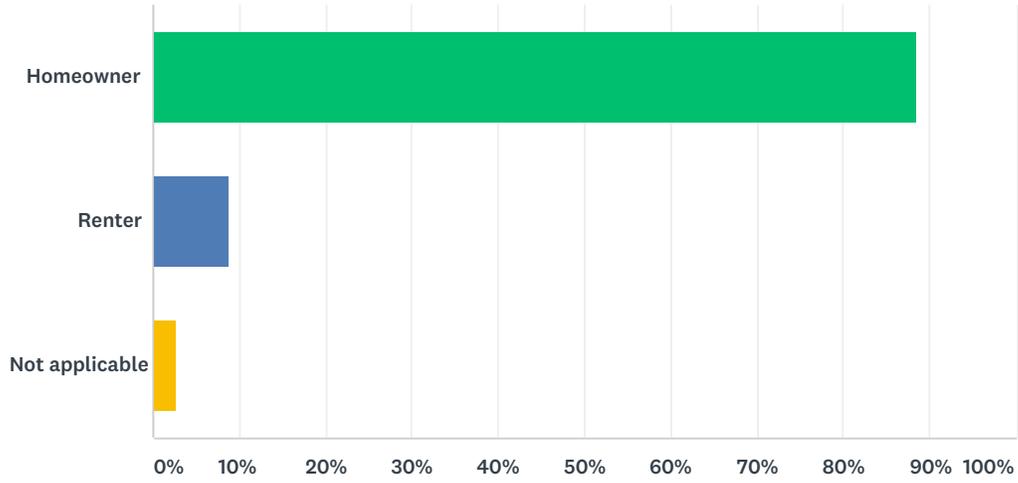
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 or under	0.00%	0
19-29	2.30%	7
30-39	11.84%	36
40-49	19.08%	58
50-59	15.46%	47
60-69	31.25%	95
70-79	17.76%	54
80-89	2.30%	7
90 or older	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>304</b>

## Q4 Are you a:

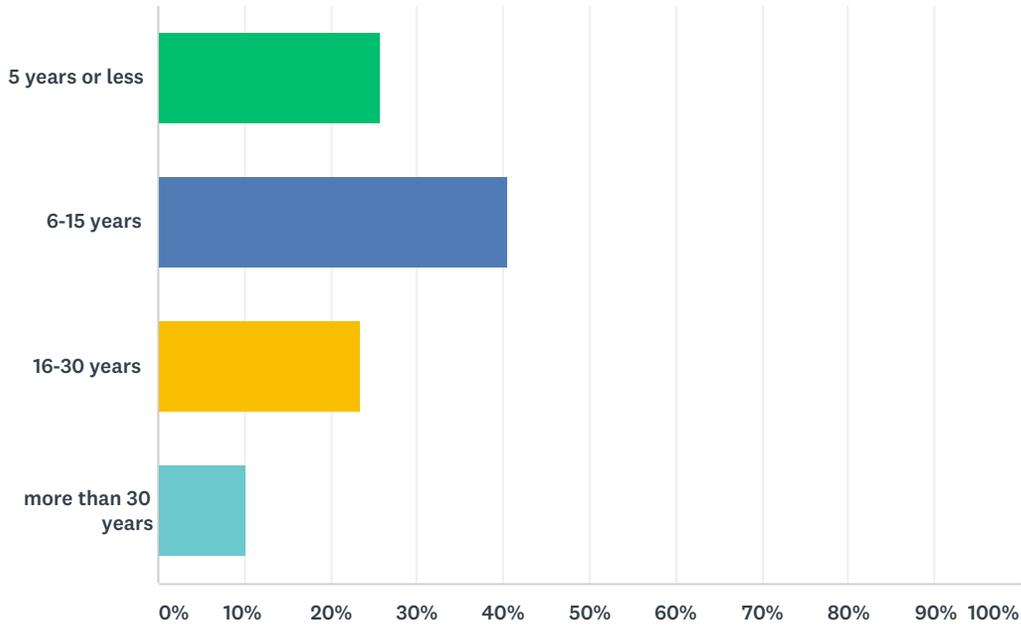
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Homeowner	88.49%	269
Renter	8.88%	27
Not applicable	2.63%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>304</b>

## Q5 How long have you lived and/or owned property in the City of Courtenay?

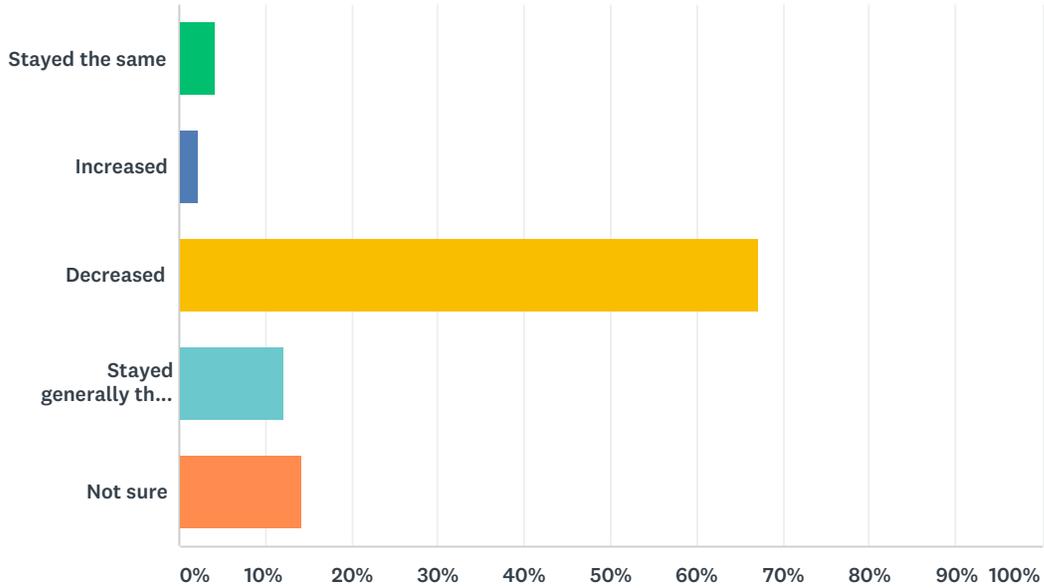
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
5 years or less	25.64%	70
6-15 years	40.66%	111
16-30 years	23.44%	64
more than 30 years	10.26%	28
TOTAL		273

### Q6 I think the number of trees in Courtenay has over the years:

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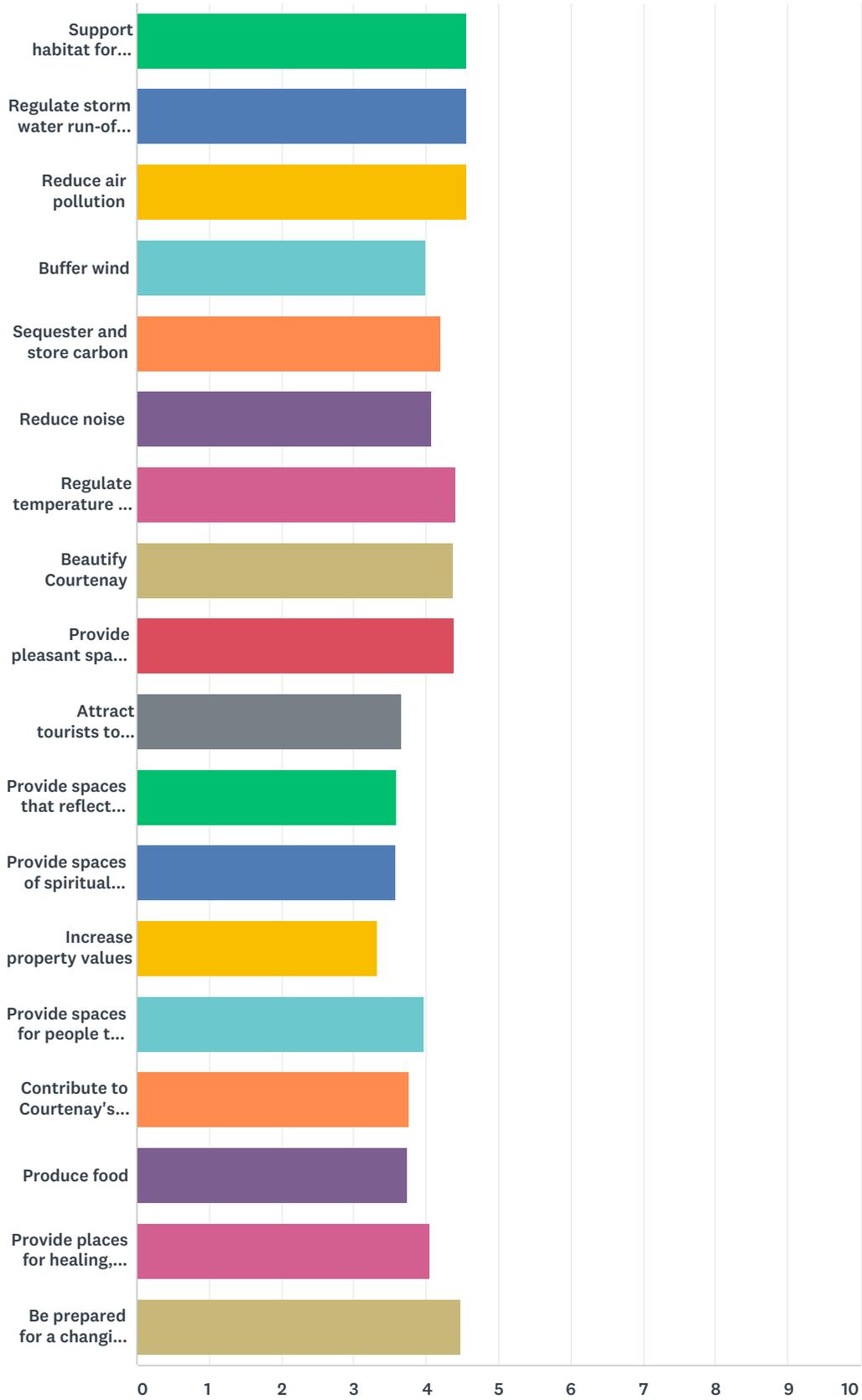


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Stayed the same	4.28%	13
Increased	2.30%	7
Decreased	67.11%	204
Stayed generally the same, but replaced mature trees with younger trees	12.17%	37
Not sure	14.14%	43
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>304</b>

Q7 It's important to me that Courtenay's urban forest achieves the following goals: Tick one box in each row for each statement.

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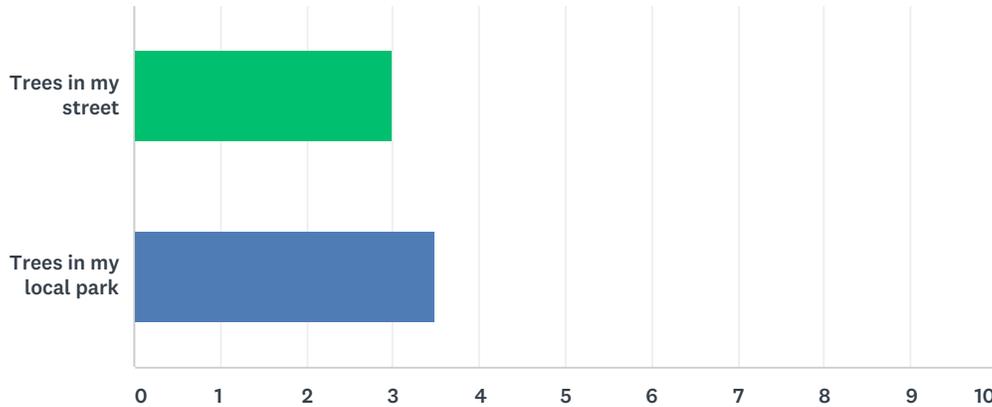
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Support habitat for native (local) plants and animals	5.50% 16	0.00% 0	4.47% 13	12.37% 36	77.66% 226	0.00% 0	291	4.57
Regulate storm water run-off and improve flood protection	5.14% 15	0.68% 2	2.74% 8	14.04% 41	76.37% 223	1.03% 3	292	4.57
Reduce air pollution	5.14% 15	1.37% 4	3.42% 10	10.96% 32	78.42% 229	0.68% 2	292	4.57
Buffer wind	6.90% 20	5.17% 15	16.21% 47	25.17% 73	46.21% 134	0.34% 1	290	3.99
Sequester and store carbon	8.30% 24	1.73% 5	9.00% 26	22.84% 66	57.09% 165	1.04% 3	289	4.20
Reduce noise	7.51% 22	5.12% 15	12.29% 36	21.50% 63	53.24% 156	0.34% 1	293	4.08
Regulate temperature by shading and cooling streets and buildings	6.46% 19	1.70% 5	4.42% 13	17.35% 51	69.39% 204	0.68% 2	294	4.42
Beautify Courtenay	4.79% 14	1.71% 5	7.53% 22	23.63% 69	61.64% 180	0.68% 2	292	4.37
Provide pleasant spaces for people to interact and socialize	4.08% 12	3.40% 10	5.78% 17	22.45% 66	63.27% 186	1.02% 3	294	4.39
Attract tourists to improve the local economy	7.51% 22	9.56% 28	23.55% 69	25.60% 75	32.76% 96	1.02% 3	293	3.67
Provide spaces that reflect Courtenay's cultural heritage	8.90% 26	8.22% 24	23.63% 69	30.82% 90	27.05% 79	1.37% 4	292	3.60
Provide spaces of spiritual or exceptional personal meaning	12.29% 36	8.53% 25	20.48% 60	25.60% 75	32.08% 94	1.02% 3	293	3.57
Increase property values	14.43% 42	8.93% 26	30.24% 88	22.68% 66	23.71% 69	0.00% 0	291	3.32
Provide spaces for people to play sports or do other recreational activities	5.48% 16	4.45% 13	17.81% 52	32.19% 94	40.07% 117	0.00% 0	292	3.97
Contribute to Courtenay's identity	8.25% 24	4.81% 14	23.37% 68	26.80% 78	35.05% 102	1.72% 5	291	3.77
Produce food	7.22% 21	9.62% 28	21.31% 62	24.74% 72	36.08% 105	1.03% 3	291	3.74
Provide places for healing, contact with nature and quiet reflection	7.82% 23	5.10% 15	10.88% 32	26.19% 77	49.32% 145	0.68% 2	294	4.05
Be prepared for a changing climate	6.85% 20	1.03% 3	5.82% 17	9.59% 28	75.00% 219	1.71% 5	292	4.47

## Q8 I am satisfied with the number, condition and size of: Tick one box in each row

Answered: 269 Skipped: 37



	VERY DISSATISFIED	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Trees in my street	15.09% 40	19.62% 52	32.08% 85	17.74% 47	15.47% 41	265	2.99
Trees in my local park	6.79% 18	13.58% 36	26.42% 70	30.57% 81	22.64% 60	265	3.49

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU SELECTED THE RATINGS ABOVE AND SPECIFY WHICH STREET OR PARK YOU ARE REFERRING TO	DATE
1	I have alder trees within my yard which I would like to replace with fruit trees, or evergreens.	10/1/2018 9:23 AM
2	I work near 6th and England (for 23 years). Local park Simms & Lewis - sorry to see old trees going & little replacement.	9/30/2018 7:22 PM
3	Puntledge park has a decent am out of trees albeit aging ones	9/30/2018 6:52 PM
4	Harmston Park have few trees and the park is not used for anything that requires it to be without trees. Branches in street trees are cut to avoid proximity to power lines and trees look smaller and damaged.	9/30/2018 6:51 PM
5	The city oak trees on Tamarack Drive are the wrong trees in the wrong place. They are shallow rooted, partly because they weren't intended to grow in glacial till and they are lifting drive ways and intruding on services among other things; some hold dead leaves until April each year meaning we do fall cleanup for four months. The leaf litter is high acid and hydrophobic leading to a minimum 7 year composting time which means home composting is impossible. Sandwick park is our local park and it is fine.	9/30/2018 6:10 PM
6	Puntledge park is a nice, though aging, forest space	9/30/2018 4:18 PM
7	I live in a newer subdivision. Few trees and in the summer many not being watered, so are being lost. Local park has no trees.	9/30/2018 7:57 AM
8	Live close to Seal Bay Nature Park	9/29/2018 10:54 AM
9	Puntledge Park has a lot of trees and is kept natural	9/29/2018 7:48 AM
10	We live very close to Pine Park. I notice that it's getting more popular and hope the maintenance of this park continues. It's so nice to enjoy this park.	9/29/2018 6:47 AM
11	Stirling Place; green space at Lerwick and Inverclyde	9/28/2018 10:03 PM
12	Joshua Place and Puntledge Park	9/28/2018 9:37 PM

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13	Puntledge park and Morison Creek are our local parks. Our street is Embleton and while there are some trees, the top end of the street is extremely sparse on canopy.	9/28/2018 8:47 PM
14	We need more trees... not tearing trees down to make man made streams, forests and fake lakes. They were there before the developers got rid of them to redo their rendition of nature.	9/28/2018 7:01 PM
15	Like many urban areas, we're quickly loosing most green spaces.	9/28/2018 3:30 PM
16	Tall fir trees that were planted wrongly to be a hedge and now block the sun, have distructive roots,and release cones and needles which block the sewer system.	9/27/2018 4:37 PM
17	Park on Hobson .. love the green spaces in Valleyview	9/27/2018 1:02 PM
18	We do have some large evergreens on our road but in general residents do not have alot of trees.	9/27/2018 12:46 PM
19	The lanes beside and behind Willis Way are in the Coty. There are some bery dangerouse trees as well as a fire break is needed.	9/27/2018 11:25 AM
20	The oak trees (planted by the city) on Tamarack drive are too large for the yards. Some of them drop leaves for 8 months of the year and the leaves don't compost. Thee tress are surface rooted and are starting to lift the driveways. In general, I'm happy with the local parks.	9/27/2018 9:10 AM
21	Puntledge Park, Morrison Creek Park, Simms Park, Ruth Masters Park, Lewis Park, bottom of 1st Street gravel walkway	9/27/2018 8:36 AM
22	Lots of trees here. Seal Bay Park	9/26/2018 10:59 PM
23	Dogwood Drive	9/26/2018 9:12 PM
24	1st street feels like a hwy. curbs should enter roadway to provide safe cross walks and urban forest along road way to slow drivers, reduce road noise, and beautify the main residential road!	9/26/2018 8:50 PM
25	Bill Moore Park is closest to me. Lots of trees there.	9/26/2018 8:04 PM
26	Puntledge Park - we walk down and through this park almost every day doing a loop from Cumberland -> Piercy -> Menzies ->1st -> Puntledge Park -> Woods -> Stewart back to Cumberland.	9/26/2018 5:09 PM
27	Cumberland road	9/26/2018 1:58 PM
28	1700 block McPhee. Some of us have fabulous trees and plantings, sadly, some just grass	9/26/2018 12:47 PM
29	Dingwall mostly has fir trees & I'd like to see more large leaf maples. They provide lots of leaves for compost & have deep roots. Park is Sandwick Park	9/26/2018 8:38 AM
30	Culdesac,only a few yards have big trees. But around the corner in either direction we have parks and they are well treed, wouldnt want to lose the ability to be one block away from nature.	9/25/2018 9:34 PM
31	Seal Bay Nature Park	9/25/2018 8:57 PM
32	The park along 6th and Fitzgerald has few trees and could be a much nice nature park.	9/25/2018 8:52 PM
33	We have great parks overall. Live near Martin park. Small trees, shrubs for kids to play on, while still able to play baseball and other sports	9/25/2018 6:54 PM
34	Newer development with current construction so trees need time to mature. Would like to see more street trees in our area. I understand it was a requirement and then all of a sudden it stopped. Not sure why. Crown Isle I'd tje area I am referring to. Parks and green spaces in our local area are lovely and I would love to see more.	9/25/2018 4:18 PM
35	More trees needed especially Garry oaks.	9/25/2018 3:57 PM
36	McLauchlin bus route up Ryan to the College area	9/25/2018 2:27 PM
37	Hutford Hill has a good mix of both open and forest areas, with and without trails	9/25/2018 1:56 PM
38	As I see bulding taking place in Courteany and my Area A - there is no thought at all for preserving trees - its clear cutting with no oversight. Trees are cut down whent there is no need. Black top is allowed when we should be thinking of environmentally friendly 'core' systems so water can be absorbed into the gournd instead of running off. Ditch ares being covered and culverts being put int - diverting the water from the earth and running into the ocean.	9/24/2018 8:19 PM
39	I'm not from Courtenay so don't have a 'local park' there	9/22/2018 5:38 PM

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40	My street is 22nd street, and I feel like it would be great to have more trees for both shade and privacy. My local park is Bill Moore and there are lots of trees!	9/22/2018 9:58 AM
41	Lerwick forest apparently has some trees with a disease and there is also too much deadfall left in the park. Yes some is needed as a natural part of a forest system but there are too many on the ground posing a potential fire hazard as we endure hotter summers in this era of climate change	9/22/2018 8:22 AM
42	Martin Park; it has trees where it can/should.	9/21/2018 11:56 PM
43	Galloway crescent park has very few trees and they are tiny. The neighborhood in general lacks trees and especially large mature trees.	9/21/2018 10:15 PM
44	In general all communities should be upping the amount of trees in the community. We need the shade considering the 2018 summer heat	9/21/2018 6:55 PM
45	Filberg Park	9/21/2018 2:41 PM
46	Union Bay has what I would say is mostly mature growth. The "Coal Hills" park is perfectly wild with some well maintained by use paths.	9/20/2018 3:57 PM
47	Sandwick Park is at the end of Alderwood Place and it's great that they left a large swath of trees. On our street we also have many trees and are in keeping with the park. I often remark to my friends that I am grateful that when they built homes and condos they left a large number of old trees standing.	9/20/2018 2:03 PM
48	Krebs seems to be a good balance. Except for the homeless people living in the treed area	9/19/2018 1:42 PM
49	Lewis park. Major losses of mature trees	9/19/2018 1:03 PM
50	I live in a new subdivision so there are no mature trees and very few newly planted trees.	9/18/2018 1:25 PM
51	Where Piercy meets Pidcock. That walking path could have flowering trees or made a little nicer, as well as cleaning up the green space behind city works and installing a path directly to the rotary trail	9/17/2018 1:10 AM
52	I live on Inverclyde and what builders continue to do is replace mature trees with young trees which does little to increase the liveability of my area. The park I'm referring to is the Lerwick Forest, which is wonderful and should be considered a model for parks in Courtenay.	9/16/2018 11:26 AM
53	It's just that there are no large trees on the street. Someone close by cut ALL the large native trees off their property. There has been some planting but it's looking pretty urbanish. Evans Place. Lerwick nature park is AWESOME. Lancaster Park is nice having the wetland, what trees there are growing, deer ate all the small horse chestnut trees that were planted.	9/16/2018 9:05 AM
54	Evans Place has room for more trees	9/16/2018 6:52 AM
55	Harmston Park more trees on the South Side. 8th Street - Kiwanas removed trees, no shading from Kiwanis other trees, or those from Sandpiper. Trees will be felled for supportive housing.	9/15/2018 9:21 AM
56	Glen Urquhart Drive and Hurford Hill Nature Park have good tree cover	9/14/2018 4:39 PM
57	Glen Urquhart Drive and Hurford Hill Nature Park have good tree cover	9/14/2018 4:29 PM
58	buddington Rd.near millard park.	9/13/2018 11:01 AM
59	The Cliffe and 2nd residential area is pretty well treed ; Riverside Park and Lewis Park could use new plantings.	9/8/2018 10:35 PM
60	5th st. My back yard, you should see it!	9/6/2018 4:00 PM
61	Near the Willemar Cumberland Rd roundabout. Morrison Creek, 21st street park.	9/5/2018 5:44 PM
62	We have plenty of trees, no need to have large trees in town	9/3/2018 7:15 AM
63	Many mature, healthy trees have been removed for new development; Cousins Park has very young trees - no benches for sitting and enjoying the trees	9/1/2018 5:40 PM
64	Live in the Foxxwood neighbourhood which is one of the few neighbourhoods in the Valley that was not completely clearcut prior to building. This is one of the main reasons I chose to purchase in this location. The dire lack of trees in many subdivisions is sad and speaks to the need for an urban forest strategy. Trees in the residential setting creates needed shade in the summer, contributes to privacy and helps contribute the sense of place.	8/31/2018 4:22 PM

