



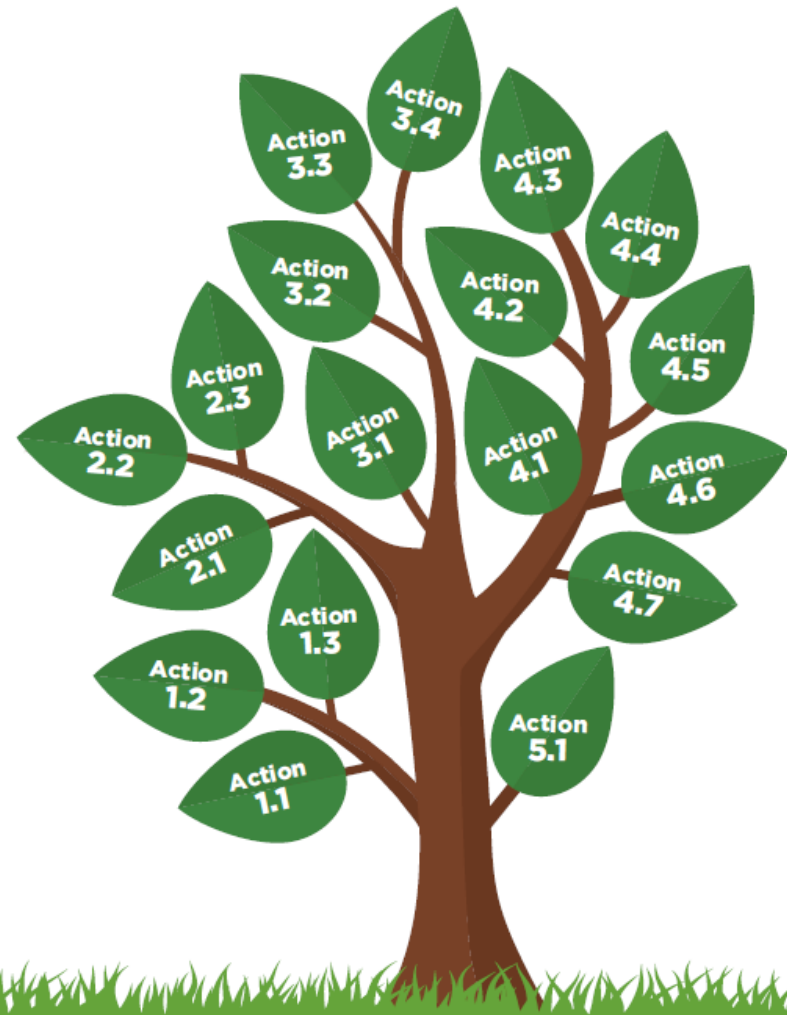
Pathway to a Sustainable Urban Forest: Implementing the Urban Forest Management Plan

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Plan at a glance

- 18 actions in total and 131 initiatives
- 5 areas:
 - Planning for trees
 - Growing the Urban Forest
 - Managing the Urban Forest
 - Protecting the Urban Forest
 - Reimagining the Urban Forest



Alignment with Civic Priorities

- **2022-25 Strategic Plan** – “The Green Network is integrated, managed and enhanced to protect land, air and water resources”.
- **Official Community Plan** – objective – To protect the urban forest through sustainable practices, including new planting and the protection of existing trees throughout the city.
- **Green Pathways** – A healthy protected urban forest is one of the several important pathways to an integrated green network.

Urban Forestry Engagement

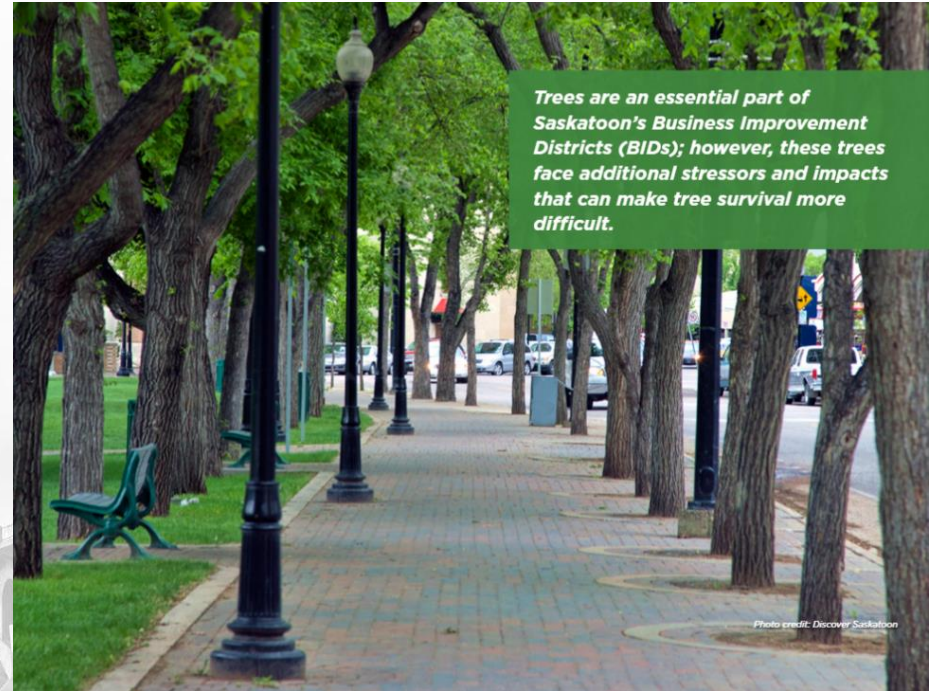
- Surveys
- Interviews
- External Stakeholders
 - Residents
 - Saskatoon and Region Home Builders Association
 - Infill Developers
 - SOS Trees Coalition
 - BIDS
 - Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas



Our trees offer immeasurable value as they provide a sense of community and enhance our quality of life.

