

**ONTARIO URBAN  
FOREST COUNCIL  
HERITAGE TREES  
WORKSHOP SERIES**

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**JUNE 8, 2012**

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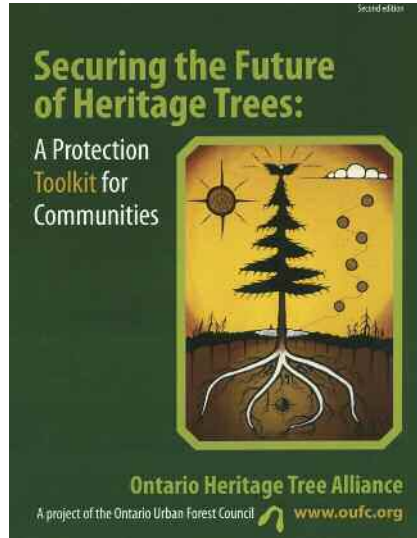




**OUFC HERITAGE TREES WORKSHOP**

**AGENDA**

This workshop is based on the OUFC publication *Securing the Future of Heritage Trees: A Protection Toolkit for Communities* (2006, updated in 2011). Additional stand alone learning material is being developed for each module of the workshop based on speaker input and participant feedback. In particular, a training manual will be developed for arborists and cultural historians working together to evaluate the physical and cultural properties of potential heritage trees. A stewardship factsheet that addresses heritage tree stewardship and how it may differ from urban tree management is also planned.



*Ottawa's Richelieu Park (Vanier)  
A maple forest designated under the Ontario Heritage Act on February 17, 1997 by By-law 3604.*

*"Today, the 17.5 acres of the Richelieu Park remain a natural treasure in the midst of an urban setting"*

*(Source: Muséoparc Vanier Museopark, a non-profit, community museum named for its location in the Richelieu Park)*

**REGISTRATION**

The OUFC Heritage Trees Workshop will be a one day certification course held, June 8, 2012 in Ottawa. Exact time and location to follow.

To register please go to [www.oufc.org](http://www.oufc.org). Registration closes Friday May 18, 2012.

For more information please call 416.936.6735

*Interested in a one day Heritage Tree Workshop in your community? Please contact [info@oufc.org](mailto:info@oufc.org)*



## HERITAGE TREES WORKSHOP OUTLINE

### TOPICS TO BE COVERED

#### 1 THE VALUE OF TREES

This session addresses the value of (urban) trees with a focus on understanding the economic, ecological, social and cultural value of trees to the urban community. Current research will be reviewed to assist in understanding TEV (total economic value) of trees.

#### 2 HERITAGE TREES

A brief session defining “heritage tree” using the definition of Paul L. Aird (Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto) which reflects the physical and cultural requirements for designation. It will address, with photographic examples, the unique “natural and cultural heritage value” requirements that has qualified specific individual trees/groves and cultural heritage landscapes and provides a differentiation between “Heritage trees”, “Ancient trees” and “Champion trees”.

#### 3 TREE STORIES

How communities and individuals have identified their potential heritage trees and worked to celebrate and protect them. One of several options to be discussed is “The Great Community Tree Hunt”... how to organize this event. Then... what is next?

#### 4 RESEARCHING, NOMINATING, EVALUATING

A review of the Evaluation Criteria and Guidelines used to assess those trees identified by individuals and/or communities in order to create a list of “heritage trees” worthy of designation and protection. This section:

- A]** Explains the evaluation criteria (physical and cultural) used the Toolkit’s evaluation forms (an overview)
- B]** Addresses the criteria of cultural significance under the Ontario Heritage Act and how to undertake cultural research on trees.

*Note: the “how to” of physical tree evaluation will take place in the field at the end of the workshop.*



## 5 PROTECTING HERITAGE TREES

A session on the legal and policy options available for celebrating and protecting heritage trees under the Municipal Act, the Planning Act and the Ontario Heritage Act.

## 6 GOOD HERITAGE TREE STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES

The proper implementation of renewal, and maintenance activities known to be appropriate for Heritage Trees which maintain a tree's health, aesthetic and heritage values... and how this may differ from general tree stewardship practices.

## 7 EVALUATION

Workshop Evaluation and curriculum input.

## 8 TRAINING THE EVALUATOR (FIELD SESSION)

Field training session for arborists, other forestry professionals and cultural historians in evaluating heritage trees. *[Certification will be provided for qualified attendees that fill the requirements of full attendance and training.]*

### OUR PARTNERS IN HERITAGE TREES



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