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65	There are not a lot of trees along First Street after Puntledge Park... a continuous sidewalk/tree border up to Powerhouse Road would be great. The trees within Puntledge, Bear James and Ruth Masters parks are beautiful.	8/31/2018 10:13 AM
66	Stafford Ave	8/30/2018 10:49 AM
67	Cousins Ave - sort of an odd mix of trees.	8/28/2018 4:20 PM
68	Due to development trees have been removed or died to be minimally replaced by smaller ,mostly non native tress Street is Lambert . Cousins park has generally a good mix of trees and there has been recent planting of native trees .	8/28/2018 8:35 AM
69	Grant avenue, only a few trees. Some of the local parks have minimal trees and some have more	8/27/2018 4:42 PM
70	tree removal and pruning by residents and hydro is not adequately monitored. Millard and Sandpiper dr.	8/27/2018 10:37 AM
71	We live just outside the limits of the city, and it seems like there are a few trees in older properties but not much on the street side	8/24/2018 3:44 PM
72	park on corner of Tutor and Condor	8/24/2018 2:04 PM
73	No trees on my street, arborists or pruners are generally unaware of recent research & knowledge	8/24/2018 8:12 AM
74	Malcolm Place has no boulevard trees and people park all over their front lawns - Fortunately I look onto 1st Street park and have access to the Morrison and Ruth Masters Greenway.	8/23/2018 12:51 PM
75	Puntledge Park, and the forest/river walk all the way to the hatchery, nature close to downtown, welcome shade.	8/23/2018 9:32 AM
76	Puntledge Park & Morrison Nature Park - both have beautiful trees	8/23/2018 5:50 AM
77	Capes park is a jewel in our neighbourhood. Great planting have been done by Project Watershed and the City in the park off Cousins street.	8/22/2018 9:09 PM
78	The apartment buildings in this area of Courtenay are clearly landscaped as an after thought. There is some grassy areas that could easily support some beautiful and useful trees. The local parks could have more trees and young trees could be planted in order to be in place when old trees die. Lewis Park and Simms park. Woodco Park could have more trees along the perimeter in order to beautify as well as for offsetting carbon. Downtown Courtenay has no where to sit and meet with cooling trees for people downtown on lunch breaks.	8/22/2018 8:20 PM
79	5th Street, where I work. Lewis Park	8/22/2018 5:12 PM
80	Puntledge Park	8/22/2018 3:09 PM
81	malcom place.morrison park.	8/22/2018 8:46 AM
82	Almost every yard has at least one tree,many have more and we still have a number of mature trees. Woodcote park has a nice variety of trees encircling the playing field	8/21/2018 9:23 PM
83	Our street has lots of trees because it's an older one. The trees are what attracted us to this neighbourhood. I hope the large trees that were lost in Lewis Park will eventually be replaced by trees that grow as big one day. I'm proud of our local parks and visit them often.	8/21/2018 4:23 PM
84	Creekside cohousing. Cousins park	8/21/2018 4:14 PM
85	Tremendous development around us, SO MANY trees removed. Capes Park is a gem. Please preserve it.	8/21/2018 11:28 AM
86	Our strata property has lots of trees but the street is all new construction with few trees, local parks like Capes park is great to have close by.	8/21/2018 11:06 AM
87	In our co housing neighbourhood we have worked hard to plant trees which we now wish to steward long term. Capes park is perfect for walking and the one off Cousins Ave with perimeter trees is geeat for playing in.	8/21/2018 11:03 AM
88	Piercey park near Cousins. Live near Lambert Drive, Courtenay. Many trees planted by our cohousing community. Piercey park has a large section of protected forest	8/21/2018 10:11 AM
89	Our street is an almost treeless wasteland; our local parks (Cousins and Capes) are amazing mini forests.	8/21/2018 9:53 AM
90	Subdivision going in directly behind us continues to cut down trees (Brookfield and Arden). Many recently planted trees in Cousins Park are dying.	8/21/2018 9:12 AM

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91	trees in my nearby street are still young	8/21/2018 9:08 AM
92	I believe we should be doing more to protect existing trees and also planting as many trees as possible.	8/21/2018 7:49 AM
93	Piercy Avenue. Within the last year, a resident had several large trees taken down, including a few on public land that bordered his property. It would appear large trees, i.e. Firs/cedars, are no longer in vogue. The park I am referring to is Bill More park. Although there are a number of trees in the park, the children's play area is totally exposed to the blistering sun. It would be reckless in my opinion to take my grandchildren there at any time after 11am. during summer.	8/20/2018 8:06 PM
94	Woodcote Park. Fifth Street, Braidwood Road.	8/20/2018 8:03 PM
95	Lambert Avenue and area is a relatively new development in Courtenay. More trees should be planted when land is cleared for subdivisions. There is always a need to plant more trees in neighbourhoods and to monitor the growth of trees in our parks.	8/20/2018 7:40 PM
96	Many trees have been cut down in our residential area in the past several years. The trees in Harmston park are beautiful, create shade and make the park a place rather than an empty field.	8/20/2018 6:50 PM
97	4th street and Puntledge Park	8/20/2018 5:53 PM
98	The house on Fitz & 17th could use some mature trees, it looks so empty on that corner. The park on 17th has beautiful trees but with little to no canopy giving no shade to the park or adjoining sidewalk. I live on 17th & Grieve and have planted eight trees & shrubs that will get up to 10 feet tall (power lines above all).	8/20/2018 12:49 PM
99	Trees all over Courtenay are dying from lack of water - we do not have a water shortage! Especially evident in gardens in the middle of Ryan Road.	8/20/2018 9:22 AM
100	Trees planted on my street are 20 years old and on city property, so they are of sufficient size and healthy, and satisfied is that a lot of them are not native to this area Local park is sunrise Park which has a large urban Forest with trails and natural stream is running through it I am very satisfied with this status	8/19/2018 11:08 PM
101	I own a business downtown, and love the small trees but would love to see more green space, and to see those trees continue to be cared for and grow to create shade	8/19/2018 10:29 PM
102	Alderwood Place and Sandwick Park/Forest	8/19/2018 10:14 PM
103	Glen Urquhart street and Hurford Park both could use more deciduous trees that provide a spreading canopy	8/19/2018 6:36 PM
104	Port Augusta in Comox	8/19/2018 6:13 PM
105	The park I refer to is the Lerwick Forest on Lerwick just off MacDonald.	8/19/2018 6:00 PM
106	There are no city-planted trees on my street (Hobson Place). Without the dedication of homeowners who have created greenspaces on their own properties, Hobson Place would be a desert.	8/19/2018 2:03 PM
107	Hobson Place has no 'public' trees - the public spaces on the street is a wide, paved desert as is much of the remainder of the neighbourhood. Nearby Ryan Road is noisy, congested and dusty and has no sound barrier of any kind - a major problem with the increased traffic of the new hospital.	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
108	830 Ellcee Place... we have nice trees in our area... have grown to a nice size. We're close to green spaces and Hobson Park	8/19/2018 1:40 PM
109	On Kilmarnock Drive we are blessed with quite a few trees, but our park space is inadequate and many mature trees are dying from heat and drought stress	8/19/2018 12:23 PM
110	The trees on Back Rd just west of Ryan get ridiculously hacked at by Hydro crews every few years. One was removed when a hydro box was moved to make way for a "smart" meter box, but never replaced. There is no need to chop at these trees which pose no threat to power lines because prevailing winds, especially in storms, always blow from the bay. No wind is ever going to emanate from the buildings! With the "development" along Braidwood and loss of trees and bush, the noise level rises all the time. Now there's no buffer between the Prime steakhouse's frying onion smells and the homes in the area. Birds have all but disappeared.	8/18/2018 11:58 PM
111	I am talking about Malahat Drive. I would like to see more shade trees. Far too many homeowners cut their trees down and do not replace them	8/18/2018 9:26 PM

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112	I live by the mall, so I have lots of trees on one side, and essentially no trees on the other	8/18/2018 12:44 PM
113	Sheraton Rd is lined with trees that don't seem well planned or particularly healthy. Evans Plc has a real dearth of trees. Lerwick Park is lovely.	8/16/2018 9:23 PM
114	On Farquharson Drive new neighbours cut down 3 specimen trees in their yard (too many leaves?). And in Trumpeter Glen the City cut down at least one flowering cherry, a dying aspen(?), and some shrubs without replacements.	8/16/2018 8:46 PM
115	Farquharson Drive . Some trees are not healthy due to not being cared for or they have become sick or overgrown, some new owners just have trees taken out for whatever reason??? Lewis park some trees look good and some need attention or pruning well.	8/16/2018 2:31 PM
116	Sunvale Place. Leewick,Rd Forrest lot	8/16/2018 10:25 AM
117	Appropriate amounts	8/16/2018 8:42 AM
118	I live near the old orchard area. We have many mature trees in the area however more trees along the street would be nice. I would consider Puntledge park my local park. As a mostly natural setting I believe this park has excellent tree coverage.	8/16/2018 7:47 AM
119	Pioneer Park. My street (Manor drive) is great, but Pioneer Park could do with some help. It looks as if only the grass is cut. Could we plant a few small trees at the top end of the park so they don't block the view of the estuary. It would be great to clear the blackberries from the eastern side where they are choking the cedar trees. It would also be great to clear the estuary end of the park and put a viewing platform there. Maybe incorporate it into a walkway along past the Views. Also, it makes me very sad to see the neglect of the beautiful trees along by the Views. They are so covered in ivy. I would be willing to help restore these trees as a volunteer, but am 75 years old and it is a steep bank! Could Rotary be persuaded to do something with that area. Does the City have a plan for that walkway when the old Views is demolished? It would make a wonderful Garry Oak system, connecting it with the other Garry oaks further west, some of which were cut down recently.	8/16/2018 7:09 AM
120	just a feeling	8/15/2018 11:10 PM
121	Would like more mature trees, a tree lined street. Since the herons moved into the neighbourhood we have noticed a few people cutting down their big coniferous trees so the birds won't start nesting in them. Stewart Avenue, adjacent to Bill Moore Park	8/15/2018 10:11 PM
122	There is a good mix of large older growth and younger trees in our neighbourhood, both native and cultivated as well as fruit trees.	8/15/2018 8:10 PM
123	Seabank Road and Seal Bay Prk	8/15/2018 8:09 PM
124	Back Road .... lower side or bottom side.	8/15/2018 7:12 PM
125	No local park! - Airpark would make an excellent park -NO MORE BRIDGES - Upgrade Piercy Rd and direct new developments that way.	8/15/2018 6:18 PM
126	1900 block Stewart Avenue - people cutting down mature trees, Bill Moore Park - has nice trees surrounding play area and along walkway path	8/15/2018 2:52 PM
127	I feel we have adequate tree coverage. I believe trees need to be removed to support development and growth and the removal can be mitigated with new planting.	8/15/2018 9:55 AM
128	too much spiral pruning and cutting of trees in Lerwick Woods	8/15/2018 9:48 AM
129	We need to trim some of the trees on our own property. We just bought the beginning of April. Two trees especially have grown and not been trimmed or shaped for years. We have parks on Muir Road and Waltham Place that we appreciate for their beauty and shade. We want shade in our yard and make trees but also value shade in public places because the Sun is too strong to be out in it for too long.	8/15/2018 9:16 AM
130	trees in the area are not taken care of by the residents/town, with the change in weather, watering and pruning are needed to keep the trees healthy. Trees under telephone wires/electricity lines on the street are very ineffective when the trees are "topped" because they are growing too big for the area they were planted in.	8/15/2018 8:36 AM
131	Local Park is Little River Nature Park, lots of small trees have been planted but will take years to establish. In the 13 years that I have lived on my street many large mature native trees have been taken down, mostly to increase sunlight to flower gardens. Good for bees to have flowers but I also liked the trees. My local park is	8/15/2018 8:32 AM

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132	Chemainus Crescent, small sub division with no trees beside the road and just a few on individual lots. Park is at the end of 5th Street on the right looking towards Lerwick.	8/15/2018 8:23 AM
133	poor tree selection for street tree	8/15/2018 8:03 AM
134	You plant trees that are not appropriately considered before planting them in the spaces you plant them. Example, you plant trees with tall growth habits under service lines on Lerwick that need to be topped annually. You should have planted trees with low growth habit or in fact not plant them under the service lines. you then have to incur annual expense to top them and clean them up. this makes no sense. i worked for the largest tree farm in north america. i know trees!, Call me for feedback [REDACTED]	8/15/2018 7:33 AM
135	NOT ENOUGH ROOM HERE !!	8/15/2018 7:32 AM
136	Very few deciduous trees in East Courtenay, below the college. I have planted as many as I could but only own a small property. They really help keep things cool in the heat of summer.	8/15/2018 6:39 AM
137	Robert Lang Drive , Puntledge Park, Ruth Masters Greenway	8/15/2018 6:10 AM
138	There are huge trees on the street that are causing problems for home owners next door....trees are becoming too damn big!	8/15/2018 12:08 AM
139	Willimar park is great for families	8/13/2018 2:59 PM
140	Puntledge Park but Menzies Terminal Field needs help! We have large London Plane (Sycamores) trees on our street (2nd and Pidcock)	8/13/2018 2:49 PM
141	Mallard drive. There are many trees behind and in my property	8/12/2018 9:48 PM
142	Bill Moore it's predominantly a playing field for various sports but there is room for more vegetation	8/12/2018 6:59 AM
143	City trees on individual properties were planted when we moved in. Our local park is on the corner of Malahat and Lerwick. The park is small, having a couple of deer calling it home.	8/10/2018 9:37 PM
144	The park at old Courtenay junior playfield	8/10/2018 6:11 PM
145	Crown Isle	8/10/2018 3:37 PM
146	Arden Rd. Native trees. Too big, always falling, attracting bears. These sizes are good for Parks and forests, not residential!	8/10/2018 2:50 PM
147	city trees on our front lawn are not heat resistant.	8/10/2018 2:44 PM
148	Mallard Stream Park (Mallard & Malahat) has been grossly underserved by lack of trees compared to original City Plan from 25 years ago, and compared to the Mallard Stream Corridor	8/10/2018 2:27 PM
149	Small trees along Lambert Dr. Disasterous clearing of trees along Brookfield Dr, Trees in Cousins Park are doing OK but need weeding	8/10/2018 11:44 AM
150	Too many oversized and inappropriate sized trees	8/10/2018 8:31 AM
151	Herferd Hill Park, also Lerwick Forest	8/9/2018 9:11 PM
152	Climate change means that the days are only hotter and our urban landscape is reminiscent of desertification.	8/9/2018 7:57 PM
153	Hobson park and Hurford Hill both have lots of nice trees	8/9/2018 7:52 PM
154	trees in neighbourhood are pruned by city on regular basis	8/9/2018 3:13 PM
155	could be more.	8/9/2018 2:24 PM
156	Ruth masters, Embleton Cres, Puntledge P	8/9/2018 12:59 PM
157	Over the last 3 years a lot of trees in my neighbourhood have been cut down	8/8/2018 8:38 PM
158	McPhee Ave , Bill Moore	7/29/2018 5:07 PM
159	Riverside Lane - some trees on private land, Hope they're retained. Airpark walkway - great that trees have been retained along riparian areas and that CV Nature is planting over the years.	7/29/2018 2:27 PM
160	Riverside Lane trees that remain are on old private properties. Airpark trees small but growing. Riverway trail contains a few impressive, mature cottonwoods and Sitka spruce.	7/29/2018 2:27 PM
161	The trees in my complex are not mature; Lerwick Park	7/27/2018 4:24 PM
162	Anna Place and Sandwick Park	7/27/2018 4:23 PM

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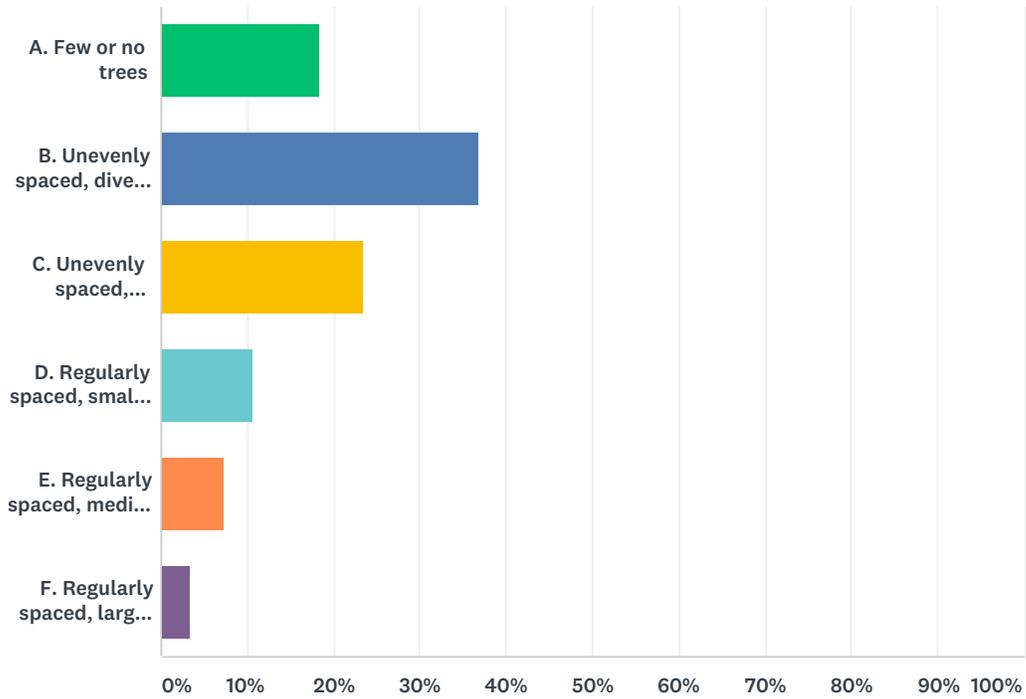
163	We have a fair amount of trees but it would be nice to have a big one in the center of the cul de sac. And the local park is an open field with trees around the perimeter so in fine.park	7/27/2018 12:16 PM
164	I am in the Puntledge area. There are many wonderful trees here. However I can see a few dying cedars from where I live.	7/26/2018 7:48 PM
165	I live on Cruickshank and most of the trees in this area were taken down for development. However, it's also close to the green space behind the college (which has been used by local people to dump yard waste), Sandwick Forest, Sandwick Park, and a walkway and duck pond under the high-tension hydro poles.	7/26/2018 2:35 PM
166	I go to many parks with my dog, they are nice but often contain lots of invasive species and many have all the same trees of exactly the same age. Not ideal spots for actual wildlife habitats	7/24/2018 9:59 PM
167	Harmston Park needs a community engagement design Charette to create "living rooms" and activity spaces.	7/24/2018 1:12 PM
168	I think most streets and parks in Courtenay could use a lot more tree cover	7/24/2018 12:50 PM
169	Presently, often only the wealthy have rich tree cover...the poor are left with cement. Trees and greenery enrich our lives in so many ways, and this is required by everyone.	7/23/2018 6:53 AM
170	Not enough trees	7/16/2018 3:44 PM
171	In general, there are not enough shade trees in parks and along streets. In summer hot open areas without corridors of shade make walking and biking, whether for pleasure or errands, difficult for many people.	7/15/2018 11:12 AM
172	Don't live within Courtenay's boundaries, but the parks feel well treed.	7/15/2018 11:05 AM
173	There is a dedicated green space in the back of our home on Nairn Place. There is also a number of trees in our neighbor's yard across the street.	7/13/2018 3:20 PM
174	I am astounded at the tree destruction happening in Crown Isle and the affect it will have on Brooklyn Creek and farm land.	7/11/2018 11:15 AM
175	on 2nd St in Old Orchard. Lewis Park has been losing trees that should be replaced.	7/9/2018 4:29 PM
176	Wallace Avenue, in Comox.	7/9/2018 12:28 PM
177	Royal Vista Way, Crown Isle Drive	7/8/2018 9:44 AM
178	Greater diversity of species needed, including fruit trees in Malahat Park	7/8/2018 9:18 AM
179	Old Orchard, trees are pretty good but I've seen some big ones go. Worried about the future of green space along Menzies. Park--i don't have a local park. There is an empty field on Harmston,	7/7/2018 4:54 PM
180	2nd Street btwn England and Fitzgerald - lots of lovely old trees. Lewis Park could use more.	7/7/2018 4:35 PM
181	where i use to live in courtenay there were some trees, but not many in comparison to the concrete in the neighbourhood, and only a couple small green spaces nearby.	7/7/2018 3:38 PM
182	We had a wonderful connected system of forest paths and trails. In the last year many chunks have been developed, wetlands filled in for large single family homes and they have cut off access or cut down the trees:(	7/7/2018 7:45 AM
183	Lewis Park	7/6/2018 4:32 PM
184	The Trees on my street are few and the local park have only a few, some of wich are impressive, specimens	7/5/2018 8:41 AM
185	I live in Puntledge Park and many lots have mature trees. And while the canopy in the Puntledge Park is constantly changing the Park appears healthy.	7/4/2018 11:52 AM
186	Although my street itself doesn't have great trees I am fortunate to live in one of the few areas with great street trees (Anna Place, Tamarack Drive, Mission Rd) and the local parks also have great trees at both Sandwick and Walbran parks.	7/3/2018 11:54 AM
187	8th Street off Pidcock. About 20 trees have been taken down in my neighborhood. Harmston Park could use more trees.	7/2/2018 12:20 PM
188	Stewart Avenue-there are no trees on public space. Puntledge Park is quite small- trees are in fairly good condition.	6/30/2018 5:33 PM
189	It's because of the nice healthy trees that this neighbourhood is so beautiful.	6/30/2018 4:03 PM

