



Parks & Trees Committee

AGM 2011

The first advertisement for Lawrence Park trumpeted it as an “aristocratic neighbourhood”, “four hundred feet above Lake Ontario, and Far from the Lake Winds in Winter”.

However, Lawrence Park’s development was sporadic. The building of houses was interrupted by two world wars, a recession and a depression. It wasn’t until the 1950’s that this neighbourhood was completed.

Canopy stats

- 20% forest cover (10.2 million trees)
- Structural value of \$7 billion
- 64% of trees sampled are native to Ontario
- 10 most common species = 58% of population
- Private property owners control the majority of trees & the canopy
- 1,430 tonnes of air pollutants

Trees can add up to 18% in value to average sale price of a home

Neighbourhood	Average forest cover* (%)	Standard Error
MOST TREED		
Mount Pleasant East	61.9%	7.5
Bridle Path-Sunnybrooke-York Mills	55.6%	4.1
Rosedale-Moore Park	51.5%	6.1
High Park-Swansea	46.9%	5.1
Morningside	43.8%	5.5
LEAST TREED		
Humber Summit	5.5%	2.4
Steeles	5.3%	2.6
Yorkdale-Glen Park	4.9%	2.4
Milliken	3.5%	1.4
Little Portugal	2.4%	2.4
*Based on a random sample of 9,998 points across Toronto using 2005 digital leaf-off aerial photos. Each neighbourhood will reflect a different level of sampling based on the random point locations. These figures represent estimates with associated statistical error.		

Speeding towards 1908

2030?



1908

2002



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- **Aging canopy**
 - **Shrinking biosphere**
 - **Streetscape: City**
 - **Backyards: private**

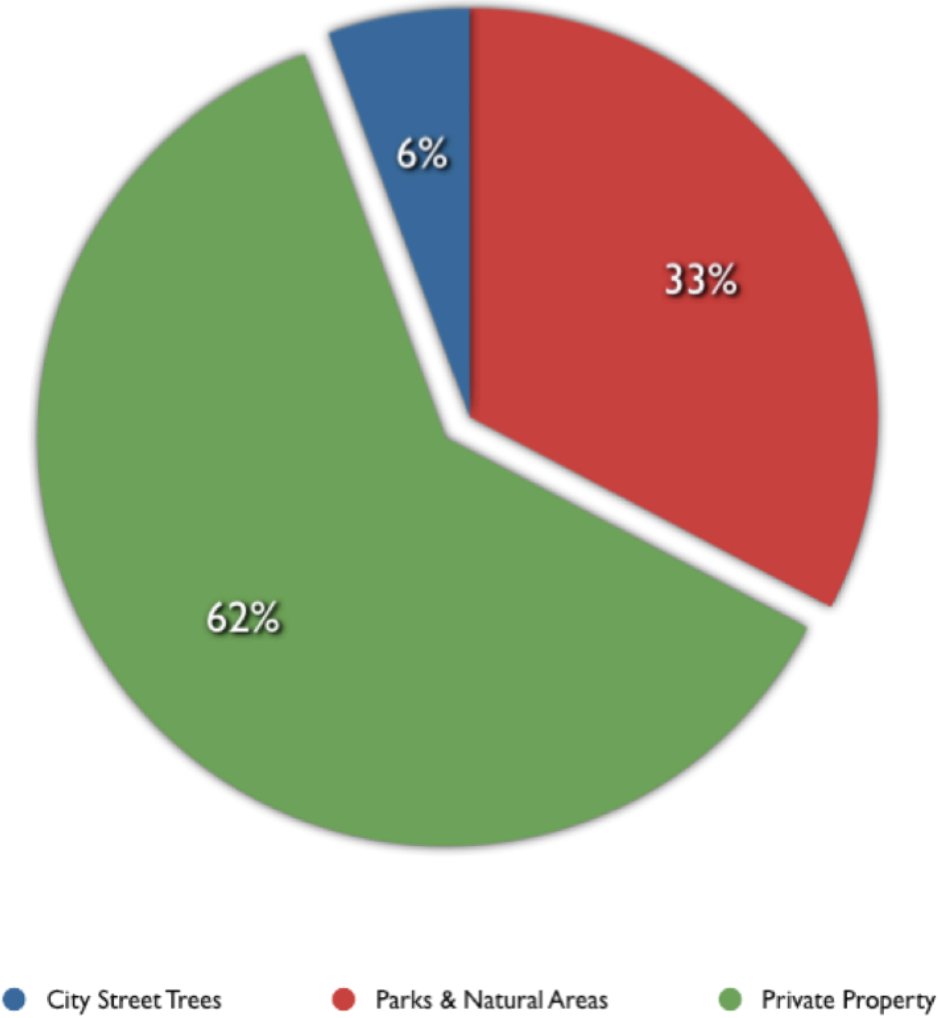
Perspective

- **Arbor Day – 5+ years**
- **300+ trees and shrubs planted**
- **City doing their best**
- **Stopped banging our head against the wall**
- **Development is the defining issue**