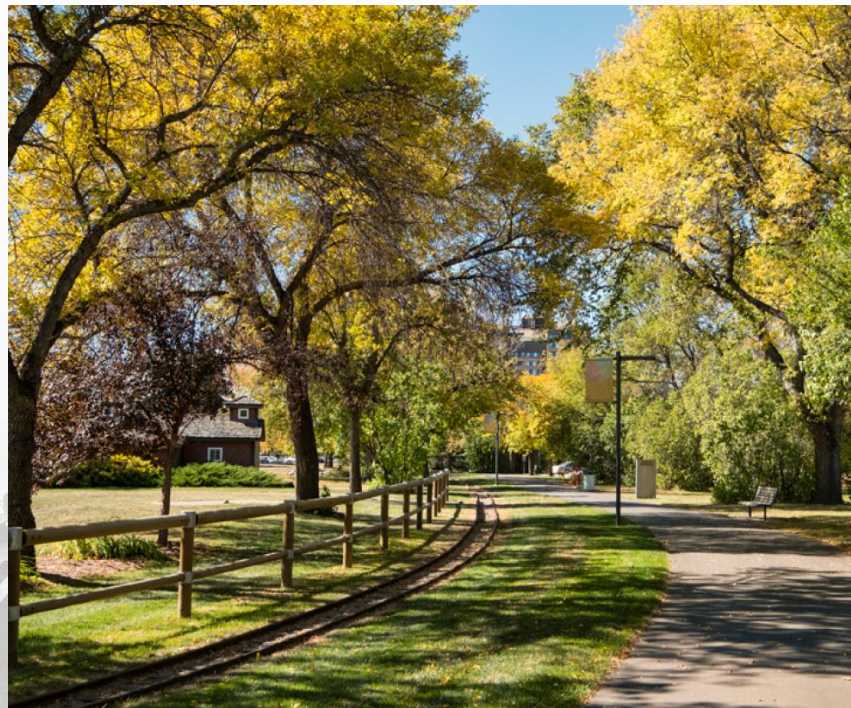
Urban Forestry Initiatives 2022 to 2031

- 18 Actions with 131 corresponding initiatives
 - Some initiatives are already underway – and will continue 2022 - 2023
 - Federal Green Funding Programs – accelerate and/or expand
 - Business Cases – including budget requests - for 2024 & beyond



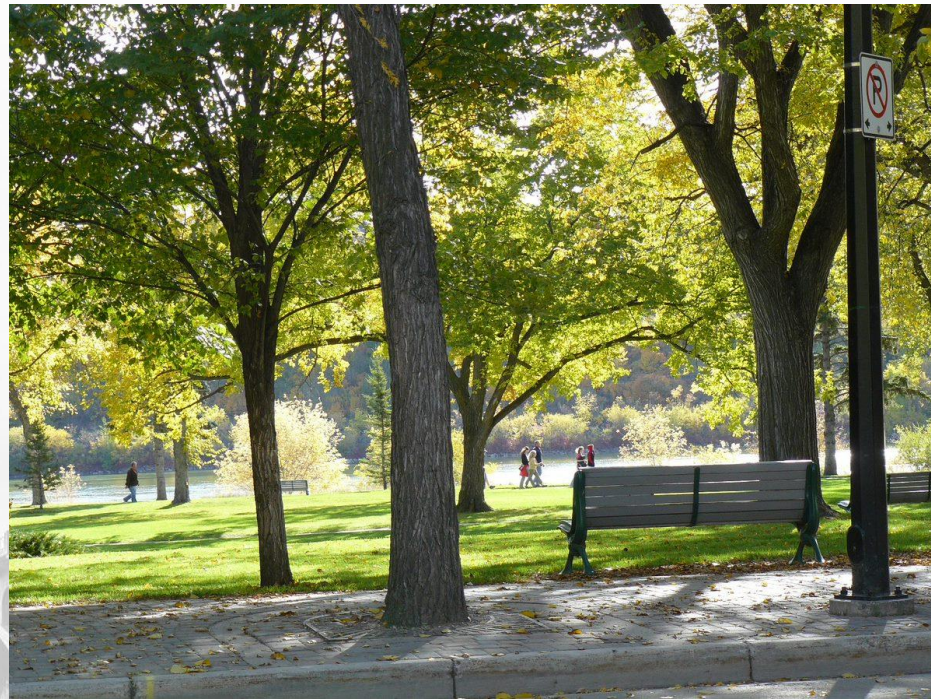
Benefits of Plan Implementation

- Environmental - carbon sequestration and nature-based climate solutions
- Awareness of Value
- Supports and Recognizes Partnerships
- Identifies Continuous Program Improvement



Next Steps

- Bring forward business cases for approval
- Continue with funded activities
- Integration of plan requirements into other City policies and plans as they are developed.



Thank you
Any questions?