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190	Lewis no shade trees by new amphitheater many cut down and not replaced	6/30/2018 6:58 AM
191	I live on Dingwall rd and there are many trees that provide shade in the summer and make the road more beautiful. I am concerned however that there are not enough trees in Lewis park. I think it is possible that the lack of trees has contributed to the park's frequent flooding	6/28/2018 12:15 PM
192	My street is Urquhart Ave (between 5th and 13th) We have both large older trees and newer plantings with significant species diversity. My local park is Morrison Nature Park which is a magnificent stand of trees.	6/28/2018 9:53 AM
193	Large coniferous trees are unsuitable for residential areas	6/28/2018 7:07 AM
194	Woodcote	6/28/2018 6:10 AM
195	I live very close to Puntledge Park. I wonder if the park needs some attention. Most of the deciduous trees are mature and are dying. There are large conifers but much of the young coniferous growth seems to be dying. Some trees have been topped or cut down so carbon sequestering is being reduced Does the park need to be managed more intentionally?	6/27/2018 10:14 PM
196	i don't live on a street in courtenay, lewis park though has many trees has lost (big stika for eg)but not many replaced, though i could be incorrect. :)	6/27/2018 7:06 PM
197	Ruth Masters Greenway - I know...but it will be in COurtenay one day!	6/27/2018 3:09 PM
198	Living in West Courtenay I have seen trees disappearing while development of houses takes over. The closest park to me is Cousins Park	6/27/2018 2:12 PM

### Q9 Looking at the photos above, my street is most similar to:

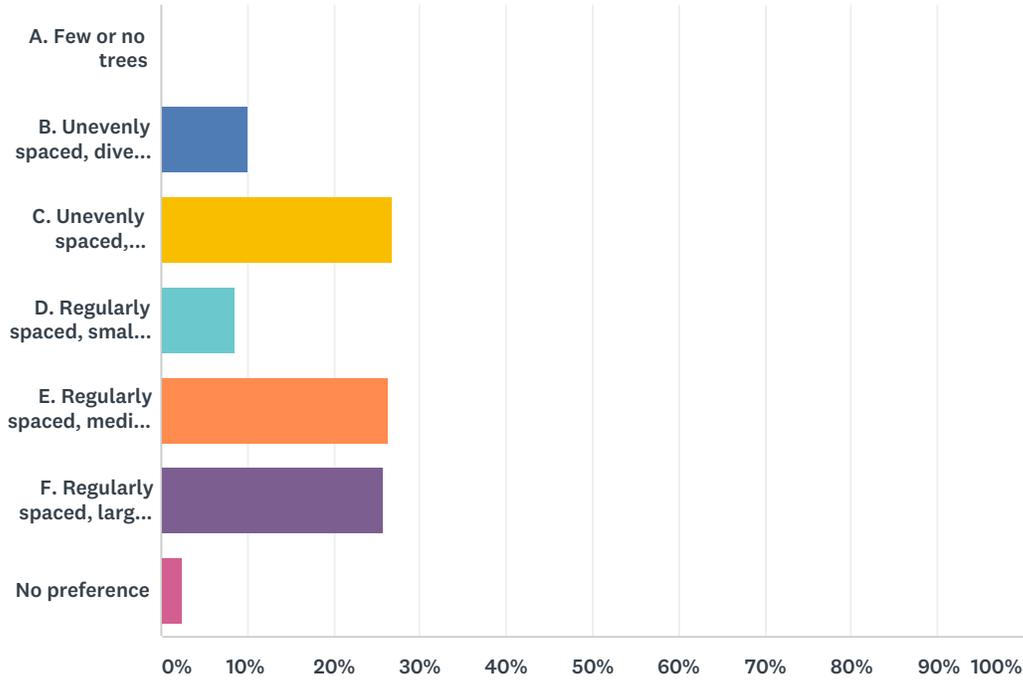
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A. Few or no trees	18.38%	50
B. Unevenly spaced, diverse mix of trees	36.76%	100
C. Unevenly spaced, predominantly native trees	23.53%	64
D. Regularly spaced, small trees	10.66%	29
E. Regularly spaced, medium trees	7.35%	20
F. Regularly spaced, large trees	3.31%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>272</b>

## Q10 Looking at the photos above, I would like my street to look like:

Answered: 277 Skipped: 29



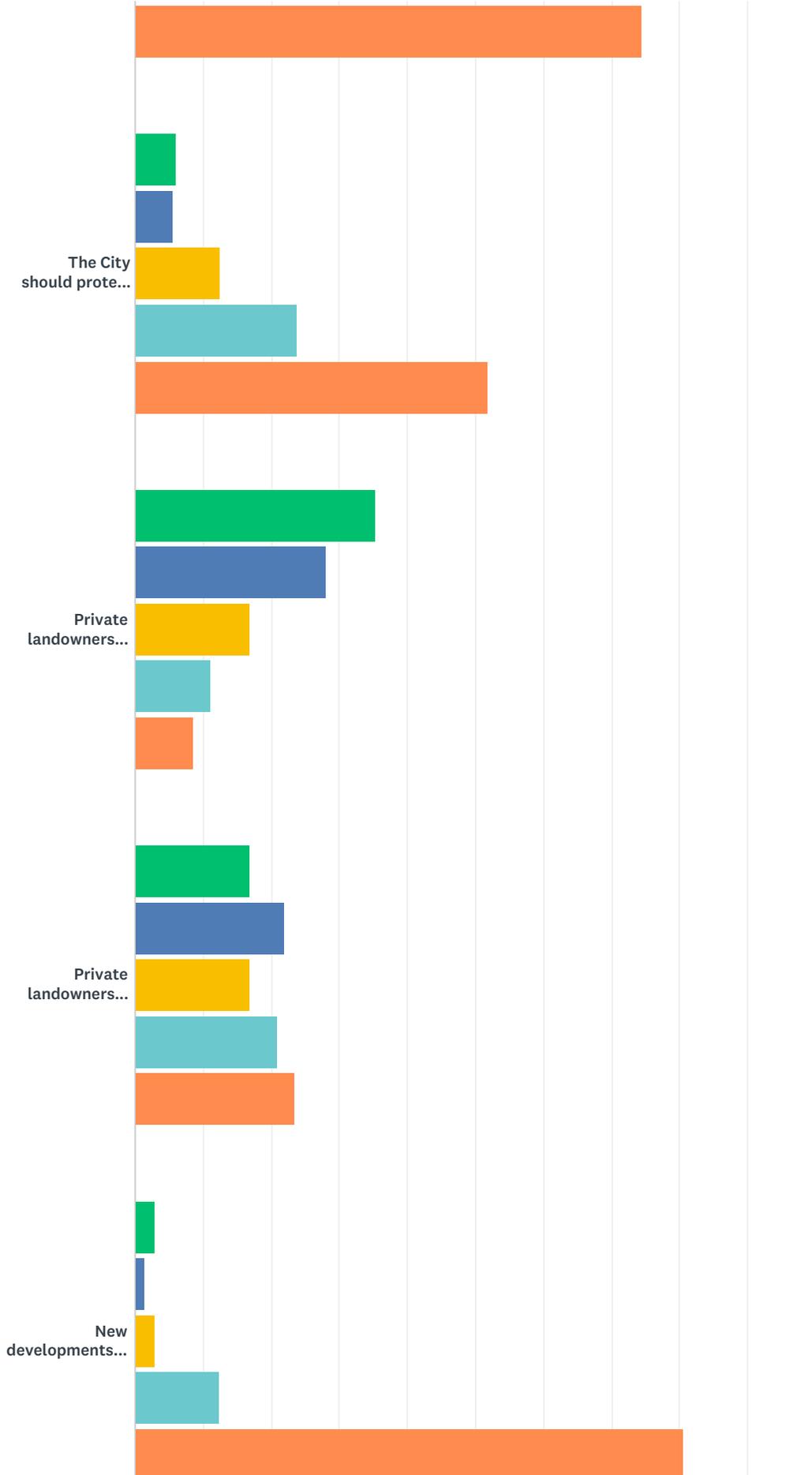
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A. Few or no trees	0.00%	0
B. Unevenly spaced, diverse mix of trees	10.11%	28
C. Unevenly spaced, predominantly native trees	26.71%	74
D. Regularly spaced, small trees	8.66%	24
E. Regularly spaced, medium trees	26.35%	73
F. Regularly spaced, large trees	25.63%	71
No preference	2.53%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>277</b>

# Q11 I feel the following about mature trees: Tick one box in each row

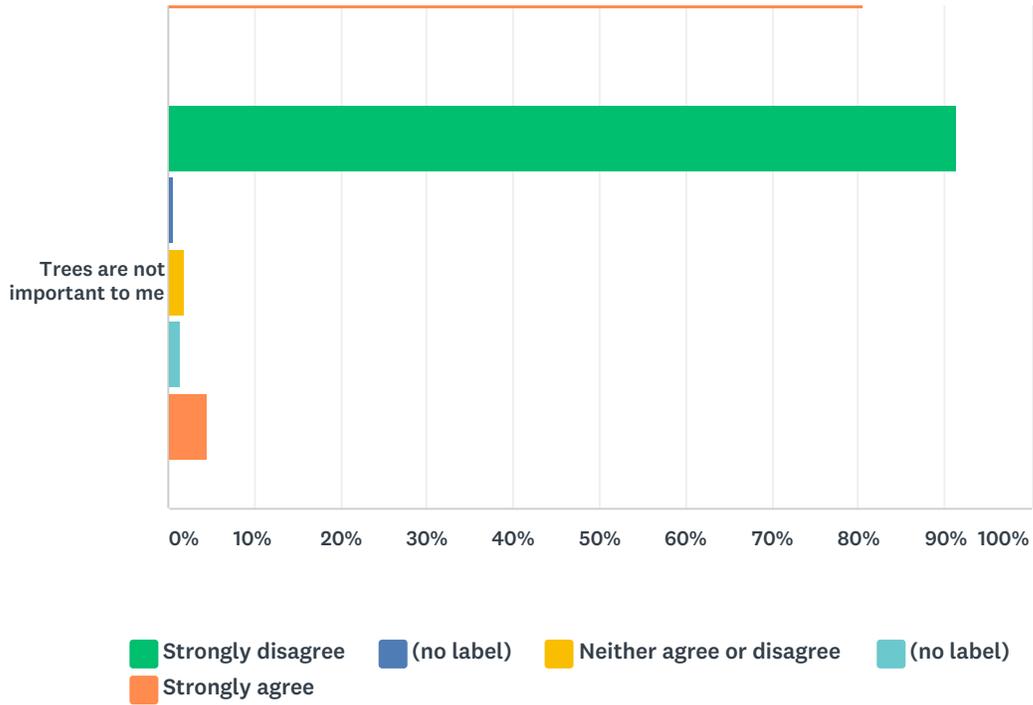
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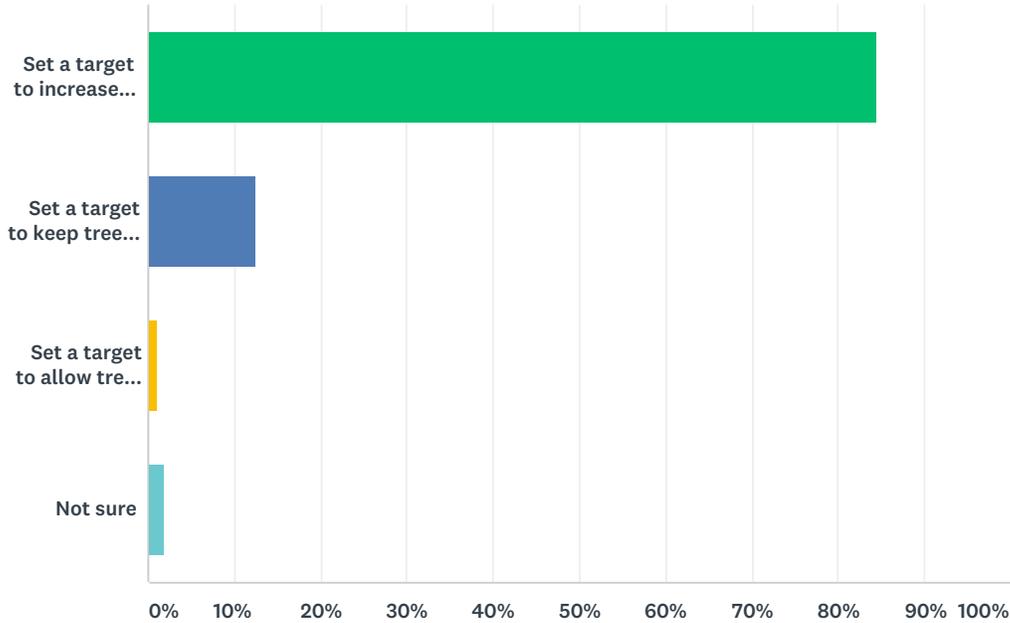
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL
Having mature trees in Courtenay is important to me	3.19% 9	0.00% 0	5.32% 15	17.02% 48	74.47% 210	282
The City should protect mature trees on private land	6.05% 17	5.69% 16	12.46% 35	23.84% 67	51.96% 146	281
Private landowners should be allowed to remove healthy mature trees	35.25% 98	28.06% 78	16.91% 47	11.15% 31	8.63% 24	278
Private landowners should be allowed to remove healthy mature trees but should be required to replace them	16.91% 47	21.94% 61	16.91% 47	20.86% 58	23.38% 65	278
New developments should have to keep some mature trees in their lot layouts where safe to do so	2.84% 8	1.42% 4	2.84% 8	12.41% 35	80.50% 227	282
Trees are not important to me	91.46% 257	0.71% 2	1.78% 5	1.42% 4	4.63% 13	281

## Q12 I think the City should:

Answered: 273 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Set a target to increase tree canopy cover above what we have now.	84.62%	231
Set a target to keep tree canopy the same as it is today.	12.45%	34
Set a target to allow tree canopy to decrease from what we have now.	1.10%	3
Not sure	1.83%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>273</b>

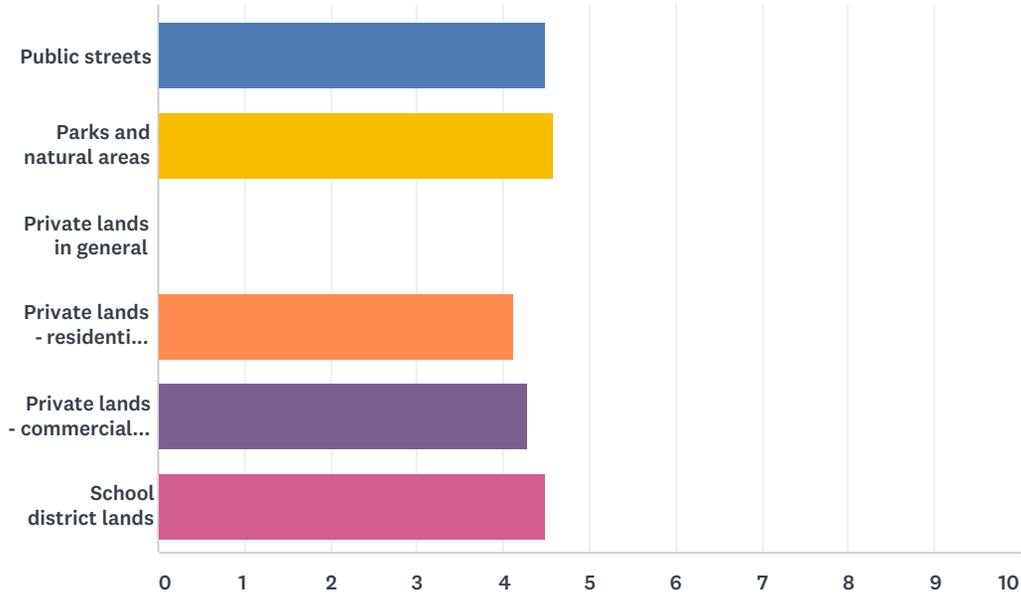
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	New developments should keep the same as in the current developed areas	9/30/2018 6:57 PM
2	I think the city should stick to providing basic services. As far as trees go, plant native trees on city land. The city should have no say in what private land owners do with their trees unless and until those trees impinge on the enjoyment of neighbouring land owners, including the city.	9/30/2018 6:14 PM
3	Especially increase in new development areas where forests are completely mowed down.	9/28/2018 8:52 PM
4	increase tree planting on city owned land - appropriate trees for space and sightlines is important	9/28/2018 8:46 AM
5	Allow tree canopy targets for individual development to be set based on the zoning (or rezoning), proposed density, proposed landscape plan (if applicable) and City are taking ability/desire (if applicable).	9/22/2018 12:09 AM
6	This would be a good prevention to climate change and sequester carbon.	9/21/2018 12:20 PM
7	Require businesses to look after their trees (superstore, I'm looking at your struggling trees)	8/30/2018 10:53 AM
8	Thank you for sending this survey, I've always felt concern over the lack of and removal of trees and it made me so happy as a new home owner in the valley to know that we had the tree program. I really hope it stays and increases in its capacity to encourage citizens to plant and keep trees.	8/20/2018 12:54 PM
9	Douglas firs are not good neighbours in an urban lot , should be in parks	8/19/2018 6:41 PM

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10	...and encourage builders and homeowners to maintain, increase or replace tree canopy cover.	8/19/2018 2:10 PM
11	Developers should not be allowed to 'clearcut' a lot slated for development. It's insane that they are permitted to cut down beautiful mature trees just to make it 'easier' to fill the space with housing, then plant little saplings that will take decades to look like real trees. I have seen this happen over and over again and it never fails to infuriate me.	8/19/2018 2:03 PM
12	It should be mandatory that new developments have a high percentage of trees (min 4" dia) that would grow quite large. Farquharson/Williams have beautiful flowering cherries now, albeit 25+ years old, and Hobson Drive is a delight to drive down with the size and variety of trees... new developments should look to these areas as an ideal minimum.	8/16/2018 9:13 PM
13	It requires balance with other initiatives. This survey focuses only on the city and not the surrounding areas where we have extensive tree cover and allows for outdoor recreation. Given our housing status and lack of rental accommodations I think the focus should be on responsible development for which the current tree regulations are prohibitive. The focus on environmental factors is important but it has become out of control at the detriment of the city.	8/16/2018 8:47 AM
14	dramatically improve main entry points and thoroughfares. courtenay's is abarren mess.	8/15/2018 8:17 PM
15	We need many more trees planted on city streets - they cool and beautify the city.	8/15/2018 6:20 PM
16	Setting a number is too arbitrary. When a development occurs trees have to be removed to put in services, roads etc. It is not practical to create a plan to try and force developers to keep trees. There should be a tree replacement plan and that is all.	8/15/2018 9:59 AM
17	if for no other reason than to mitigate as much as possible - climate change	8/15/2018 9:50 AM
18	The city needs to do what it can on public spaces and be available to help costwise to maintain trees that are in front yards that get overgrown or in yards anywhere that get too tall to be safe.	8/15/2018 9:27 AM
19	we are loosing so many trees to development in one year; it takes 10-50 years to replace that tree.We need to be more-pro active.	8/15/2018 8:40 AM
20	keep encouraging homeowners to plant a variety of height appropriate trees to their property	8/15/2018 8:12 AM
21	we should have a tree advisory group.	8/15/2018 7:41 AM
22	Plant trees along Ryan Road to from Back Road up to NIC to screen traffic, noise, and pollution.	8/15/2018 6:38 AM
23	Keep out of it! Encourage people to keep trees	8/13/2018 3:01 PM
24	Leaving or removing trees on private land may have to be considered on a case by case scenario. Citizens own these trees and should have allowances on their own property as to what they want to do with them.Danger trees need to come down, but if a tree isn't in the way then it should be left to provide bird habitat and everything else a tree does for mankind.	8/10/2018 5:37 PM
25	work to retain understory below larger trees	8/10/2018 11:44 AM
26	Ban large trees from being planted where they affect someone's sight line	8/10/2018 8:38 AM
27	Urban tree canopy should be minimum 40%	7/29/2018 2:34 PM
28	Coridors of trees between new neighborhood. Should leave canopies of indiginous trees for walkways and dog walking. A system of forested neighborhoods.	7/27/2018 12:26 PM
29	Focusing on infill housing instead of approving big lot developments that start by clearcutting would help maintain tree cover	7/24/2018 1:15 PM
30	Also a target for lower areas like hedgerows, which provide immense value for wildlife habitat.	7/15/2018 11:18 AM
31	Forget the metrics and get on with planting more and requiring more trees for new development. Get off the pot and buy up any large mature blocks of existing urban forest land. Hospital site, Home Depot, Crown Isle Mall, Wal-mart were all forested before development and could have been located on brownfield sites if there had been a will and a policy in place to prevent large parcel clearing.	7/9/2018 12:33 PM
32	The canopy cover should be distributed through the town reletively equally. Maybe neighbourhood has lost a lot of trees in this year and they are not going to be relaxed. There are houses where there were forests.	7/7/2018 7:54 AM

### Q13 I would like to see more trees on: Tick one box in each row

Answered: 277 Skipped: 29



	STRONGLY DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Public streets	2.57% 7	0.74% 2	7.72% 21	22.43% 61	66.54% 181	272	4.50
Parks and natural areas	1.11% 3	0.74% 2	8.49% 23	17.34% 47	72.32% 196	271	4.59
Private lands in general	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Private lands - residential areas	2.93% 8	2.20% 6	18.68% 51	31.50% 86	44.69% 122	273	4.13
Private lands - commercial and industrial areas	3.26% 9	3.62% 10	9.06% 25	29.71% 82	54.35% 150	276	4.28
School district lands	1.82% 5	1.46% 4	7.66% 21	23.72% 65	65.33% 179	274	4.49

#	PLEASE STATE HERE IF THERE ARE OTHER LOCATIONS OR SPECIFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS WHERE YOU SUPPORT GREATER CANOPY COVER:	DATE
1	Highly industrial areas, business areas and downtown Courtenay.	10/1/2018 9:27 AM
2	Woodcote park. Large Parking lots like costco and superstore	9/30/2018 6:55 PM
3	Woodcote park	9/30/2018 4:21 PM
4	Big box store parking lots, Hospital grounds, school yards	9/28/2018 7:04 PM
5	Small to medium size deciduous trees on city set backs in new developments	9/28/2018 8:52 AM

