



Preservation of Tree Canopy and Vegetation Policy

- The Policy provides a framework for the preservation and enhancement of the Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation in the Municipality of Lakeshore in accordance with Section 270 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- Applies to all areas within the Municipality of Lakeshore

- To create awareness of current and future environmental issues that can be mitigated through the plantation of trees within the municipality.
- The enhancement of Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation may improve quality of life, air quality, property values and wildlife habitat and reduce crime rates, stormwater runoff, energy use and the urban heat island effect.

- The Municipality shall endeavour to protect the Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation on privately-owned lands as part of the development review process and tree conservation and restoration programs as they refer to land use planning proposals.
- The Municipality will enhance the Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation on municipally-owned lands through municipal programs such as the planting of trees in new subdivisions and parks.
- When considering development proposals, the Municipality will follow the policies of the County of Essex and the Municipality of Lakeshore Official Plans to determine the preservation and enhancement of trees and vegetation on the subject property.