Focus of Effort

- **Arbor Day**
- **Tree Buddy Programme**
- **Park Projects**

Private property is the key

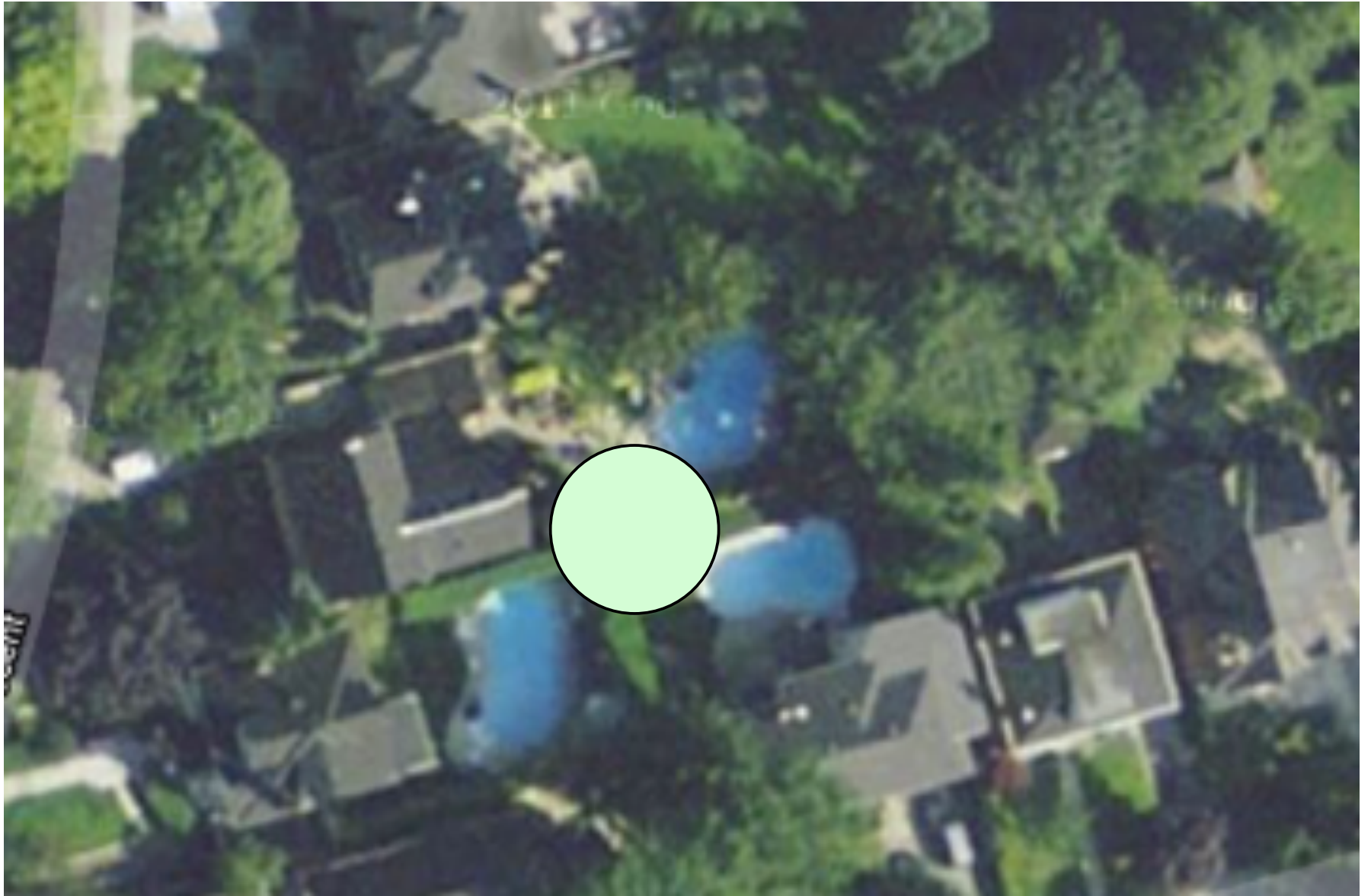




Tree Buddy



- **Issue:** Loss of habitat
- **Strategy:** Reclaim the headland
- **Vector:** Who can resist their child:
- **Execution:** Engage the local schools:
 - Grade 1s get a tree (in Spring)
 - Grade 6s do that math (Autumn & Spring)
 - Community gets the trees



Your Volunteers

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Graham White (youth)



Thank You