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6	logic must reign - old candain tire parkinglot was not reasonable and untrimmed hedges on road sightlines is dangerous.	9/28/2018 8:46 AM
7	In new developement.	9/27/2018 11:29 AM
8	I think more attention should be paid the the 'type' of tree, rather than 'how many' trees.	9/27/2018 9:16 AM
9	West Courtenay	9/26/2018 9:14 PM
10	West Courtenay.	9/26/2018 2:00 PM
11	Shopping centres	9/25/2018 11:38 PM
12	Cliffe avenue. The parking lot next to george's food bar.	9/25/2018 9:45 PM
13	Leighton and 3rd street	9/25/2018 8:53 PM
14	Areas near salmon streams and on migration routes especially.	9/25/2018 5:44 PM
15	Everywhere except where sun is need for food production. There needs to be at least a 5km wide buffer along the Puntledge river.	9/25/2018 4:00 PM
16	All new developments both residential and commercial	9/24/2018 8:22 PM
17	More streets with trees if possible. Such as larger and more populat streets like Cliffe Avenue and Lerwick.	9/24/2018 11:10 AM
18	Piercy Avenue, galloway crescent	9/21/2018 10:17 PM
19	Trees are especially important in high density areas and around condos and apartments. This is not to say that trees are unimportant in residentail areas near single family dwellings.	9/16/2018 11:30 AM
20	I would like to see cliffe avenue esp south. Turn the turning lane which is not used properly into a tree lane. much like shelbourne in Victoria	9/13/2018 11:03 AM
21	Downtown Courtenay is very hot on a summer day. Likely a lack of tree cover/shade, and lots of pavement, has something to do with it.	9/6/2018 2:57 PM
22	Industrial area around Cliffe and 29th, upper 5th street and surrounding area, area around Superstore	9/5/2018 5:46 PM
23	edges of farmers fields	8/31/2018 7:38 PM
24	Parking lot maintenance. Thriftys crown isle and Costco doing excellant job	8/30/2018 10:53 AM
25	Downtown Courtenay	8/28/2018 4:21 PM
26	where ever it is possible, trees are extremely important for future. Selfish companies have used clear cutting by far to long.	8/24/2018 2:10 PM
27	recently-developed wetlands that have been clear-cut & turned into townhouse developments	8/24/2018 8:15 AM
28	In newly developed areas, it's hard to visualise the canopy from existing trees in 40-50 years.	8/23/2018 9:40 AM
29	20th & Cumberland	8/21/2018 11:33 AM
30	in favor of food trees at schools.	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
31	Government properties	8/20/2018 8:07 PM
32	All the new subdivisions in town where trees have been razed to accommodate fast building practices. In those areas where malls are located, tree-lined streets would help to counter the asphalt.	8/20/2018 7:44 PM
33	Everywhere this isn't a good canopy cover.	8/20/2018 12:54 PM
34	Restating: commercial properties are baren, blacktop deserts!	8/19/2018 11:13 PM
35	Town of Comox, new developments in Cumberland, Courtenay and Comox	8/19/2018 6:17 PM
36	Increase the planting and maintenance of trees along Ryan Road to act as a buffer against noise and visual impact.	8/19/2018 2:10 PM
37	Again, new developments should not be permitted to remove healthy, mature trees just for the sake of making it easier to cram in more houses. Every single large, mature tree should be a separate decision -- and if it proves necessary (ie. the developers are still clear-cutting or not abiding by the spirit of the regs), a separate application to council.	8/19/2018 2:03 PM

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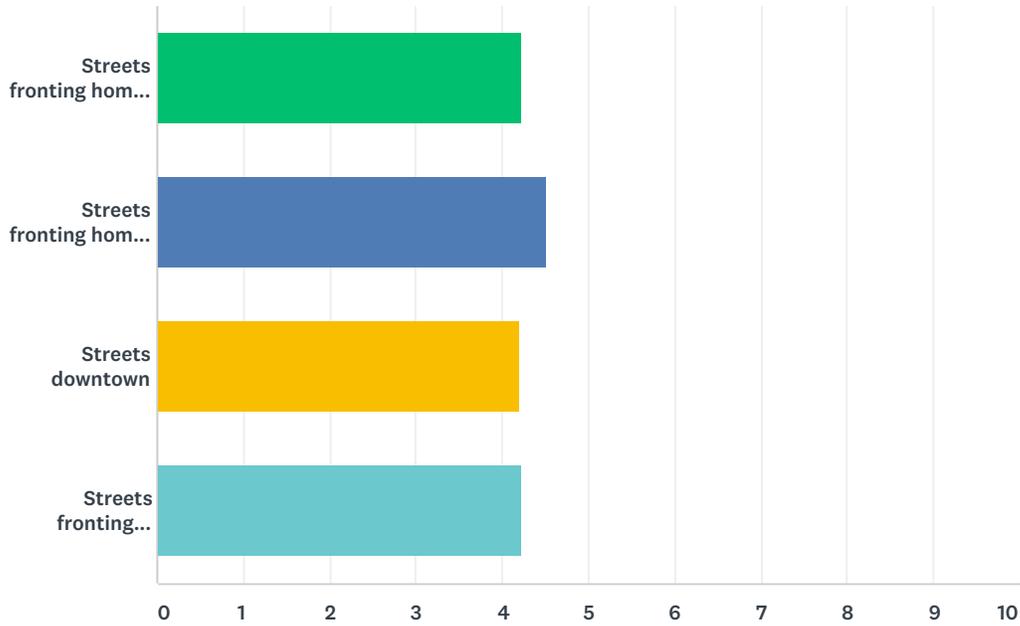
38	There are hardly any trees left in Lewis Park. All parking lots should have shady options. What happened to all the trees? I've heard that people complain to malls when birds poop on their cars. That is life! How about signs "Park at your own risk"! There is no shady parking downtown.	8/19/2018 12:05 AM
39	Instead of lawns people could plant food and fruit trees!!!!	8/17/2018 6:58 PM
40	Superstore, Thrifties, Driftwood, and similar malls ought to strive for more plantings - ghastly areas with vast unrelieved areas of paving, Driftwood mall has more than enough parking by Cliffe Ave that could be relinquished to form a linear park, with catchments to collect run-off with 'dry creeks' as waterways in rainy weather. A disappointing intro for visitors to town. Oh - and of course, there's the old cinema site on 5th that is gradually reverting.... The City should buy that and make a lovely downtown park (and put washrooms in, while you are at it!) that would double as an outdoor theatre, place for vendors and/or entertainers, etc. I'll go one further - make 5th from Cliffe to Fitz traffic-free and fill it with trees and shrubs, seating, etc..	8/16/2018 9:13 PM
41	I see new housing developments with few trees, would be nice if owners kept or planted more trees especially with global warming and the need for shade when it is increasingly hot in the Summer months. If possible when a treed area is bought save as many trees as possible instead of just plowing the whole area down and chopping down some beautiful mature trees. Example being up on Ryan Road going to the base. 12 years ago all treed ,now due to the mall ,hospital, car dealerships etc. we have lost all those lovely trees in the name of progress.	8/16/2018 2:41 PM
42	I think this is dangerous territory to consult on as responses are heavily biased based on singular factors (ie I have lived on the street all my life and dont want development) versus the balanced approach.	8/16/2018 8:47 AM
43	Commercial properties especially large parking lots- box stores! How about a community orchard at Harmston Park?	8/16/2018 7:51 AM
44	The Revan Land mass must be very carefully planned or the developers will ruin it Crown Isle is not goog example	8/15/2018 8:17 PM
45	The walk around the airpark.	8/15/2018 6:20 PM
46	Lower Filberg Centre...cherry trees were removed! Why. In front of Courthouse, mature Hawthorns were removed.	8/15/2018 6:06 PM
47	all new development should be forced to keep as many trees as possible and if cut down same species should be replanted	8/15/2018 9:50 AM
48	Priority for city parks and green spaces.	8/15/2018 9:27 AM
49	why are developers allowed to scalp property. Crown isle. strips the trees and soil from the lots.most lots have no trees. then Crown isle. sells the soil back to the owners. Criminal! the lots generally look like pitrun piles.	8/15/2018 7:41 AM
50	Lewis Park	8/15/2018 6:42 AM
51	Plant trees along Ryan Road up to NIC to screen traffic, noise, and pollution. Screen any hydro or utility locations. Require developers to leave trees. Protect mature trees from being removed.	8/15/2018 6:38 AM
52	When I was a child in west side of Toronto (1955-60), the City offered Norway Maples to homeowners. Lovely fall colour and now 60-70 years later the canopy and shade is gorgeous! I remember the horse chestnuts on the road coming into Courtenay from the South (Cliffe Ave) in 1972 and even in 1978 when I permanently moved here. They were grand!	8/13/2018 2:52 PM
53	Trees are needed in all areas, but as we have seen from the many devastating forest fires around the world that too many trees in residential areas creates a potentially dangerous fire scenario.	8/10/2018 5:37 PM
54	Crowne Isle Developments; any large Residential Development that City Hall allows to clearcut to maximum amount of housing lots	8/10/2018 2:37 PM
55	New development areas along Arden Road	8/10/2018 11:44 AM
56	Large trees belong in forests - there is plenty of forest to look at if you open your eyes or go for a short walk.	8/10/2018 8:38 AM
57	New build areas. They are just blocks of houses with little if any space for green lungs.	8/9/2018 7:59 PM
58	Most riparian areas in the City need improved, tree cover - it's sadly lacking	7/29/2018 2:34 PM
59	Property owned by the city but not designated as parks.	7/27/2018 4:28 PM

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60	Cliffe and Fitzgerald	7/27/2018 12:26 PM
61	Require tree buffers between rows in parking lots. Use permeable paving and depave. City and school district encouraged to do native plants and edible landscaping. Ban monkey puzzle trees .	7/24/2018 1:15 PM
62	Parking lots are terribly hot - developers should be encouraged to plant more trees - the old Thrifty's parking lot on 6th Street has some lovely trees and hedges.	7/15/2018 11:18 AM
63	Canadian tire area so bare	7/13/2018 5:44 PM
64	Downtown Core,Crown Isle,School sites,Shopping Centres, Dyke Road	7/8/2018 9:26 AM
65	New neighbourhoods need more trees.	7/7/2018 4:38 PM
66	I think they shouldn't cut up/ off access to existing trails and forests when they build new neighbourhoods. It would be great if the trails connected.	7/7/2018 7:54 AM
67	crown isle	7/3/2018 11:58 AM
68	Improving canopy cover in all streets south of main business district through to Walmart	7/2/2018 12:23 PM
69	Dyke road between ducks unlimited( Farquesons) and superstore, no powerpoles are on the right side coming from 17th bridge to Ryan. Also 4th street between Harmston and Johnston has lost many sidewalk cherry trees that have not been replaced. The destruction of the forest at NI college and mature trees along Ryan Rd to CFB Comox is a crime, it used to be a lovely ride to the airport,now it looks horrible. Hi	6/30/2018 7:34 AM
70	17th St.; Willemar	6/28/2018 6:14 AM
71	large parking lots, down town on 4/5/6th Streets, the River Walkway especially on either side of the airport	6/27/2018 10:17 PM

Q14 The most important places for street trees are on: Street trees are trees maintained by the City, located on public boulevards.

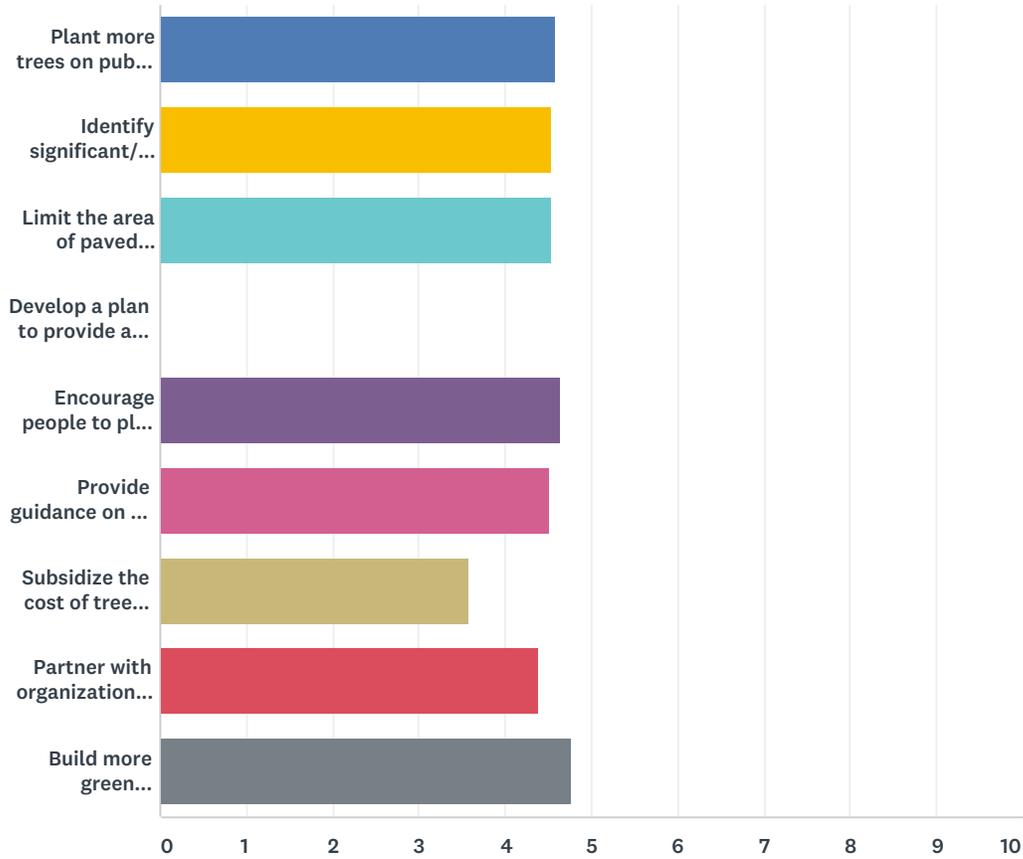
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Streets fronting homes in established neighbourhoods	1.10% 3	1.84% 5	16.54% 45	34.93% 95	45.59% 124	272	4.22
Streets fronting homes in new neighbourhoods	1.09% 3	0.36% 1	8.33% 23	25.72% 71	64.49% 178	276	4.52
Streets downtown	1.85% 5	2.58% 7	15.87% 43	32.47% 88	47.23% 128	271	4.21
Streets fronting commercial areas outside of the downtown	1.46% 4	4.01% 11	14.23% 39	31.39% 86	48.91% 134	274	4.22

## Q15 The City should: Tick one box in each row

Answered: 275 Skipped: 31



	STRONGLY DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	(NO LABEL)	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
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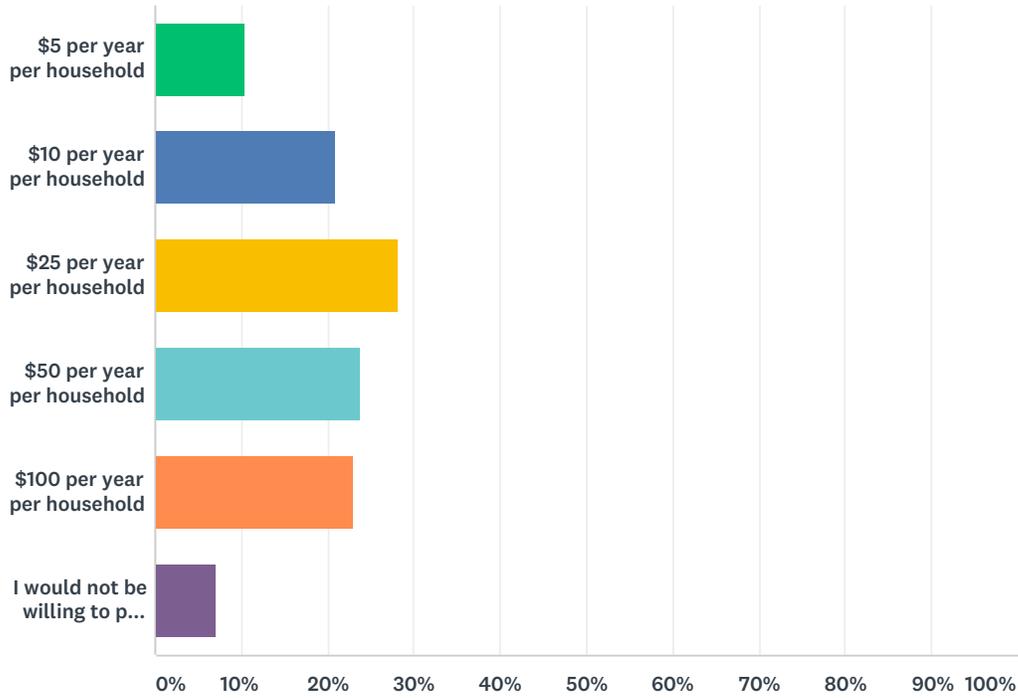
Plant more trees on public land.	0.37% 1	0.74% 2	8.52% 23	20.37% 55	70.00% 189	270	4.59
Identify significant/heritage trees and protect them in the Tree Protection and Management Bylaw.	2.20% 6	1.83% 5	7.69% 21	16.85% 46	71.43% 195	273	4.53
Limit the area of paved surfaces allowed in City zoning rules (Higher impervious cover is linked to lower watershed health).	2.18% 6	3.64% 10	5.45% 15	14.55% 40	74.18% 204	275	4.55

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Develop a plan to provide a vision for and proactively guide the protection of sensitive natural ecosystems, park acquisitions and restoration of degraded natural ecosystems. (an overall vision and plan for these activities does not currently exist for Courtenay)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Encourage people to plant trees on private property by educating them about how to select, plant and care for trees.	1.09% 3	0.73% 2	5.82% 16	16.36% 45	76.00% 209	275	4.65
Provide guidance on how to plant a FireSmart landscape with low flammability species in wildfire interface areas.	1.83% 5	1.10% 3	9.16% 25	18.68% 51	69.23% 189	273	4.52
Subsidize the cost of trees for people to plant them on private property.	11.03% 30	11.76% 32	17.65% 48	28.31% 77	31.25% 85	272	3.57
Partner with organizations to provide education and stewardship resources.	1.83% 5	1.10% 3	10.99% 30	27.84% 76	58.24% 159	273	4.40
Build more green infrastructure to intercept rainwater, recharge soil moisture and beautify the streetscape	0.73% 2	1.47% 4	2.56% 7	9.89% 27	85.35% 233	273	4.78

Q16 Considering your answers to the previous question (Question 15), how much would you be willing to pay for the City to implement the initiatives you support Select all that apply

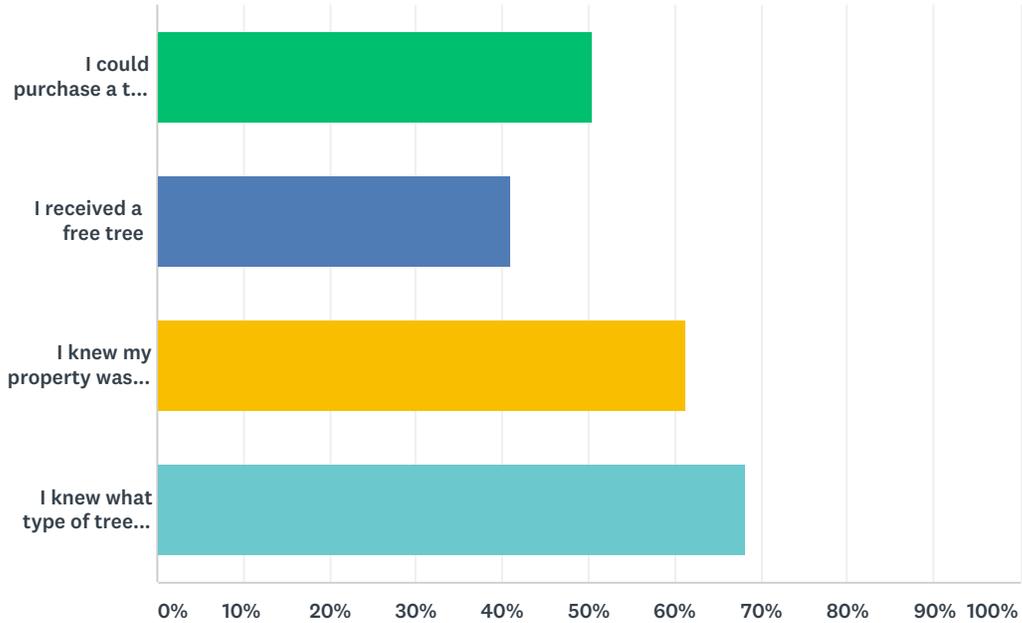
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$5 per year per household	10.41%	28
\$10 per year per household	20.82%	56
\$25 per year per household	28.25%	76
\$50 per year per household	23.79%	64
\$100 per year per household	23.05%	62
I would not be willing to pay any amount per year	7.06%	19
Total Respondents: 269		

### Q17 I would plant a tree on my property if: Select all that apply

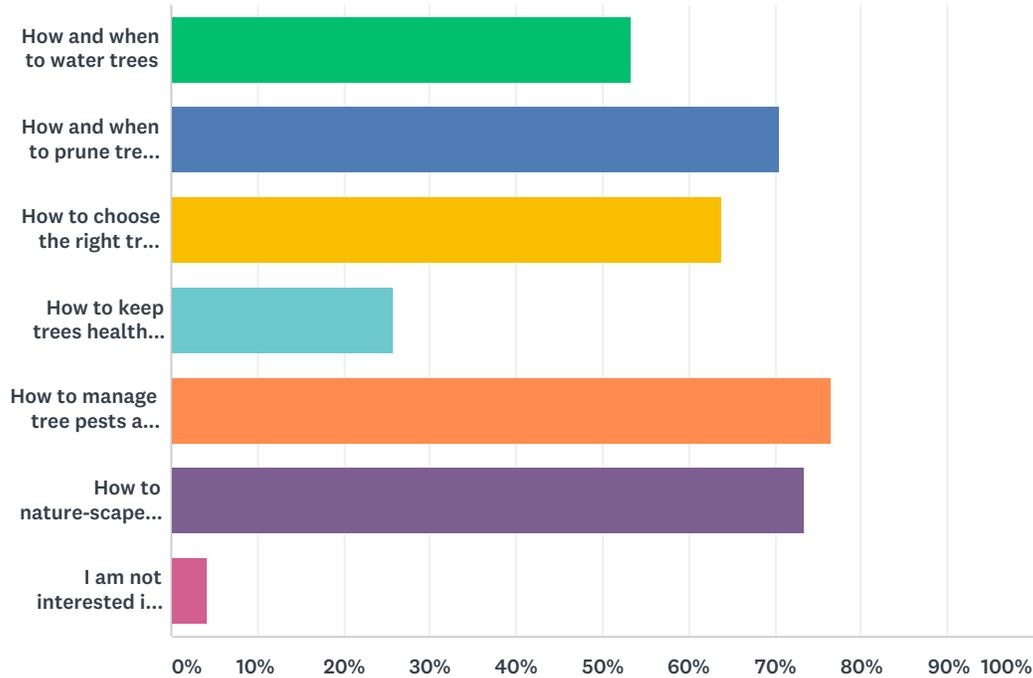
Answered: 246 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I could purchase a tree for \$20 or less	50.41%	124
I received a free tree	41.06%	101
I knew my property was within an area that could benefit from more tree canopy cover	61.38%	151
I knew what type of tree to plant and where on my property	68.29%	168
Total Respondents: 246		

## Q18 I would like to learn: Select all that apply

Answered: 238 Skipped: 68



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
How and when to water trees	53.36% 127
How and when to prune tree branches	70.59% 168
How to choose the right tree for my yard	63.87% 152
How to keep trees healthy during construction	25.63% 61
How to manage tree pests and diseases	76.47% 182
How to nature-scape my yard to provide habitat for birds and pollinators	73.53% 175
I am not interested in learning about taking care of trees	4.20% 10
Total Respondents: 238	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I know how to manage my trees.	9/30/2018 6:16 PM
2	I would like to know the bylaws around sightlines so tht if I plant a tree you will not prune the crap out of it. or I will not cause an accident. My answer to the previous question #19 is I would pay over \$200.00 for I tree I would know would be safe from destruction.	9/28/2018 8:50 AM
3	we know how to take care of trees	9/27/2018 9:19 AM
4	watering restrictions have severely effected my trees.. particularly fruit and nut trees. we should not have restrictions if they provide foot source.	9/26/2018 7:54 PM
5	All of these can be learned at the local garden centre or at local community gardens.. but reminders are nice.	9/25/2018 5:54 PM
6	I don't live in Courtenay	9/22/2018 5:43 PM

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7	Education on the free ecosystem services provided by trees	9/19/2018 1:09 PM
8	I am already a well educated gardener and pruner.	8/30/2018 10:55 AM
9	have no more room for trees on my property! Pretty much know how to look after them or who to ask if I don't. Love trees. Not sure of the regulations about removal (I'll look this up as soon as I've finished your survey) but hope there is room in there for removing diseased or dead trees without penalty.	8/29/2018 5:56 PM
10	I have a background in trees and think all these things are important ,particularly how to keep trees healthy during ( and after construction )	8/28/2018 8:47 AM
11	I would like to learn if there is support from the city in keeping wild areas tame (blackberry patches, etc) as they are the main reason why I cannot plant trees in my property	8/24/2018 3:48 PM
12	I unfortunately live in Comox, backing on McDonald road	8/24/2018 2:16 PM
13	Know a bit already	8/21/2018 3:51 PM
14	I am a master gardener and know a lot about tree planting and care.	8/21/2018 11:35 AM
15	I rent; these questions are more designed for homeowners.	8/20/2018 7:47 PM
16	Courtenay needs to provide it's trees with water. No good planting trees if they are just left to die. When to water trees, especially in planters surrounded by pavement, is all the time. Water bags, except for very small trees, are ridiculous.	8/20/2018 9:29 AM
17	i am a landscaper so already know most of this.	8/19/2018 6:20 PM
18	How to make sure the roots don't interfere with existing structures	8/18/2018 11:42 AM
19	I do considerable research myself with the internet to determine what to plant where and how to care for this. We should not have to pay for this as these same resources are available to all people who look after their property	8/16/2018 8:51 AM
20	treat the city areas as a forest reserve!	8/15/2018 8:19 PM
21	plantings anywhere must have water and care - more water bags available for public trees	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
22	I have made the effort on my own to do all of the above, and I pay for a professional to help manage my trees that I have selected and planted. My yard is home to a lot of birds	8/15/2018 8:18 AM
23	i already know trees, others need information. Your theme tree program by syreet and neighborhood is awful. some streets get attractive trees and others fet hideous trees that make a lot of mess. howeasy a tree keeps and cares for itself is important. some trees like ornamenta crabapples should never be planted!!!! ever!!!,	8/15/2018 7:45 AM
24	The City has enough to do. If people are interested there are many information locations out there.	8/13/2018 3:02 PM
25	We have a lot of trees in our yard (that we have planted - and really enjoy the beauty & shade.	8/10/2018 9:47 PM
26	Na	8/10/2018 8:40 AM
27	I already know these things	8/9/2018 9:18 PM
28	Nothing for now.	8/9/2018 9:15 PM
29	I would like to see more trees and shrubs that produce fruit and berries on public land.	8/9/2018 9:01 PM
30	I have a BScF and have considerable knowledge of trees and their maintenance	7/29/2018 5:13 PM
31	I live in a strata and have little influence on the tree canopy on this property.	7/29/2018 2:39 PM
32	N/A Restricted by strata	7/29/2018 2:39 PM
33	I live in a condominium and am not allowed to independently plant trees.	7/27/2018 4:30 PM
34	Graphs and info on the benefits to the whole community.	7/27/2018 12:30 PM
35	I've been looking into it.	7/26/2018 2:40 PM
36	I know a lot about tree but would like to know if there are any areas on public land where I can plant them.	7/24/2018 12:53 PM
37	How to convince politicians and policy makers that this whole exercise is crucial to the future survival of Courtenay and is not just a great big waste of time to make it look like they actually give a darn	7/9/2018 12:36 PM

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38	I employ a landscaping service.	7/8/2018 9:48 AM
39	I engage a landscaping company who advises me	7/8/2018 9:29 AM
40	Already know how	6/30/2018 7:34 AM
41	I am already an arborist. I help others learn about these important topics.	6/28/2018 10:01 AM
42	How to utilize my position as an arboriculture company for the last 9 years in the valley to help promote and support your plan..	6/27/2018 7:15 PM

## Q19 The things I value MOST about Courtenay's urban forest are:

Answered: 210 Skipped: 96

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
-	100.00%	210
-	74.76%	157
-	60.48%	127

#	-	DATE
1	A place to feel close to nature within the city	10/1/2018 9:34 AM
2	the many benefits trees provide: oxygen, shade, bird refuge, visual beauty, etc	9/30/2018 7:33 PM
3	beauty	9/30/2018 7:05 PM
4	What the trees give back in carbon sequestering, flood water control, and shade	9/30/2018 6:58 PM
5	Oxygen	9/30/2018 5:21 PM
6	Pathways for exercise and transportation	9/30/2018 4:51 PM
7	Walking trails	9/30/2018 8:04 AM
8	Mature trees rather than replacement new trees	9/29/2018 4:03 PM
9	More trees	9/29/2018 7:55 AM
10	conservation	9/29/2018 6:53 AM
11	Clean air	9/28/2018 10:12 PM
12	Nature parks to appreciate nature/hike	9/28/2018 9:48 PM
13	Shade, oxygen, beauty	9/28/2018 8:55 PM
14	The wildlife	9/28/2018 7:10 PM
15	Nature	9/28/2018 3:38 PM
16	shade	9/28/2018 8:57 AM
17	A place to connect with nature that I can walk to	9/28/2018 8:56 AM
18	Habitat for wildlife	9/27/2018 4:50 PM
19	The temperature difference dice trees have been cut example Lerwick road	9/27/2018 1:08 PM
20	natural spaces within the city	9/27/2018 12:53 PM
21	Recreation. Dog walking. Biking.	9/27/2018 11:40 AM
22	Asthetics	9/27/2018 10:11 AM
23	views	9/27/2018 9:21 AM
24	Walking in the trees	9/27/2018 8:50 AM
25	This survey	9/26/2018 9:18 PM
26	Parks like Ruth masters and Morrison Greenway	9/26/2018 8:58 PM
27	The wildlife that it keeps within. I do photography and the trees and wildlife is why I am here.	9/26/2018 8:12 PM
28	the shade	9/26/2018 7:56 PM
29	Smoke filtration	9/26/2018 5:17 PM
30	air	9/26/2018 2:02 PM

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31	welcoming to wildlife	9/26/2018 12:55 PM
32	Bee friendly - lots of flowers for them	9/26/2018 8:45 AM
33	Healthy planet	9/25/2018 11:41 PM
34	Lots of parks	9/25/2018 10:04 PM
35	Older healthy trees	9/25/2018 6:59 PM
36	The wildlife that the forest brings	9/25/2018 5:58 PM
37	Environmentally responsible	9/25/2018 4:24 PM
38	habitat	9/25/2018 4:07 PM
39	Peaceful	9/25/2018 2:07 PM
40	tranquility when walking through the woods - very healthy - the Japanese know the value of forests bathing as should we	9/24/2018 8:31 PM
41	the beautiful landscapes	9/24/2018 11:12 AM
42	As I bike through Courtenay a lot I notice the value of trees in decreasing temperature and their value to other species.	9/23/2018 9:34 AM
43	Easy access to wonderful nature	9/22/2018 8:28 AM
44	Carbon sequestration, clean air	9/21/2018 10:21 PM
45	The fact that the council is even conducting this survey is a step in the right direction. Once impetus is gained it should be followed upon as soon as possible	9/21/2018 7:01 PM
46	The mature trees in groves, along paths, in parks.	9/21/2018 2:52 PM
47	the trees	9/20/2018 2:07 PM
48	The beauty of both mature and young trees in our city and neighbourhood.	9/20/2018 2:06 PM
49	that we have so much urban forest (parks)	9/20/2018 11:40 AM
50	Greenery	9/20/2018 7:56 AM
51	Health	9/19/2018 1:46 PM
52	Shade	9/19/2018 1:17 PM
53	Non commercialism,	9/18/2018 1:32 PM
54	Sight	9/17/2018 1:25 AM
55	Places to walk in peace	9/16/2018 11:43 AM
56	Nature	9/16/2018 9:13 AM
57	The beauty and peacefulness that trees offer when walking or playing outside	9/16/2018 7:03 AM
58	Where there are abundant trees I feel more calm and relaxed	9/15/2018 10:24 AM
59	That we do have a 30% cover.	9/15/2018 9:36 AM
60	generally area is well treed	9/14/2018 4:57 PM
61	old orchard area	9/13/2018 11:06 AM
62	the beautiful treescapes that frame the views from downtown streets.	9/8/2018 10:48 PM
63	Coolness on a hot day	9/6/2018 3:00 PM
64	prevalence of native species in parks	9/5/2018 5:49 PM
65	This survey is wasting tax dollars	9/3/2018 7:20 AM
66	Healthy strong trees in a symbiotic environment	9/1/2018 5:48 PM
67	Providing shade and cooling	9/1/2018 7:48 AM
68	getting to know trees	8/31/2018 7:42 PM
69	habitat values	8/31/2018 4:35 PM

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70	A habitat for natural plants and wildlife.	8/31/2018 10:21 AM
71	The beauty and contribution to quality of life.	8/30/2018 10:57 AM
72	carbon, water, air benefits	8/29/2018 6:03 PM
73	The mature trees	8/28/2018 4:23 PM
74	Maintaining the natural heritage	8/28/2018 9:08 AM
75	still have maintained a reasonable of number of trees.	8/27/2018 4:48 PM
76	providing a healthy urban environment for residents and animals	8/27/2018 10:53 AM
77	the trails	8/25/2018 8:02 PM
78	Being able to escape the business and noise of the city	8/24/2018 10:29 PM
79	That they feel wild	8/24/2018 3:50 PM
80	shade & misture retention	8/24/2018 8:17 AM
81	cool, oxygen generators, carbon sinks,wildlife habitat	8/23/2018 10:26 PM
82	Its environmental and shade value..	8/23/2018 9:52 AM
83	Shade trees are necessary in our hot summers	8/22/2018 9:17 PM
84	shade, cooling, carbon offset	8/22/2018 8:30 PM
85	Less pavement	8/22/2018 5:21 PM
86	natural	8/22/2018 8:51 AM
87	beauty	8/21/2018 9:38 PM
88	beautification	8/21/2018 4:32 PM
89	Wildlife habitat	8/21/2018 4:22 PM
90	Where would we be without trees! The world needs all the trees it can get so balancing that with urban needs is smart planning. Thanks for doing this survey!	8/21/2018 3:53 PM
91	Mix of native species	8/21/2018 12:56 PM
92	protected areas	8/21/2018 11:37 AM
93	shade, bird and animal habitat, reduce soil erosion, slow water runoff, beauty	8/21/2018 11:25 AM
94	Shade	8/21/2018 11:23 AM
95	natural areas	8/21/2018 11:21 AM
96	Cool, green oxygen making, water harnessing trees that are homes for wild creatures	8/21/2018 10:05 AM
97	shows the history of Courtenay with the size of the few remaining trees	8/21/2018 9:22 AM
98	Mitigating Climate Change	8/21/2018 8:00 AM
99	the variety of bird life, attracted	8/20/2018 8:31 PM
100	Provide shade	8/20/2018 8:18 PM
101	diversity	8/20/2018 7:53 PM
102	significant amount of native plant species within the city	8/20/2018 6:54 PM
103	Beauty	8/20/2018 6:25 PM
104	Protection from the elements	8/20/2018 1:01 PM
105	The few small areas of retained forest, Sandwick,Millard Park etc	8/20/2018 9:35 AM
106	relaxing	8/20/2018 9:30 AM
107	Shade, healthy soil, water retention	8/19/2018 11:37 PM
108	The shade and cooling during the heat of the summer	8/19/2018 10:34 PM
109	keeping the bio diversity	8/19/2018 6:24 PM

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110	The beauty they provide	8/19/2018 6:05 PM
111	Diversity	8/19/2018 2:21 PM
112	beauty	8/19/2018 2:12 PM
113	Shade	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
114	pocket parks, parkways	8/19/2018 1:07 PM
115	Clean Air	8/19/2018 12:27 PM
116	At least it's on your agenda but a lot more needs to be done.	8/19/2018 12:17 AM
117	Keeping as much green space as possible	8/18/2018 9:35 PM
118	Shade from heat	8/18/2018 12:52 PM
119	Improving habitat for wildlife and health of the planet	8/18/2018 5:50 AM
120	More trees needed in parkinglots to provide shade!!	8/17/2018 7:03 PM
121	A place to experience nature.	8/16/2018 9:34 PM
122	visual appeal	8/16/2018 9:28 PM
123	the beauty of so many varied trees More trees less concrete .Trees are beautiful and concrete houses are not pretty in many cases	8/16/2018 2:53 PM
124	Access to nice parks	8/16/2018 8:56 AM
125	habitat for wild animals	8/16/2018 7:58 AM
126	I like what's there	8/16/2018 7:18 AM
127	greenery	8/15/2018 11:17 PM
128	Provides habitat for wildlife	8/15/2018 10:20 PM
129	Protection of the land (reduced erosion, help manage runoff into waterways)	8/15/2018 8:43 PM
130	Nature	8/15/2018 7:21 PM
131	That we have trees at all!	8/15/2018 7:17 PM
132	The beauty it gives the city	8/15/2018 6:22 PM
133	Shade & Air Quality	8/15/2018 3:04 PM
134	colour of the leaves in the fall	8/15/2018 10:09 AM
135	I value the park areas that exist within Courtenay.	8/15/2018 10:08 AM
136	much needed protection for wildlife	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
137	That we have shade to keep out of the sun.	8/15/2018 9:37 AM
138	Courtenay should reflect its logging history and its love of trees.	8/15/2018 8:59 AM
139	the mature trees within our neighbourhood	8/15/2018 8:43 AM
140	Healthy air	8/15/2018 8:42 AM
141	Beauty, shade, air quality, habitat for other living things.	8/15/2018 8:33 AM
142	in our area we are required to have a certain amount of greenery	8/15/2018 8:24 AM
143	being stewards of the environment	8/15/2018 7:50 AM
144	Trails and hiking ares, as well as bird watching.	8/15/2018 7:48 AM
145	Beauty	8/15/2018 6:46 AM
146	That there are some	8/15/2018 6:45 AM
147	The "green" and "coolness" which has an impact on reducing soil erosion, temperatures and on our spirits.	8/15/2018 6:19 AM
148	Limit big trees to the forest	8/15/2018 12:15 AM

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149	Shade	8/13/2018 3:06 PM
150	Shade and temperature	8/13/2018 2:56 PM
151	Peace	8/12/2018 10:00 PM
152	Natural beauty	8/10/2018 9:53 PM
153	Large old orchard trees	8/10/2018 6:20 PM
154	I love the treed areas of our parks and greenways in all seasons	8/10/2018 6:01 PM
155	Beauty	8/10/2018 5:46 PM
156	bird and small animal habitat, shade, aesthetics	8/10/2018 3:44 PM
157	The Small medium sized trees for beauty and for the sake of the environment...ground, animals etc	8/10/2018 3:18 PM
158	I see nothing but diminished forests, with Residential developments taking precedence over viable land use	8/10/2018 2:56 PM
159	tree variety and tree health	8/10/2018 2:52 PM
160	shade	8/10/2018 11:45 AM
161	diversity	8/9/2018 9:21 PM
162	shading walkways and bike paths	8/9/2018 9:16 PM
163	Shades and carbon sequestering	8/9/2018 9:03 PM
164	Shade	8/9/2018 8:02 PM
165	Shade	8/9/2018 7:58 PM
166	walking trails	8/9/2018 3:19 PM
167	Flowering and softwood trees, indigenous	8/9/2018 1:22 PM
168	Wildlife habitat	8/8/2018 8:43 PM
169	Its potential to reflect our native vegetation and be beautiful	7/29/2018 5:18 PM
170	cooling	7/29/2018 2:44 PM
171	air quality	7/29/2018 2:43 PM
172	A quiet shady area to walk daily	7/27/2018 4:33 PM
173	The wildlife supported by the forest.	7/27/2018 4:32 PM
174	maintaining the watershed	7/27/2018 12:32 PM
175	With the change in climate or is very important for us to have a lot of trees. Also it is aesthetically appealing.	7/26/2018 7:55 PM
176	Mitigating the effects of climate change.	7/26/2018 2:44 PM
177	Habitat for wildlife	7/24/2018 10:04 PM
178	Oxygen making	7/24/2018 5:23 PM
179	Cooling city, aesthetic and spiritual values	7/24/2018 1:20 PM
180	It is green	7/23/2018 1:16 PM
181	cooling the streets	7/23/2018 7:01 AM
182	makes the town look appealing - why we moved from the city	7/15/2018 11:29 AM
183	Nature habitats and areas for reflection	7/13/2018 5:46 PM
184	The policy of planting trees on newly built residential properties.	7/13/2018 4:17 PM
185	Mature trees and shade	7/12/2018 9:57 AM
186	The health benefits for people and other species	7/11/2018 11:19 AM
187	naturalizes our public spaces	7/9/2018 4:38 PM

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188	Shade	7/9/2018 12:42 PM
189	Beauty. Health of living spaces. Birds, bees. Shade.	7/9/2018 11:53 AM
190	green space beautifies city ,promotes general health and	7/8/2018 4:46 PM
191	green space beautifies city ,promotes general health and	7/8/2018 4:36 PM
192	Air quality	7/8/2018 9:50 AM
193	Air quality	7/8/2018 9:35 AM
194	They are still feeling like the original trees that were there.	7/7/2018 6:21 PM
195	Old, native trees	7/7/2018 4:42 PM
196	The trees	7/7/2018 2:53 PM
197	Connected trails and paths of trees and urban forests	7/7/2018 8:06 AM
198	The different kinds of trees we have	7/6/2018 4:35 PM
199	Storm water retention	7/5/2018 8:51 AM
200	Tree canopies providing shade	7/2/2018 12:37 PM
201	Areas for quiet reflection	6/30/2018 5:37 PM
202	The fresh air, mostly un-manicured, meandering trails.	6/30/2018 4:25 PM
203	the nut trees city decided to plant near creekside commons strip of land	6/29/2018 3:46 PM
204	as an umbrella species protect biodiveristy	6/28/2018 1:53 PM
205	Preventing flooding	6/28/2018 12:25 PM
206	Cool in summer	6/28/2018 6:22 AM
207	natural habitat for wild plants as well as animals birds	6/27/2018 10:22 PM
208	The remaining abundance!	6/27/2018 7:19 PM
209	Green space/public enjoyment	6/27/2018 3:17 PM
210	green leaves	6/27/2018 2:16 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Courtenay's greenways are brilliant	10/1/2018 9:34 AM
2	beautiful parks and urban benches which people can enjoy	9/30/2018 7:33 PM
3	cultural value	9/30/2018 7:05 PM
4	Shade and shelter for humans and wildlife	9/30/2018 5:21 PM
5	Beauty	9/30/2018 4:51 PM
6	Animal life	9/30/2018 8:04 AM
7	Improve air quality	9/29/2018 7:55 AM
8	protection from erosion	9/29/2018 6:53 AM
9	Address climate change	9/28/2018 10:12 PM
10	Healthy environment	9/28/2018 9:48 PM
11	The vegetation	9/28/2018 7:10 PM
12	Wildlife	9/28/2018 3:38 PM
13	beauty	9/28/2018 8:57 AM
14	Beauty	9/27/2018 4:50 PM
15	diversity of trees	9/27/2018 12:53 PM
16	Shade and weather protection.	9/27/2018 11:40 AM
17	Ecosystem services	9/27/2018 10:11 AM

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18	colours	9/27/2018 9:21 AM
19	Beauty and variety of trees	9/27/2018 8:50 AM
20	the birds etc	9/26/2018 7:56 PM
21	Noise filtration	9/26/2018 5:17 PM
22	nature	9/26/2018 2:02 PM
23	beautiful	9/26/2018 12:55 PM
24	Parks are well maintained	9/26/2018 8:45 AM
25	Beauty	9/25/2018 11:41 PM
26	Protected waterways / forested areas (ex morrison creek, entire lake trail region)	9/25/2018 10:04 PM
27	The forest makes you feel secluded and special	9/25/2018 5:58 PM
28	Green spaces for dog walking, walks, relaxation	9/25/2018 4:24 PM
29	ecological infrastructure	9/25/2018 4:07 PM
30	Cool place to walk in summer	9/25/2018 2:07 PM
31	the shade provided	9/24/2018 8:31 PM
32	the fresh ocean air - less pollutant	9/24/2018 11:12 AM
33	Helps our climate	9/22/2018 8:28 AM
34	Shade and beauty	9/21/2018 10:21 PM
35	Trees shading paved areas.	9/21/2018 2:52 PM
36	Trees are an important part of preventing erosion and maintaining good soil quality.	9/20/2018 2:06 PM
37	Wildlife habitat	9/20/2018 7:56 AM
38	Natural environment	9/19/2018 1:46 PM
39	Wind buffering	9/19/2018 1:17 PM
40	Beautiful Escape into nature	9/18/2018 1:32 PM
41	Smells	9/17/2018 1:25 AM
42	Natural landscapes that are water protectors	9/16/2018 11:43 AM
43	Native vegetation	9/16/2018 9:13 AM
44	Contributing to the health of our environment	9/16/2018 7:03 AM
45	Walks, such as the Millard Trail and Rotary Rail line walk have lovely cover	9/15/2018 9:36 AM
46	millard park	9/13/2018 11:06 AM
47	That the city feel integrated with nature	9/6/2018 3:00 PM
48	accessibility	9/5/2018 5:49 PM
49	Adding oxygen - cleaning the air	9/1/2018 5:48 PM
50	impact on climate and pollution	9/1/2018 7:48 AM
51	wathing the seasons change	8/31/2018 7:42 PM
52	creation of sense of place	8/31/2018 4:35 PM
53	Recreational spaces for walking and hiking	8/31/2018 10:21 AM
54	aesthetics and homes for native birds/animals	8/29/2018 6:03 PM
55	Providing habitat	8/28/2018 9:08 AM
56	management of rain water and providing green infrastrucure	8/27/2018 10:53 AM
57	The diversity of plants and trees	8/24/2018 10:29 PM
58	That they are for everyone	8/24/2018 3:50 PM

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59	a direct conection to nature urban dewellers are missing especially children and developers.	8/23/2018 10:26 PM
60	Its contribution to the appeal of neighbourhoods.	8/23/2018 9:52 AM
61	Love our treed parks	8/22/2018 9:17 PM
62	wildlife, food, pollinators	8/22/2018 8:30 PM
63	more shade	8/22/2018 5:21 PM
64	air quality	8/22/2018 8:51 AM
65	cooling temperatures	8/21/2018 9:38 PM
66	cooling affect	8/21/2018 4:32 PM
67	Spending time in urban forest	8/21/2018 4:22 PM
68	Efforts to protect Garry Oaks	8/21/2018 12:56 PM
69	diversity of species and age	8/21/2018 11:37 AM
70	Aesthetics	8/21/2018 11:23 AM
71	street trees	8/21/2018 11:21 AM
72	Diversity of shape and size of trees	8/21/2018 10:05 AM
73	waterfront paths lined with bushes, shrubs and a smattering of trees.	8/21/2018 9:22 AM
74	Protecting Eco Systems	8/21/2018 8:00 AM
75	shade	8/20/2018 8:31 PM
76	Pleasing to look at	8/20/2018 8:18 PM
77	trees as carbon sinks	8/20/2018 7:53 PM
78	Cleaning the air	8/20/2018 6:25 PM
79	Beautification	8/20/2018 1:01 PM
80	calm	8/20/2018 9:30 AM
81	Habitat for birds, and other nature, colours	8/19/2018 11:37 PM
82	The green, so beautiful and calming	8/19/2018 10:34 PM
83	shade and beauty they provide	8/19/2018 6:24 PM
84	The work they do - carbon storage, climate modulation	8/19/2018 6:05 PM
85	leafy urban parks for short neighbourhood walks	8/19/2018 2:12 PM
86	Trees are beautiful	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
87	more heavily treed older neighbourhoods, less pavement there	8/19/2018 1:07 PM
88	Cool Temperatures	8/19/2018 12:27 PM
89	Sucking up air pollution	8/18/2018 12:52 PM
90	Cooling in the summer.	8/16/2018 9:34 PM
91	shade and water retention	8/16/2018 9:28 PM
92	The energy trees give out is far more healthy than concrete .	8/16/2018 2:53 PM
93	trails in parks	8/16/2018 8:56 AM
94	a place to relax	8/16/2018 7:58 AM
95	park areas	8/15/2018 11:17 PM
96	Trees are the lungs of our city	8/15/2018 10:20 PM
97	Conservation of natural habitats for native species to have their space.	8/15/2018 8:43 PM
98	Solitude	8/15/2018 7:21 PM
99	The improved air quality	8/15/2018 6:22 PM

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100	Beauty & Quiet	8/15/2018 3:04 PM
101	The existing urban forests on public lands should be nurtured and grown.	8/15/2018 10:08 AM
102	climate mitigators	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
103	That we have the beauty of trees to enjoy everywhere, but still have authority over the trees in our own yard.	8/15/2018 9:37 AM
104	Use trees to better manage surface and ground water.	8/15/2018 8:59 AM
105	prompt reply from city staff when questions are raised	8/15/2018 8:43 AM
106	Beauty of healthy trees	8/15/2018 8:42 AM
107	but what about all the other areas that you let develop, do the home owners have to	8/15/2018 8:24 AM
108	cleaning our air	8/15/2018 7:50 AM
109	Supporting natural habitat for wildlife	8/15/2018 6:46 AM
110	Good place for dog walking	8/15/2018 6:45 AM
111	Be SMART	8/15/2018 12:15 AM
112	Beauty	8/13/2018 3:06 PM
113	Beauty	8/13/2018 2:56 PM
114	Green	8/12/2018 10:00 PM
115	For hiking and biking	8/10/2018 9:53 PM
116	Garry oaks	8/10/2018 6:20 PM
117	I appreciate the mature growth in older areas such as Old Orchard	8/10/2018 6:01 PM
118	Recreation	8/10/2018 5:46 PM
119	I cannot think of an Urban Forest in Courtenay that has improved, except for the expansion of Sims Park.	8/10/2018 2:56 PM
120	beauty	8/10/2018 11:45 AM
121	shade	8/9/2018 9:21 PM
122	Watershed management	8/9/2018 8:02 PM
123	Beauty	8/9/2018 7:58 PM
124	Tree lined streets	8/9/2018 1:22 PM
125	air quality	7/29/2018 2:44 PM
126	beauty and shade	7/29/2018 2:43 PM
127	The cooling effect trees have in hot weather	7/27/2018 4:33 PM
128	The shade created by the forest.	7/27/2018 4:32 PM
129	maintaining the lifestyle	7/27/2018 12:32 PM
130	Providing habitat for all the living things whose habitat has been destroyed over a very short period of time.	7/26/2018 2:44 PM
131	Providing shade and lowering temperatures	7/24/2018 10:04 PM
132	Animal corridors	7/24/2018 5:23 PM
133	Habitat for pollinators, birds, other wildlife	7/24/2018 1:20 PM
134	It is alive	7/23/2018 1:16 PM
135	managing flooding and erosion	7/23/2018 7:01 AM
136	feels like the town values wildlife and is a responsible government	7/15/2018 11:29 AM
137	The maintenance of trees on public land and streets.	7/13/2018 4:17 PM
138	Beauty	7/12/2018 9:57 AM

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139	provides food and cover for birds	7/9/2018 4:38 PM
140	Greenness	7/9/2018 12:42 PM
141	Buffering of noise and sun. Generally making it more livable.	7/9/2018 11:53 AM
142	decreases stress and has environmental benefits.	7/8/2018 4:46 PM
143	decreases stress and has environmental benefits.	7/8/2018 4:36 PM
144	Water retention	7/8/2018 9:50 AM
145	Water retention	7/8/2018 9:35 AM
146	Garry Oaks	7/7/2018 4:42 PM
147	Trees are beautiful and important. I wish they were protected instead of cut down and replaced by new trees.	7/7/2018 8:06 AM
148	Temperature regulation	7/5/2018 8:51 AM
149	Tree canopies providing bird habitat and wildlife	7/2/2018 12:37 PM
150	Wildlife and birds that are present in them.	6/30/2018 5:37 PM
151	eco-asset value	6/28/2018 1:53 PM
152	Providing wildlife habitat	6/28/2018 12:25 PM
153	Water retention; flood protection; clean water	6/28/2018 6:22 AM
154	carbon sequestering and canopy cover	6/27/2018 10:22 PM
155	The wildlife that it supports!	6/27/2018 7:19 PM
156	Wildlife value	6/27/2018 3:17 PM
157	spring flowers	6/27/2018 2:16 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	The ability of the forest to clean our air	10/1/2018 9:34 AM
2	shade and riparian protection for our estuary and riverways	9/30/2018 7:33 PM
3	climate change adaptation	9/30/2018 7:05 PM
4	Beauty	9/30/2018 5:21 PM
5	Wildlife habitat	9/30/2018 4:51 PM
6	Serenity	9/30/2018 8:04 AM
7	Control development	9/29/2018 7:55 AM
8	peacefulness	9/29/2018 6:53 AM
9	Improve water run off and floods	9/28/2018 10:12 PM
10	The trees	9/28/2018 7:10 PM
11	Peaceful	9/28/2018 3:38 PM
12	oxygen	9/28/2018 8:57 AM
13	Oxygen	9/27/2018 4:50 PM
14	expanding the canopy cover	9/27/2018 12:53 PM
15	Beauty.	9/27/2018 11:40 AM
16	birds	9/27/2018 9:21 AM
17	Healthy for the air we all breath	9/27/2018 8:50 AM
18	it makes us so west coast	9/26/2018 7:56 PM
19	View filtration	9/26/2018 5:17 PM
20	tranquility	9/26/2018 2:02 PM

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21	Healthier air etc	9/26/2018 12:55 PM
22	Places to go to connect with nature	9/26/2018 8:45 AM
23	Supports bird animal life	9/25/2018 11:41 PM
24	The green during the grey season	9/25/2018 5:58 PM
25	Full protection and restoration of all Garry oak ecosystems	9/25/2018 4:07 PM
26	Birds and wildlife	9/25/2018 2:07 PM
27	the natural beauty	9/24/2018 8:31 PM
28	Legacy for our children	9/22/2018 8:28 AM
29	Habitat and food forest	9/21/2018 10:21 PM
30	All the benefits trees give us	9/21/2018 2:52 PM
31	Trees eat carbon and release oxygen!	9/20/2018 2:06 PM
32	Recreation	9/20/2018 7:56 AM
33	Beauty	9/19/2018 1:46 PM
34	Free	9/18/2018 1:32 PM
35	Meeting place/ community hub	9/17/2018 1:25 AM
36	The birds and insects tha inhabit natural landscapes	9/16/2018 11:43 AM
37	Beauty	9/16/2018 9:13 AM
38	Preventing erosion	9/16/2018 7:03 AM
39	Trees in our parks	9/15/2018 9:36 AM
40	beautiful backlit greens above my head	9/6/2018 3:00 PM
41	Shade to reduce cooling costs in summer	9/1/2018 5:48 PM
42	minimize impacts of concrete and water run off	9/1/2018 7:48 AM
43	shade	8/31/2018 7:42 PM
44	carbon sink	8/31/2018 4:35 PM
45	Beautification of the city	8/31/2018 10:21 AM
46	quiet places for reflection	8/29/2018 6:03 PM
47	Addressing climate change	8/28/2018 9:08 AM
48	providing a lush environment for future generations	8/27/2018 10:53 AM
49	The way it contributes to the health of the community	8/24/2018 10:29 PM
50	That they represent why people are here	8/24/2018 3:50 PM
51	The interplay of city and nature.	8/23/2018 9:52 AM
52	medicine, spirit, genetic diversity	8/22/2018 8:30 PM
53	more privacy	8/22/2018 5:21 PM
54	climate change mitigation	8/22/2018 8:51 AM
55	providing bird habitat	8/21/2018 9:38 PM
56	health benefits to all	8/21/2018 4:32 PM
57	public gathering places	8/21/2018 11:37 AM
58	Water management	8/21/2018 11:23 AM
59	Trees used as a focus of play for children	8/21/2018 10:05 AM
60	Creating and Protecting Beauty	8/21/2018 8:00 AM
61	beauty	8/20/2018 8:31 PM

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62	Home to numerous birds and small animals	8/20/2018 8:18 PM
63	the beauty they offer in direct contrast to the built environment.	8/20/2018 7:53 PM
64	Keeping cool	8/20/2018 6:25 PM
65	Noise reduction	8/20/2018 1:01 PM
66	quiet	8/20/2018 9:30 AM
67	Food production, pollinators	8/19/2018 11:37 PM
68	The work trees do to keep our air clean.	8/19/2018 10:34 PM
69	blocking out the view of commercial buildings	8/19/2018 6:24 PM
70	protection of watercourses	8/19/2018 2:12 PM
71	Homes for birds and wildlife	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
72	riversides	8/19/2018 1:07 PM
73	Beauty	8/19/2018 12:27 PM
74	Natural habitat	8/18/2018 12:52 PM
75	Habitat for wildlife.	8/16/2018 9:34 PM
76	replenishing carbon dioxide	8/16/2018 9:28 PM
77	you don't need wi-fi in a forest !!! Listen to the trees, trees lessen the noise pollution which Courtenay far to much noise for my sensitive nature	8/16/2018 2:53 PM
78	a place to play	8/16/2018 7:58 AM
79	Aesthetic beauty	8/15/2018 10:20 PM
80	Outdoor recreation spaces, shade when the weather is hot.	8/15/2018 8:43 PM
81	Beauty	8/15/2018 7:21 PM
82	The restful, welcoming feel it gives to the city	8/15/2018 6:22 PM
83	Feeling part of Diverse Nature	8/15/2018 3:04 PM
84	health benefits for users	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
85	That tree pests are controlled.	8/15/2018 9:37 AM
86	Use trees to beautify the City.	8/15/2018 8:59 AM
87	Cooling effect in summer.	8/15/2018 8:42 AM
88	meet the same criteria?there is no sense in planting if we are in water restrictions and causing tree stress every year. why are we allowing new development if you can not meet the existing needs.	8/15/2018 8:24 AM
89	beaytification	8/15/2018 7:50 AM
90	Moderating the climate, pollution, wind	8/15/2018 6:46 AM
91	Somewhere to escape the heat	8/15/2018 6:45 AM
92	Fall Colour	8/13/2018 2:56 PM
93	Wildlife	8/12/2018 10:00 PM
94	Fresh air & shade	8/10/2018 9:53 PM
95	Shade trees	8/10/2018 6:20 PM
96	Safety, eg. fire breaks, danger trees	8/10/2018 5:46 PM
97	flood prevention and water retention	8/10/2018 11:45 AM
98	Beauty	8/9/2018 8:02 PM
99	Wildlife	8/9/2018 7:58 PM
100	Parks like Ruth masters Puntlege rotary trail	8/9/2018 1:22 PM

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101	all environmental benefits	7/29/2018 2:44 PM
102	increased biodiversity	7/29/2018 2:43 PM
103	The look of neighbourhoods with mature trees	7/27/2018 4:33 PM
104	The beautification of populated areas that comes only through trees.	7/27/2018 4:32 PM
105	offsets	7/27/2018 12:32 PM
106	Beauty.	7/26/2018 2:44 PM
107	Regulating, storing and releasing water.	7/24/2018 10:04 PM
108	Animal habitat	7/24/2018 5:23 PM
109	building peaceful places for rest and play	7/23/2018 7:01 AM
110	keeps property values up, encourages tourism - lots of photographic opportunities	7/15/2018 11:29 AM
111	The establishment of dedicated green space.	7/13/2018 4:17 PM
112	use ability ( in parked areas)	7/12/2018 9:57 AM
113	provides visual variety to the landscape	7/9/2018 4:38 PM
114	Urban Natural Integration	7/9/2018 12:42 PM
115	Passing all this onto future generations.	7/9/2018 11:53 AM
116	Potential food production	7/8/2018 9:50 AM
117	Potential food production	7/8/2018 9:35 AM
118	Bird and animal habitat	7/7/2018 4:42 PM
119	Managed woodlots of nice big native trees	7/7/2018 8:06 AM
120	Fruit or nut production	7/5/2018 8:51 AM
121	Water management provided by trees	7/2/2018 12:37 PM
122	linking habitat and recreation corridors	6/28/2018 1:53 PM
123	Connecting residents with nature/spirituality	6/28/2018 12:25 PM
124	More interesting for my dog	6/28/2018 6:22 AM
125	The quality of life trees provide!	6/27/2018 7:19 PM
126	Carbon sequestering	6/27/2018 3:17 PM
127	maturity	6/27/2018 2:16 PM

## Q20 The things I value LEAST about Courtenay's urban forest are:

Answered: 156 Skipped: 150

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
-	98.72%	154
-	47.44%	74
-	24.36%	38

#	-	DATE
1	Cleaning up the leaves in the fall	10/1/2018 9:34 AM
2	cost	9/30/2018 7:05 PM
3	Sometimes tree sap gets on me	9/30/2018 5:21 PM
4	Garbage left there	9/30/2018 8:04 AM
5	Ripping out mature trees to plant spindly replacements	9/29/2018 4:03 PM
6	Hard to say	9/29/2018 7:55 AM
7	decor	9/29/2018 6:53 AM
8	Looks	9/28/2018 10:12 PM
9	Not enough of them	9/28/2018 3:38 PM
10	unsafe sightlines	9/28/2018 8:57 AM
11	Improperly planted species	9/27/2018 4:50 PM
12	Safety hazards for drivers not seeing kids or animals	9/27/2018 1:08 PM
13	trees to increase property value	9/27/2018 12:53 PM
14	Crime, filth and garbage, people living in the woods.	9/27/2018 11:40 AM
15	Carbon (plenty of forested crown land to achieve this)	9/27/2018 10:11 AM
16	roots	9/27/2018 9:21 AM
17	Emphasis on new development	9/26/2018 9:18 PM
18	The wires that line the streets interfere with asthetically pleasing urban forested roadways.	9/26/2018 8:58 PM
19	Hunting and poaching.	9/26/2018 8:12 PM
20	blackberry bushes that my neighbour does not cut back	9/26/2018 7:56 PM
21	Gawd dang birds singing in them :-D	9/26/2018 5:17 PM
22	too few edible and medicinal plantings	9/26/2018 12:55 PM
23	New businesses find excuses to tear down trees (Thrifty's Crown Isle)	9/26/2018 8:45 AM
24	Walks	9/25/2018 11:41 PM
25	Stark areas of business properties and new developments that tear down all the trees or are missing any greenery....	9/25/2018 10:04 PM
26	Not sure	9/25/2018 6:59 PM
27	Falling tree branches	9/25/2018 5:58 PM
28	Not enough of them	9/25/2018 4:24 PM
29	I value urban forests ...	9/24/2018 8:31 PM
30	Property value	9/21/2018 2:52 PM

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31	How it is disappear due to big shopping areas	9/21/2018 12:23 PM
32	Leaf litter - although can be composted.	9/20/2018 2:06 PM
33	Unkept	9/19/2018 1:46 PM
34	They are decreasing due to increased building	9/18/2018 1:32 PM
35	Many lack trees (hot in summer/exposed)	9/17/2018 1:25 AM
36	How mature trees are replaced by young trees by builders	9/16/2018 11:43 AM
37	Too small	9/16/2018 9:13 AM
38	None that I can think of	9/16/2018 7:03 AM
39	The lack of street trees in many areas feels harsh and impoverished	9/15/2018 10:24 AM
40	Streets running E/W without trees. I walk a lot, and they are very hot in the summer.	9/15/2018 9:36 AM
41	mature native conifers are not always compatible with residential land use	9/14/2018 4:57 PM
42	please replace annual flowers with trees	9/13/2018 11:06 AM
43	the general absence of trees in the newer commercial areas.	9/8/2018 10:48 PM
44	lack of trees in industrial areas	9/5/2018 5:49 PM
45	This survey is a waste of tax dollars	9/3/2018 7:20 AM
46	Cost of maintenance of non-native trees	9/1/2018 5:48 PM
47	impact of falling trees and branches in storms	9/1/2018 7:48 AM
48	invasive plants	8/31/2018 7:42 PM
49	monetary value placed on trees	8/31/2018 4:35 PM
50	The too tall native trees that don't contribute to suburban neighborhoods.	8/30/2018 10:57 AM
51	not enough urban forest	8/29/2018 6:03 PM
52	non-native species	8/28/2018 4:23 PM
53	They are shrinking	8/28/2018 9:08 AM
54	no overall plan and no enforcement of maintaining the urban forrests	8/27/2018 4:48 PM
55	the dog feces tossed into the bush	8/25/2018 8:02 PM
56	Very few edible forests	8/24/2018 3:50 PM
57	even though they will outlive most of us are living they are all existing at the wim of land owners and can be snuffed out at any time	8/23/2018 10:26 PM
58	urban forests are essential to QOL for community	8/23/2018 12:59 PM
59	nothing I can think of.	8/23/2018 9:52 AM
60	The decrease of the canopy.	8/22/2018 9:17 PM
61	herbacide	8/22/2018 8:30 PM
62	telling people that must keep trees even if they don't want them	8/21/2018 9:38 PM
63	When the wrong trees get planted in the wrong location.	8/21/2018 3:53 PM
64	Letting developers strip development to the soil	8/21/2018 12:56 PM
65	losing them to development	8/21/2018 11:37 AM
66	Stand alone, struggling token trees in the middle of urban sidewalks	8/21/2018 10:05 AM
67	inconsistency of applying already in place guidelines	8/21/2018 9:22 AM
68	Getting in the way of power lines	8/20/2018 8:18 PM
69	too few	8/20/2018 7:53 PM
70	Not enough trees	8/20/2018 1:01 PM

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71	The lack of street trees,compared to the lovely road into Qulicum Beach.	8/20/2018 9:35 AM
72	fire problems	8/20/2018 9:30 AM
73	letting developers clear cut building sites	8/19/2018 6:47 PM
74	not enough of it	8/19/2018 6:24 PM
75	Not nearly enough trees	8/19/2018 6:05 PM
76	The large number of vacant lots with no trees, commercial lots with no trees, store parking lots with no trees, city streets with no trees	8/19/2018 2:21 PM
77	lack of air quality -- more trees might help with this	8/19/2018 2:12 PM
78	Lack of care given to trees	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
79	poor shade over paved areas	8/19/2018 1:07 PM
80	Clearcutting	8/19/2018 12:27 PM
81	Penalties for killing mature trees are far too weak.	8/19/2018 12:17 AM
82	tall dangerous trees	8/18/2018 11:03 PM
83	No answer	8/18/2018 9:35 PM
84	Aesthetics	8/18/2018 12:52 PM
85	Not enough trees in parkinglots to provide shade	8/17/2018 7:03 PM
86	Not enough mature trees outside of the parks.	8/16/2018 9:34 PM
87	Ha - there's not enough of it.	8/16/2018 9:28 PM
88	the lack of more trees	8/16/2018 2:53 PM
89	They restrict active development on certain private lands	8/16/2018 8:56 AM
90	a place for people to do drugs (behind Lake Trail School)	8/16/2018 7:58 AM
91	There's not enough of it	8/16/2018 7:18 AM
92	wasted areas	8/15/2018 11:17 PM
93	n/a	8/15/2018 10:20 PM
94	My neighbours have too many huge evergreenstoo many huge evergreens that	8/15/2018 7:17 PM
95	Too Many huge forest trees in urban settings,creating shade in other peoples yards	8/15/2018 7:06 PM
96	It is not big enough	8/15/2018 6:22 PM
97	One-tree type lining dozens of streets in rows	8/15/2018 3:04 PM
98	lack of forestation on the principal arteries, and main approaches	8/15/2018 1:55 PM
99	not sure	8/15/2018 10:09 AM
100	Trail systems could be upgraded.	8/15/2018 10:08 AM
101	loss of area	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
102	That all neighborhoods look the same.	8/15/2018 9:37 AM
103	There should be more continual management - use the resource sustainably.	8/15/2018 8:59 AM
104	loosing so many trees to new development that are not being replaced.	8/15/2018 8:43 AM
105	Whether it blocks someone's view.	8/15/2018 8:42 AM
106	Don't know	8/15/2018 8:33 AM
107	trees not suited for the space they are planted.	8/15/2018 7:50 AM
108	Fir trees seeded by birds and squirrels along busy roads like Back Road.	8/15/2018 7:48 AM
109	Allowing homeowners to remove mature trees	8/15/2018 6:46 AM
110	N/A	8/15/2018 6:19 AM

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111	When trees are 'hacked' by inexperienced pruners	8/13/2018 2:56 PM
112	Maintenance	8/12/2018 10:00 PM
113	Manitoba maples	8/10/2018 6:20 PM
114	I dislike short sighted plantings of inappropriate trees, especially in close proximity to house foundations, drainage systems etc.	8/10/2018 6:01 PM
115	Danger trees	8/10/2018 5:46 PM
116	lack of care i.e. tent caterpillar infestation on Airpark river walkway	8/10/2018 3:44 PM
117	Too many huge native trees. Cedars etc. Fall down, make messes, don't get trimmed by owners etc	8/10/2018 3:18 PM
118	City's seemingly lack of planning for Urban Forests, while allowing massive construction at Crown Isle with minimal tree protection	8/10/2018 2:56 PM
119	?	8/10/2018 2:52 PM
120	Large trees that block the sun and view.	8/10/2018 8:42 AM
121	lack of trees in Crown Isle	8/9/2018 9:21 PM
122	commercial developments like Thrifty's where all trees are removed	8/9/2018 9:16 PM
123	Pollen (improved by planting female trees, not just male flowering trees).	8/9/2018 8:02 PM
124	Cleaning up the needles	8/9/2018 7:58 PM
125	Zone 2 plants	8/9/2018 1:22 PM
126	Spiritual connection	8/8/2018 8:43 PM
127	The total lack of imagination on new plantings, that reflect a choice to get fast growing trees in the ground with no thought for the future development or aesthetic. We do not need more red maples or red oaks just because they grow fast and are bullet proof.	7/29/2018 5:18 PM
128	too small	7/29/2018 2:44 PM
129	So of it will disappear when private forested land is developed.	7/27/2018 4:33 PM
130	Nothing	7/26/2018 7:55 PM
131	....I don't know. Mass plantings?	7/24/2018 10:04 PM
132	beautification	7/24/2018 5:23 PM
133	Non-native and invasive plants promoted by nurseries.	7/24/2018 1:20 PM
134	Half assed attempts by developers	7/13/2018 5:46 PM
135	Removing trees to build residential property and not replacing them to the same density.	7/13/2018 4:17 PM
136	property values	7/9/2018 4:38 PM
137	Clear cutting	7/9/2018 12:42 PM
138	Leaves on ground. Interference with power lines.	7/9/2018 11:53 AM
139	Maintenance costs	7/8/2018 9:50 AM
140	Maintenance costs	7/8/2018 9:35 AM
141	The idea of token trees just planted to say they've planted something.	7/7/2018 6:21 PM
142	n/a	7/7/2018 2:53 PM
143	I love all of the forests	7/6/2018 4:35 PM
144	Maintenance of trees	7/5/2018 8:51 AM
145	The lack of tree canopy on residential streets	7/2/2018 12:37 PM
146	Lack of personal safety on the Rotary Trail forest area	6/30/2018 5:37 PM
147	When people leave their garbage after sitting in nice little spots.	6/30/2018 4:25 PM

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148	increase real estate values	6/28/2018 1:53 PM
149	Increasing property value	6/28/2018 12:25 PM
150	Too many large conifers	6/28/2018 7:18 AM
151	Uneven distribution	6/28/2018 6:22 AM
152	no comment	6/27/2018 7:19 PM
153	Safety hazards	6/27/2018 3:17 PM
154	non-native	6/27/2018 2:16 PM
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1	Pests on trees or issues with watering them	10/1/2018 9:34 AM
2	development restrictions	9/30/2018 7:05 PM
3	Dog poop	9/30/2018 5:21 PM
4	I care about it all	9/29/2018 7:55 AM
5	How much it costs	9/28/2018 10:12 PM
6	inappropriate plantings resulting in removal	9/28/2018 8:57 AM
7	ill maintained trees	9/27/2018 4:50 PM
8	Dangerous trees.	9/27/2018 11:40 AM
9	mess	9/27/2018 9:21 AM
10	neighbours trees that over hang my house or garden	9/26/2018 7:56 PM
11	But I LOVE our urban forest	9/26/2018 12:55 PM
12	No reinforcement of current regulations	9/26/2018 8:45 AM
13	Quiet	9/25/2018 11:41 PM
14	People destroying or vandalizing the trees	9/25/2018 5:58 PM
15	Unhealthy trees not being maintained	9/19/2018 1:46 PM
16	How dense some new housing does not leave space for trees	9/16/2018 11:43 AM
17	Not enough	9/16/2018 9:13 AM
18	Less trees for bird and wildlife nesting and food	9/15/2018 9:36 AM
19	difficulty is where new developments are located in existing mature forest	9/14/2018 4:57 PM
20	same as above	9/13/2018 11:06 AM
21	lack of trees in new developments	9/5/2018 5:49 PM
22	lack of gathering, recycling and reusing fallen leaves	9/1/2018 7:48 AM
23	garbage	8/31/2018 7:42 PM
24	disregard/lack of political will to stop clearcutting of lots	8/31/2018 4:35 PM
25	needs more use of native plants/trees	8/29/2018 6:03 PM
26	They are becoming more and more fragmented	8/28/2018 9:08 AM
27	Many areas have been stripped of trees	8/27/2018 4:48 PM
28	No protection for some of our beautiful seasonal trees	8/22/2018 9:17 PM
29	sprinklers watering the street instead of plants	8/22/2018 8:30 PM
30	not enough care	8/21/2018 11:37 AM
31	High maintenance exotics for "show"	8/21/2018 10:05 AM
32	Create work thru leaf drop	8/20/2018 8:18 PM
33	not keeping up with the heavy development of housing	8/20/2018 7:53 PM

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34	Properties that chop all their trees down are unsightly	8/20/2018 1:01 PM
35	urban camping for homeless	8/20/2018 9:30 AM
36	not managed so kind of a free for all	8/19/2018 6:24 PM
37	the tendency to remove snags, which are needed by animals	8/19/2018 2:12 PM
38	Cutting back tops because it disrupts a view	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
39	wide streets, no trees	8/19/2018 1:07 PM
40	Heat-islands	8/19/2018 12:27 PM
41	The Hydro crews mutilating trees haven't a clue what they are doing. Do they get paid by weight of wood they chop off?	8/19/2018 12:17 AM
42	not enough trees on public streets to provide shade	8/17/2018 7:03 PM
43	clearing drains	8/16/2018 9:28 PM
44	lack of maintenance by really good arborists on a regular basis	8/16/2018 2:53 PM
45	a place for people to do live (behind Lake Trail School)	8/16/2018 7:58 AM
46	weed filled lots	8/15/2018 11:17 PM
47	n/a	8/15/2018 10:20 PM
48	They also suck water from my yard, making it very difficult to gro stuff on my side of the fence	8/15/2018 7:06 PM
49	Trees come down but are not replaced	8/15/2018 6:22 PM
50	Trees on boulevards with nothing in residential yards	8/15/2018 3:04 PM
51	spiral pruning debris left as fire hazzard	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
52	That all yards must have trees. It should ultimately be a personal choice.	8/15/2018 9:37 AM
53	Whether the leaves, needles, cones etc are a nuisance to pick up.	8/15/2018 8:42 AM
54	messy trees that require frequent clean up	8/15/2018 7:50 AM
55	Allowing developers to clear cut for development	8/15/2018 6:46 AM
56	Trees are neglected	8/13/2018 2:56 PM
57	Drugs	8/12/2018 10:00 PM
58	Invasive species	8/10/2018 6:20 PM
59	People whom disrespect our forests	8/10/2018 5:46 PM
60	The immense amount of larger native animals...cougars and bears... living amongst our City	8/10/2018 3:18 PM
61	City's failure to implement previous City Parks Plans from 25 years ago (see Mallard Stream Park) but allowing continuing development and deforestation throughout the Valley	8/10/2018 2:56 PM
62	Sap dripping	8/9/2018 7:58 PM
63	decreasing	7/29/2018 2:44 PM
64	Foreign species	7/24/2018 10:04 PM
65	tourist attraction	7/9/2018 4:38 PM
66	Large private development parcels	7/9/2018 12:42 PM
67	Potential impacts to private property	7/5/2018 8:51 AM
68	Clearcutting on developments, residential and business	7/2/2018 12:37 PM
69	non native trees	6/28/2018 1:53 PM
70	Making the landscape beautiful	6/28/2018 12:25 PM
71	Sparse and neglected in new development areas	6/28/2018 7:18 AM
72	Compromised to cater to developers	6/28/2018 6:22 AM

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73	don't know	6/27/2018 7:19 PM
74	neglect	6/27/2018 2:16 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	The issue of wildfires	10/1/2018 9:34 AM
2	We need this strategy	9/29/2018 7:55 AM
3	spending hydro \$\$ pruning trees	9/28/2018 8:57 AM
4	Lack of fire breaks.	9/27/2018 11:40 AM
5	No wildlife corridors left so cougars are wandering streets & parking lots	9/26/2018 8:45 AM
6	Healthyg	9/25/2018 11:41 PM
7	tourism	9/25/2018 4:07 PM
8	How many urban forests are decimated by the zoning decisions for City Council	9/16/2018 11:43 AM
9	Traffic noise	9/16/2018 9:13 AM
10	The town is ugly without trees. e.g., the entry to Qualicum Beach town is lovely	9/15/2018 9:36 AM
11	same as above	9/13/2018 11:06 AM
12	dog poo	8/31/2018 7:42 PM
13	lack of regulation	8/31/2018 4:35 PM
14	They are not appreciated as much as they should be	8/28/2018 9:08 AM
15	no food plants	8/22/2018 8:30 PM
16	"	8/21/2018 4:22 PM
17	monocultures and therefore lacking diversity	8/20/2018 7:53 PM
18	Dying trees should be removed promptly	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
19	lack of environmental and growth coordination	8/19/2018 1:07 PM
20	run off	8/19/2018 12:27 PM
21	Plant drought resistant plants in mile of floers: No need for this water wagon!!	8/17/2018 7:03 PM
22	single trees that can't take the winds	8/16/2018 9:28 PM
23	trees being "hacked" rather than pruned by a well trained knowledgably arborist.	8/16/2018 2:53 PM
24	n/a	8/15/2018 10:20 PM
25	Not enough blossoming trees (for added beauty)	8/15/2018 6:22 PM
26	no closure in peak fire season	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
27	miss planned planting. like planting trees in the middle of a park that was used for playspace	8/15/2018 7:50 AM
28	Not enough street trees in both residential and commercial areas	8/15/2018 6:46 AM
29	City evergreen branches (end of 3rd St) are so large/long that they cover/hang into my rhodo/hosta bed. I can't manage cutting them on a ladder.	8/13/2018 2:56 PM
30	Pollution	8/12/2018 10:00 PM
31	If City has viable plan then PLEASE implement it, not with more Surveys but with measurable action	8/10/2018 2:56 PM
32	Branches taking out wires in the winter	8/9/2018 7:58 PM
33	disrespected	7/29/2018 2:44 PM
34	Cliffe Avenue	7/9/2018 12:42 PM
35	The lack of continuity throughout the city of green spaces	7/2/2018 12:37 PM
36	pest infestations	6/28/2018 1:53 PM

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37	Often a hazard re: power/cable lines - need trimming	6/28/2018 6:22 AM
38	good question :)	6/27/2018 7:19 PM

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## Q21 It is the year 2050, 32 years from now. My ideal image of Courtenay's urban forest is:

Answered: 212 Skipped: 94

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Beautiful, large, well spaced trees on the streets such as in Vancouver's Dunbar area. Providing shade to parked vehicles, and quiet escapes within the city.	10/1/2018 9:34 AM
2	that it is bigger than now with large trees interspersed with all sizes and buildings. less pavement, more permeable surfaces where some nodes of forest were preserved by the people with vision many decades ago	9/30/2018 7:33 PM
3	A little more trees than today, with trees of all ages	9/30/2018 7:05 PM
4	All commercial parking lots required to install and upkeep trees and or shrubbery gardens, parks protected and possibly enhanced, new parks formed to protect some areas in danger of loss to development	9/30/2018 6:58 PM
5	A hundred times bigger than it is today and hopefully not on fire.	9/30/2018 5:21 PM
6	Mature native trees, people using greenspaces	9/30/2018 4:51 PM
7	More trails, and a memorial forest where our loved ones can have a tree planted over their ashes.	9/30/2018 8:04 AM
8	Lots of tree canopy in boulevards and private and public land. Lots of parks. A quiet meditative garden would be nice	9/29/2018 4:03 PM
9	Natural, diverse, intentional, renowned.	9/29/2018 7:55 AM
10	lots of trees for all the reasons they should be there	9/29/2018 6:53 AM
11	To have a tree canopy that helps to address a livable community and address climate change	9/28/2018 10:12 PM
12	Healthy, green, mature, having maintained or increased current public parks	9/28/2018 9:48 PM
13	Established greenery / we're going to need it!	9/28/2018 8:55 PM
14	healthy trees, beautiful flowers and wildlife alive and thriving without being shot by Conservation because they are there.	9/28/2018 7:10 PM
15	In 2050, Courtenay's urban forests will be numerous, vast, expansive and full of wildlife!	9/28/2018 3:38 PM
16	healthy, beautiful, well chosen trees that provide shade, increase property values but do not endanger drivers or pedestrians	9/28/2018 8:57 AM
17	Have/retain tracts of park land with native forest within walking distance of most neighborhoods	9/28/2018 8:56 AM
18	Lots of green space with trees, more nature close and within residential areas	9/28/2018 6:05 AM
19	Preserved waterways with natural greenery and parkland	9/27/2018 4:50 PM
20	Green spaces to help reduce pollution	9/27/2018 1:08 PM
21	A large network of trails with lots of trees within the city. And, a diversity of trees down every street.	9/27/2018 12:53 PM
22	A hub of commuter paths connecting neighborhoods and business through green spaces/parks. Alternative to streets.	9/27/2018 11:40 AM
23	Increase number of areas with established boulevard trees (ie. Kitsilano style with London Planes)	9/27/2018 10:11 AM
24	Beautiful variety of trees, provides good drainage, shade, buffers wind and supports birds.	9/27/2018 8:50 AM
25	Plentiful and fully funded by increased taxes	9/26/2018 9:18 PM
26	Aesthetically pleasing while being functional and fruitful.	9/26/2018 8:58 PM
27	More trees down by the shore. Herons living closer to water than over the railway.	9/26/2018 8:12 PM

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28	?	9/26/2018 7:56 PM
29	50% coverage	9/26/2018 5:17 PM
30	You can barely see the buildings and streets due to there being so many trees.	9/26/2018 2:02 PM
31	Beautifully maintained with native species, edible and medicinal plantings plus whatever else residents want to grow.	9/26/2018 12:55 PM
32	Green spaces for recreation, dog walking, wildlife corridors, mature shade tree lined streets.	9/26/2018 8:45 AM
33	Greener	9/25/2018 11:41 PM
34	Mature trees and diverse greenscape present across courtenay. Throughout every property, .major increase in trees (public, private, commercial, and industrial). Green spaces throughout.	9/25/2018 10:04 PM
35	As it is	9/25/2018 6:59 PM
36	Just as beautiful as now.. with perhaps a food forest in there somewhere or an education trail that goes for km's...	9/25/2018 5:58 PM
37	More lush, healthy, respected by everyone	9/25/2018 4:24 PM
38	Where the forest dominates the landscape rather than human infrastructure. There are large wildlife corridors along all riparian areas where people and wildlife can travel without cars.	9/25/2018 4:07 PM
39	Tree friendly commnity	9/25/2018 2:32 PM
40	Healthy, mature trees leaning more towards native trees. Increased canopy.	9/25/2018 2:07 PM
41	Green, thriving trees of all sizes, native to our area taking care of all the creatures that rely on them for homes, shade, wind protection, preventing erosion, flood protection ... and even though most people seem unaware of this - these trees take care of people. I would love to see this education start in elementary school and continue so we can change see a change in people's attitudes ...	9/24/2018 8:31 PM
42	More trees. Houses spaced out to accommodate such trees and larger plots of land.	9/24/2018 11:12 AM
43	Let's get started , plant more trees and do not allow developers to just raise all the wonderful forests example the new development taking place in Crown Isle, 45 years ago that was a forest and what is happening affects Comox and Area B	9/23/2018 9:34 AM
44	Lush, accessible, larger and more areas of natural forest	9/22/2018 8:28 AM
45	Productive, diverse, food producing and intermixed with a more dense urban core. Maintaining or increasing the current canopy cover.	9/21/2018 10:21 PM
46	Shady, tree-lined streets, empty lots should be planted	9/21/2018 7:01 PM
47	Groves of healthy trees that link to other groves, at least 45% canopy cover, retention of mature trees and young planted trees, an urban forest that is valued by an educated and informed public.	9/21/2018 2:52 PM
48	Accessible escape from the heat. Community sitting areas where all generations interact.	9/21/2018 12:23 PM
49	A mix of mature, native trees and young native trees - increased forest	9/20/2018 2:07 PM
50	Will probably be on my grave, but still important!	9/20/2018 2:06 PM
51	Lush areas for recreation within the city. Parks and places for people to meet, explore and de stress	9/20/2018 7:56 AM
52	Tree lined streets with healthy trees in parks	9/19/2018 1:46 PM
53	Mixed species according to growth size and root area. Resilient species to adapt to climate stress . Beautiful crowns dancing in the wind and changing colors with each season . I want a gorgeous habitapestry of leaves, twigs, needles and flowers ...plant the future today:)	9/19/2018 1:17 PM
54	More protected Greenspaces to walk, ride a bike. More off leash areas for dogs.	9/18/2018 1:32 PM
55	Integrated with new buildings. Always some greenery in sight	9/17/2018 1:25 AM
56	Each neighbourhood has 5 acres set aside as a natural wooded area with mature trees and natural water storage spaces. How front and back yards are xeriscape by owners OR turned to raising food. How natural drainage is part of the landscape. How indigenous plants are profuse. How even really dense areas are heavily canopied. How bike lanes and walking is encouraged through forests. How trees are distributed in schools on Arbor Day.	9/16/2018 11:43 AM

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57	Well balanced with a comprehensive plan including not letting any development cut large trees unless it's directly under the build footprint. An extensive connected pathway for walking and cycling in a green environment.	9/16/2018 9:13 AM
58	Beautiful mature trees with healthy canopy throughout the city	9/16/2018 7:03 AM
59	Tree lined streets and nature flourishing everywhere in the built environment. Surface water filtered and slowed through swails and green spaces to moderate and enhance river and stream flows.	9/15/2018 10:24 AM
60	Parks, walkways and roads have 70% tree cover for shade, wildlife, bird nesting & food. Understory plants for wildlife habitat Increased parks, with trees, understory & open spaces, for all ages, containing playgrounds, spiritual places and concert areas. KusKusum will be mature with more salmon, and walks and educational seminars Our town will attract tourists and all who love the natural world Housing developments will be full of trees	9/15/2018 9:36 AM
61	I don't see a dramatic need for changing what currently exists. The importance is to keep new developments well treed.	9/14/2018 4:57 PM
62	way more. see comment about cliffe	9/13/2018 11:06 AM
63	bigger and better -- on both public and private lands.	9/8/2018 10:48 PM
64	Mature, ever-changing, diverse.	9/6/2018 3:00 PM
65	Higher percentage canopy cover. Some pedestrian and cyclist dominated roadways that have more trees. Regulations for new developments to keep and/or plant more trees.	9/5/2018 5:49 PM
66	A new municipal government that doesn't pander to special interest groups like this	9/3/2018 7:20 AM
67	Green shade canopy helps to keep temperatures cooler in the hot summers and the tree root/understory ecosystem helps direct, store and use winter rain water.	9/1/2018 5:48 PM
68	a noticeable addition of shading trees in retail/commercial areas and permeable parking lots.	9/1/2018 7:48 AM
69	big weeping trees. areas with food trees. shade on the streets	8/31/2018 7:42 PM
70	Embraced by the community. Far less logging on the periphery lands - work towards making key private forestry lands public space.	8/31/2018 4:35 PM
71	More natural spaces within the city for the population to enjoy	8/31/2018 10:21 AM
72	Dense, moist, beautiful	8/30/2018 10:57 AM
73	I'll be looking from afar but I hope I see mostly treetops, dense in some places, spread thickly between concrete, tarmac and buildings in others, many healthy native species	8/29/2018 6:03 PM
74	Like Nelson BC - mature trees everywhere making Courtenay more livable!	8/28/2018 4:23 PM
75	A rich ,dynamic urban forest linked to adjacent natural areas...a forest that provides all the benefits that forests can ...especially in these times of climate change ...and an urban forest that is loved and honoured by the people of the comox valley	8/28/2018 9:08 AM
76	The city is identified as an example of what urban forrests can be	8/27/2018 4:48 PM
77	A healthy valley with treed and plants in both urban and rural settings that reflect the natural reflect and enhance the beauty of the landscape.	8/27/2018 10:53 AM
78	More tree-lined urban streets, established forests with older growth trees protected, new subdivisions with trees, and more trees producing food.	8/24/2018 10:29 PM
79	Thriving environment, partnerships with schools, community gardens etc so people know how to particiate	8/24/2018 3:50 PM
80	30-50% increase in canopy & runoff interception	8/24/2018 8:17 AM
81	Indigenous trees every where	8/23/2018 10:26 PM
82	established urban forest with variety of trees in people's gardens as well as in public areas and parks. Any parking lot etc should have trees to mitigate the effect of paving and provide shade	8/23/2018 12:59 PM
83	Tree-poor areas were addressed 30 years ago, and now have their contribution to the forest well on their way.	8/23/2018 9:52 AM
84	Thriving	8/23/2018 5:54 AM

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85	More creative development where not all trees are cut prior to development. Trees are worked around and saved rather than replanted. Larger tree canopy.	8/22/2018 9:17 PM
86	areas with common food trees, fruit, nuts. Programs that support community use of the trees and share and teach to future generations	8/22/2018 8:30 PM
87	vast	8/22/2018 5:21 PM
88	healthy and fire resistant	8/22/2018 8:51 AM
89	more trees than now	8/21/2018 9:38 PM
90	Healthy well-managed forest that offers beauty for humans and habitat for throughout the seasons for small wildlife and birds.	8/21/2018 4:32 PM
91	Beautiful natural forests and well maintained private yards and streets with lots of trees etc. and most being native species.	8/21/2018 4:22 PM
92	Lots of parks, walking pathways.	8/21/2018 3:53 PM
93	More canopy than we have today	8/21/2018 12:56 PM
94	At least 45% canopy cover, rainwater catchment and stormwater use, right plant in the right place, lots of green public spaces, food production.	8/21/2018 11:37 AM
95	mix of types of trees suited to the climate conditions; more trees, bushes, ground cover on private land replacing grass	8/21/2018 11:25 AM
96	Healthy, mature trees.	8/21/2018 11:23 AM
97	33%+ cover of mature trees and forest patches	8/21/2018 11:21 AM
98	A city with too many healthy trees and a tree maintenance division that is adequately funded, consistent and professional. This is a good problem to have. We can manage what exists; playing catch up and trying to maintain the minimum under duress is a losing strategy.	8/21/2018 10:05 AM
99	Everywhere we look there would be a tree - coniferous and deciduous, small, medium and majestic! Lots of green space not just random patches of grass called parks.	8/21/2018 9:22 AM
100	My wish is for there to be healthy mature forests and protected habitats for all species to enjoy.	8/21/2018 8:00 AM
101	About 50 per cent more trees growing, mature trees maintained, and more being planted all the time.	8/20/2018 8:31 PM
102	Tree-lined boulevards, increased homes for nesting birds, all play areas having plenty of shade, a pleasant environment for all ages.	8/20/2018 8:18 PM
103	I imagine a beautiful, rich and diverse urban forest that offers a break from traffic and a faster pace of life. It will have community gardens sprinkled throughout so our citizens can grow their own food.	8/20/2018 7:53 PM
104	dense canopy to provide habitat, shade and cooling effect.	8/20/2018 6:54 PM
105	Properties and streets with canopies of various trees including fruit providing trees.	8/20/2018 1:01 PM
106	Street trees on all residential streets and major entrances into the city. New developments with ample retention of existing trees and remnant forest.	8/20/2018 9:35 AM
107	More, greener trees.	8/20/2018 9:30 AM
108	A lot (more than now) of mature trees in public and commercial lands, common place for 50+ year old trees. Private land owners supported to keep mature trees, and a canopy of 35% or more	8/19/2018 11:37 PM
109	more trees that are the right size for urban lots more large trees in public areas	8/19/2018 6:47 PM
110	main streets lined with big established maples, lindens and beech trees.	8/19/2018 6:24 PM
111	That land not required for food production be planted with trees.	8/19/2018 6:05 PM
112	Courtenay has taken the initiative to develop a tree/forest planting and maintenance programme in public areas, and through tax breaks encouraged private property owners to plant and care for more trees, and hedges instead of fences.	8/19/2018 2:21 PM
113	No more paved neighbourhoods: every new housing area has a designated, treed gravel parking lot. Residents then walk to their houses via leafy pathways lined with bird-and-bee-friendly flowers and mature native trees.	8/19/2018 2:12 PM

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114	Green and luscious	8/19/2018 1:55 PM
115	A continuous canopy, like Winnipeg and towns in hotter climates	8/19/2018 1:07 PM
116	Healthy and protected	8/19/2018 12:27 PM
117	Every time I visit Vancouver I am struck by how many trees they have everywhere. As "development" and big box stores invade our valley the scene becomes uglier every year. The City's only concern seems to be accommodating traffic with very little regard to aesthetics or wildlife habitat. I hope that the magnificent big oak tree on Ryan Rd next to the RCMP property, on land about to be "developed", will be spared. Can some protection be given to this beautiful tree?	8/19/2018 12:17 AM
118	That if anything we have more trees giving shade, supporting wild life and supporting the environment	8/18/2018 9:35 PM
119	Moar trees!	8/18/2018 12:52 PM
120	No Lawns. More trees more food grown in the city.	8/17/2018 7:03 PM
121	Hard to see the houses from the air because there are so many wonderful majestic mature trees.	8/16/2018 9:34 PM
122	Boulevards with high and low plantings, more pervious surfaces (eg paving blocks rather than cement), better management of run-off, and plantings in clumps rather than a single tree in a front yard. I should like to see new developments maintain existing trees wherever possible, and replaced with native trees if not. Firs are somewhat boring, to be honest, but there are areas that cedars - or even arbutus - would thrive in... and dogwoods could be encouraged.	8/16/2018 9:28 PM
123	Viewing the urban forest from above I will see many beautiful mature trees all well cared for and very healthy. Not miniature excuses for trees.	8/16/2018 2:53 PM
124	Maintaining its current status while continuing to allow development. New trees will grow over time and we also need to consider fire threats and other items. The unfortunate part of all these surveys is they are single purpose surveys and do not address the diversity and larger implications. The inability of individuals to be able to make certain decisions on their own property (we are not one of these) is in my view oppressive and needs further consideration. Results from surveys like this are strongly biased and cannot be truly understood.	8/16/2018 8:56 AM
125	Provide food- why not plant fruit trees? Provide a relaxing atmosphere.	8/16/2018 7:58 AM
126	Cool places to sit in summer - what about making the unsightly old cinema lot on 5th St into a lovely trees place for people to meet and relax while shopping. I would love to see a continuous park all along the river downtown, connecting with Comox, and support Project Watershed's Kus Kus Sum.	8/16/2018 7:18 AM
127	c or d	8/15/2018 11:17 PM
128	Extensive healthy diverse mature urban forest	8/15/2018 10:20 PM
129	Full of greenery, large trees and shade down main streets with smaller plants around the base of them. Current forests within the city preserved. I hope to see more trees along mainly paved areas.	8/15/2018 8:43 PM
130	visit the qualicum beach downtown and residential areas	8/15/2018 8:21 PM
131	I will be 102! Seriously that it will have been protected and preserved for others to enjoy.	8/15/2018 7:21 PM
132	Leafy green streets lined with a variety of beautiful trees - think Victoria	8/15/2018 6:22 PM
133	Lush	8/15/2018 3:04 PM
134	Like Qualicum Beach	8/15/2018 1:55 PM
135	Similar to how it is now. Unfortunately I feel this is a biased survey. Would it not be prudent to ask people if they are satisfied with the current canopy that is in place and explain that the former tree bylaw that was in place for 15 plus years resulted in the current canopy. Most people will pick that they like mature trees. Are you explaining to people how development works? That you can't grade a street or put services in when trees are in the way? That the continued policies of the City are creating the lot shortages which is resulting in spiralling prices upward?	8/15/2018 10:08 AM
136	reclaimed areas providing (as much as possible) interlocking green space for health benefits for citizens and protection for wildlife where welfare of the forest trumps greed of developers, tax collectors and public	8/15/2018 9:51 AM
137	Lots of greenery and shade everywhere that is well maintained.	8/15/2018 9:37 AM

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138	75% canopy cover, with assured surface and ground water management.	8/15/2018 8:59 AM
139	An increase in trees.	8/15/2018 8:42 AM
140	A higher percentage than now.	8/15/2018 8:33 AM
141	the same or better.	8/15/2018 8:24 AM
142	currently, i have no faith. you ned to seriously change course. courtenay is a mess on many fronts. Our friends refer to visiting "uglycourtenay"	8/15/2018 7:50 AM
143	Healthy forest supporting local wildlife and adding natural beauty to the total area.	8/15/2018 7:48 AM
144	A city that is not separate put part of it's natural surrounding. An urban forest that respects the natural habitat that it is a part of. A place that is a joy to live in for its natural beauty and natural benefits that is part of every home, street, part, and downtown within the city.	8/15/2018 6:46 AM
145	A green oasis.	8/15/2018 6:19 AM
146	Green and lush	8/14/2018 1:27 PM
147	Public areas are treed. Less government bureaucracy	8/13/2018 3:02 PM
148	40% canopy. Well managed. Showcased at provincial and municipal meetings. Not a fire risk. Become a fall panorama of colour. Also - I have large old fruit trees (2), 1 red oak, 2 very tall evergreen and 1 young apple (semi-dwarf). Recently lost an Italian prune plum. So I'm not sure how much room I would have for additional trees even if I want them. My lot is 780 Sq.m. The boulevard could handle another street tree though	8/13/2018 2:56 PM
149	Peaceful green areas that are well maintained	8/12/2018 10:00 PM
150	Abundant, thriving, diversified, valued	8/10/2018 9:53 PM
151	A mature urban forest with ext naive canopy that provides benefits for a multitude of eco assets	8/10/2018 6:20 PM
152	an increased canopy for ecological and shade purposes, but it has to be the right tree for the right place and diverse enough to withstand possible infestation.	8/10/2018 6:01 PM
153	A safe, mature, healthy, beautiful forest landscape providing for happy, healthy lifestyles for people and animals alike. Co-existence.	8/10/2018 5:46 PM
154	enough trees to lower carbon footprint	8/10/2018 3:44 PM
155	Smaller and medium sized deciduous trees beautifying and protecting our city and birds (small animals) etc. on the he streets and residential properties. Large native trees far away in the non urban forests. Fruit trees a must but with stronger by-laws of fencing and of picking fruit because of the bears.	8/10/2018 3:18 PM
156	Continuing growth & development of the Valley Forests that have been part of ALL growth, with building that integrate with EXISTING trees, instead of new plantings.	8/10/2018 2:56 PM
157	full and healthy and protect old growth	8/10/2018 2:52 PM
158	Courtenay streets will be bordered by large mature trees that offer shade, cooling, and reduce boring residential and industrial streetscapes. There will be a mix of trees and understory that reduces storm runoff.	8/10/2018 11:45 AM
159	Nice small trees that don't block out the sun and obstruct the view.	8/10/2018 8:42 AM
160	healthy trees and a larger canopy	8/9/2018 9:21 PM
161	Medium trees, linked bike paths	8/9/2018 9:16 PM
162	Green spaces where people can hear wind in the leaves, rest in the shade and feel grass under their toes and breathe cool forest air.	8/9/2018 8:02 PM
163	Way more trees!	8/9/2018 7:58 PM
164	more trails and trees	8/9/2018 3:19 PM
165	I won't be around	8/9/2018 2:28 PM
166	Fire protection canopy cover heat reduction water conservation indigenous plants	8/9/2018 1:22 PM
167	Lots of trees full of nests and squirrels	8/8/2018 8:43 PM

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168	A unique landscape which reflects our bioregion and the native trees and shrubs that grew here historically.	7/29/2018 5:18 PM
169	Large and functioning with native vegetation and renowned province-wide	7/29/2018 2:44 PM
170	Increased biodiversity, a wide variety of mostly native trees that have adapted to changing climate	7/29/2018 2:43 PM
171	Mostly mature and diversified in all areas of the city.	7/27/2018 4:33 PM
172	healthy, varied, sustainable	7/27/2018 4:32 PM
173	Corridors of trees throughout the urban area where it would look less like trees in a town and more like a town within a forest.	7/27/2018 12:32 PM
174	Streets lined with trees. Parks and homes with old growth trees. All protecting us from the harsh climate.	7/26/2018 7:55 PM
175	See #19. I believe we should do our very best to maximize the percentage of canopy. Our kids and grandkids and all living things are facing a very bleak future with the effects of climate change.	7/26/2018 2:44 PM
176	Way more. Less sprawl, less cutting down forests but instead protecting them and densifying downtown spaces.	7/24/2018 10:04 PM
177	50% full animal safe	7/24/2018 5:23 PM
178	Lush and sustainable habitat incorporating many native species. Hard urban boundaries and infill prevent habitat encroachment, with green spaces inside city limits to relax and cool us.	7/24/2018 1:20 PM
179	It is as large or larger than it is in 2018	7/23/2018 1:16 PM
180	mature tree-lined streets, cement reduction, cycling and walking in tree-shaded paths, good mix of trees...that fit out changing climate and environment	7/23/2018 7:01 AM
181	Much more street planting, more shade in parking areas and walking and cycling routes. A culture of respect for trees and natural vegetation and the wildlife that depend upon them. Would like to see more ornamental cherry trees planted, they are so beautiful. Would also like to see more public education - both young and old - about the value of trees to wildlife from insects to birds and mammals as well as the economic and environmental value. Maybe a tree recognition program whereby homeowners who have cared for heritage trees be recognized, a heritage tree walk.	7/15/2018 11:29 AM
182	Resilient, mature, growing	7/15/2018 11:18 AM
183	Lush street lines	7/13/2018 5:46 PM
184	Many dedicated green spaces, parks and trails maintained for public enjoyment and to decrease our carbon footprint.	7/13/2018 4:17 PM
185	I would love to see many mature trees lining the streets	7/12/2018 9:57 AM
186	May there be trees!	7/11/2018 11:19 AM
187	Flying in on a plane I see a sea of green	7/9/2018 4:38 PM
188	Zero EXPANSION of the currently developed areas and perhaps some reforestation of existing developed areas on the periphery and in the cores. Densification of the currently developed areas up to 4 storeys in building height with an emphasis on mixed use neighbourhoods where people live, work and recreate. All streets are designed for multi modal transportation and lined with large canopy trees making them cooler for people and animals	7/9/2018 12:42 PM
189	Residents being well informed about our trees, valuing them and knowing how to look after them and maintain the urban forest. Kids learning it at early age.	7/9/2018 11:53 AM
190	An urban canopy which enhances life for all species	7/8/2018 9:50 AM
191	A beautiful canopy restoring the natural environment and enhancing city life for all species.	7/8/2018 9:35 AM
192	Much larger and more natural than it was in 2018.	7/7/2018 6:21 PM
193	A mix of native trees, both old and new, with food trees (fruits and nuts) and others that are simply beautiful. A canopy over many of our streets and yards.	7/7/2018 4:42 PM
194	a lot more green for my grandson and his children to enjoy while living in an urban centre with the convenience and amenities that provides.	7/7/2018 3:43 PM
195	unknown	7/7/2018 2:53 PM

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196	A well connected system of green belts throughout the town. Some could be paved and other parts undeveloped dirt paths. Less single family home development where they clear the lot completely then plant new small unconnected trees. Read the book 'the hidden life of trees' we should honour that they are living organisms not commodities.	7/7/2018 8:06 AM
197	Many more trees.	7/6/2018 4:35 PM
198	Green space that hides much of the commercial developments, I visited Redmond Washington and was impressed at the lack of visibility of the "big box" stores. While everything was still there, the large tree canopies made the city feel more park like.	7/4/2018 11:03 AM
199	Some of the forest in northeast Courtenay is preserved to provide both habitat and trail connections to Seal Bay. All new streets have some form of street tree program. For urban areas in and around downtown street trees will be more important as there is less available land for trees as residential density increases. For suburban areas a more patch and connectivity based approach may be better including private yards, greenways, infrastructure assets. All playgrounds and school yards have both street trees and shade trees. Courtenay has joined the bulk of coastal municipalities who are actively trying to improve urban watershed health and increase community resiliency through publicly owned and maintained green infrastructure.	7/3/2018 12:08 PM
200	Trees and understorey will be able to handle climate change. There will be tree and under-storey throughout city parks and green corridors. These spaces will provide spaces for a variety of activities and be handicapped accessible. Parking facilities will provide water run-off management. The city will have an ambience that will enhance the lives of residents and encourage visitors to enjoy our lovely city with its waters, birds, and activities throughout the city.	7/2/2018 12:37 PM
201	As if it's a forest that has some cute shops and beloved homes. Everyone enjoying the forest. I would love it if there could be "Leave No Trace" type of education given to everyone, including schools & homeless shelters.	6/30/2018 4:25 PM
202	Native mature along all the roads, malls and industrial areas . Homeowners do a pretty good job of gardening/ landscaping here, balancing their needs of sunshine and shade and often growing food	6/30/2018 7:34 AM
203	landscaping that includes fruit and nut trees and edible fruiting shrubs, more pathways for biking and walking	6/29/2018 3:46 PM
204	maintaining current canopy coverage and increased community engagement	6/28/2018 1:53 PM
205	Ideally it will have increased and helped with flooding problems	6/28/2018 12:25 PM
206	It is 2050. The urban forest is now prevalent throughout town and Courtenay's boundaries have expanded west (Puntledge corridor) into areas where naturally regenerating forest land has been significantly protected. Development practices have been steered to prevent massive mechanical clearing and new neighbourhoods / commercial centers are built amongst the mature forest (despite the perceived cost to developers).	6/28/2018 10:14 AM
207	Planned, diverse and considered to reflect needs for carbon storage, water retention, visual balance	6/28/2018 7:18 AM
208	Many tree lined streets; new developments include canopy cover; I'll be looking up! Need dog parks - none in Courtenay	6/28/2018 6:22 AM
209	diverse species, canopy in the 45+ range, stewardship program followed by commercial and residential land owners, partnerships with K'omoks FN, Comox, Cumberland and RD to ensure a contiguous urban forest	6/27/2018 10:22 PM
210	Big and beautiful!	6/27/2018 7:19 PM
211	Larger, with treed areas connected/contiguous with other treed areas. Riparian areas in particular.	6/27/2018 3:17 PM
212	At least one medium native tree on every property in the City of Courtenay	6/27/2018 2:16 PM



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### What is an Urban Forest Strategy and why does the City want to hear from you?

**An Urban Forest Strategy guides how we protect and manage trees on public and private land in urban areas. The Strategy will provide the vision for what our future urban forest will be and a framework for how to get there.**

In 2017, the City of Courtenay adopted new [Tree Management Regulations \(Tree Bylaw\)](#). The community consultation on the new regulation highlighted **an interest from many people for the City to develop an Urban Forest Strategy**.

The strategy will provide City of Courtenay public, City Council and staff with a better understanding of the urban forest and **what needs to be done to ensure a healthy urban forest legacy for future generations.**

Recommendations in the strategy will guide staff in decisions on budgeting and prioritization of urban forest work including tree protection, maintenance and inventory programs, street, park and native tree planting and stewardship.

### We want to hear from you!

This survey will take about **15 minutes to complete** and the information received will be used to help develop a vision and direction for future management of trees and natural areas within the City.

The survey will be open all summer long and results will be made available in the fall. Please share the survey with your networks!

All answers are anonymous. You may skip any question at any time. At the end of the survey, you may **enter to win a prize!**

### Map your thoughts!

The Survey also includes an opportunity for you to map treed locations in the community that are of interest, concern or important to you. Please take the time to provide input on the "story map", including your own photos! [Click here](#) to the separate story map page.

### Definitions

**Urban Forest:** The urban forest includes all the trees, vegetation, soil and associated natural processes found across our city's landscape - on both public and private lands including parks, schools, streets, parking lots, backyards, and apartment and strata properties.

**Canopy Cover:** One way to understand the extent of the urban forest is to measure the urban tree canopy; envision the layer of leaves, branches and tree stems when viewed looking down from above.

**Urban Forest Management:** The art, science and technology of managing trees and natural systems in and around urban areas for the health and well-being of communities.



## Information about you

1. Do you live in and/or own property within the City of Courtenay?

Yes

No

2. What is your postal code?

*Providing your postal code helps us to understand which neighbourhoods are represented in the survey*

3. Age

18 or under

19-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

70-79

80-89

90 or older

4. Are you a:

Homeowner

Renter

Not applicable

5. How long have you lived and/or owned property in the City of Courtenay?

- 5 years or less
- 6-15 years
- 16-30 years
- more than 30 years

6. I think the number of trees in Courtenay has over the years:

- Stayed the same
- Increased
- Decreased
- Stayed generally the same, but replaced mature trees with younger trees
- Not sure



This is not very  
important to me

This is  
very important to  
me

N/A

Increase property values

Provide spaces for  
people to play sports or  
do other recreational  
activities

Contribute to  
Courtenay's identity

Produce food

Provide places for  
healing, contact with  
nature and quiet  
reflection

Be prepared for a  
changing climate



## Satisfaction & preferences for neighbourhood

8. I am satisfied with the number, condition and size of:

*Tick one box in each row*

	Very dissatisfied				Very satisfied
Trees in my street	<input type="radio"/>				
Trees in my local park	<input type="radio"/>				

Please explain why you selected the ratings above and specify which street or park you are referring to

**For questions 9 and 10 below, please consider the following photos of street tree options:**



**A. Few or no trees**



**B. Unevenly spaced, diverse mix of trees**



**C. Unevenly spaced, predominantly native trees**



**D. Regularly spaced small trees**



**E. Regularly spaced, medium trees**



**F. Regularly spaced, large trees**

9. Looking at the photos above, my street is most similar to:

- A. Few or no trees
- B. Unevenly spaced, diverse mix of trees
- C. Unevenly spaced, predominantly native trees
- D. Regularly spaced, small trees
- E. Regularly spaced, medium trees
- F. Regularly spaced, large trees

10. Looking at the photos above, I would like my street to look like:

- A. Few or no trees
- B. Unevenly spaced, diverse mix of trees
- C. Unevenly spaced, predominantly native trees
- D. Regularly spaced, small trees
- E. Regularly spaced, medium trees
- F. Regularly spaced, large trees
- No preference



Mature trees

You're half way through the survey - thank you! Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about mature trees.

11. I feel the following about mature trees:

*Tick one box in each row*

	Strongly disagree		Neither agree or disagree		Strongly agree
Having mature trees in Courtenay is important to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The City should protect mature trees on private land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private landowners should be allowed to remove healthy mature trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private landowners should be allowed to remove healthy mature trees but should be required to replace them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New developments should have to keep some mature trees in their lot layouts where safe to do so	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trees are not important to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



### Canopy Cover

Courtenay's tree **canopy cover has been estimated at ~35%** and has declined slightly since 1996. **It is likely that future canopy loss will occur** as private forested lands are converted to urban land uses, as treed properties redevelop, and as ageing or unhealthy trees are removed. At the same time, young trees will grow and new trees will be replanted into private and public landscapes.

Setting a tree canopy cover target informs the strength of tree removal and replacement requirements and the size of tree planting programs. What kind of tree canopy target do you think the City should adopt?

12. I think the City should:

- Set a target to increase tree canopy cover above what we have now.
- Set a target to keep tree canopy the same as it is today.
- Set a target to allow tree canopy to decrease from what we have now.
- Not sure

Other (please specify)

The City would like to know where you would like more tree planting. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements:

13. I would like to see more trees on:

*Tick one box in each row*

	Strongly disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Strongly agree
Public streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and natural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private lands - residential areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private lands - commercial and industrial areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School district lands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please state here if there are other locations or specific neighbourhoods where you support greater canopy cover:

**14. The most important places for street trees are on:**

*Street trees are trees maintained by the City, located on public boulevards.*

	Strongly disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Strongly agree
Streets fronting homes in established neighbourhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Streets fronting homes in new neighbourhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Streets downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Streets fronting commercial areas outside of the downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. The City should:

Tick one box in each row

	Strongly disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Strongly agree
Plant more trees on public land.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identify significant/heritage trees and protect them in the Tree Protection and Management Bylaw.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limit the area of paved surfaces allowed in City zoning rules (Higher impervious cover is linked to lower watershed health).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage people to plant trees on private property by educating them about how to select, plant and care for trees.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide guidance on how to plant a FireSmart landscape with low flammability species in wildfire interface areas.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Subsidize the cost of trees for people to plant them on private property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Partner with organizations to provide education and stewardship resources.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build more green infrastructure to intercept rainwater, recharge soil moisture and beautify the streetscape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. Considering your answers to the previous question (Question 15), how much would you be willing to pay for the City to implement the initiatives you support

*Select all that apply*

- \$5 per year per household
- \$10 per year per household
- \$25 per year per household
- \$50 per year per household
- \$100 per year per household
- I would not be willing to pay any amount per year

17. I would plant a tree on my property if:

*Select all that apply*

- I could purchase a tree for \$20 or less
- I received a free tree
- I knew my property was within an area that could benefit from more tree canopy cover
- I knew what type of tree to plant and where on my property



## Education

### 18. I would like to learn:

*Select all that apply*

- How and when to water trees
- How and when to prune tree branches
- How to choose the right tree for my yard
- How to keep trees healthy during construction
- How to manage tree pests and diseases
- How to nature-scape my yard to provide habitat for birds and pollinators
- I am not interested in learning about taking care of trees

Other (please specify)



Visioning

**You're almost done the survey - thank you!**

**In summary, please list what you value most and least about Courtenay's urban forest using single words, short or long sentences.**

19. The things I value **MOST** about Courtenay's urban forest are:

- 
- 
- 

20. The things I value **LEAST** about Courtenay's urban forest are:

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- 
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21. It is the year 2050, 32 years from now. My ideal image of Courtenay's urban forest is:



## Courtenay's 2050 Urban Forest Strategy

Last step - enter to win a prize!

**Prizes include gift certificates to local landscape retail providers. Your contact information will not be shared.**

22. Enter your email address or phone number for a chance to win!

Your email address will also be used to notify you when the next stage of the Urban Forest Strategy work is available for public viewing.

### Don't forget to map your thoughts!

The Survey also includes an opportunity for you to map treed locations in the community that are of interest, concern or important to you. Please take the time to provide input on the "story map", including your own photos! [Click here](#) to the separate story map page.

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