NeighbourWoods Training
Two Day Event

This two-day course will teach participants why and how to inventory urban trees. The methodology is designed to support diverse urban forest inventory, monitoring, and management needs.

NeighbourWoods© is a comprehensive urban tree inventory protocol developed to assist communities and professionals in collecting the tree information they need to steward their urban forest.

NeighbourWoods© was developed by Dr. Andy Kenney and Dr. Danijela Puric-Mladenovic at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto. The protocol has been used by a number of communities across Ontario (e.g., Town of Mitchell, Kingston, North Bay, Toronto, Windsor, etc.) and implemented to develop strategic urban forest management plans.

The key NeighbourWoods© components are: 1) the tree inventory training and implementation, 2) NeighbourWoods© data analysis and 3) urban forest management planning. The focus of this training session is on 1 and 2.

The training topics include learning the standardized urban tree inventory techniques including tree identification and nomenclature, tree health/condition assessment, mapping tree location, growing site assessment, tree measurements, and field data recording methods.

Course topics are covered through **field demonstrations/training and hands-on exercises**. Participants will be provided with supporting resources and reading material. There will also be opportunities for participants to share and discuss their current projects and inventory needs.

The participants will learn how to use data-entry forms, forestry mensuration equipment (e.g., clinometer, diameter tape, etc.), plant species identification keys, species codes, and much more!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone who is interested in urban forest stewardship and plans to collect multi-purpose, spatial, standardized and quantitative urban tree information. The course is intended for community members and volunteers who will participate in inventories or that plan to implement one in the near future.

TRAINING AGENDA

The training session will be held outdoors, "rain or shine", so dress appropriately, wear comfortable shoes and bring water, a hat, sunscreen, a copy of the training manual, lunch, and a pencil.

Saturday – Day 1.

9:00-9:30 Introductions and logistics

9:30-12:00 Hands-on training: tree species identification

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break (on your own).

13:00-16:00 Hands-on training: tree assessment

Sunday – Day 2

9:00-10:00 Review of day one exercises.

10:00-12:00 Form teams and inventory trees.

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break (on your own).
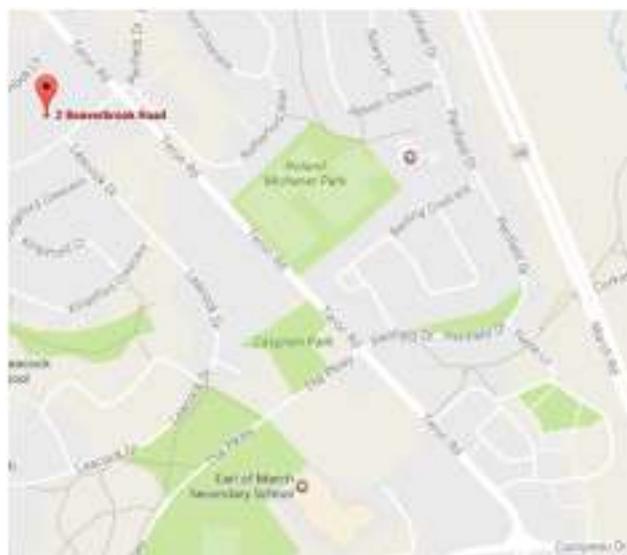
13:00-15:00 Review team assessments.

15:00-15:30 Recap and plan next steps for the teams.

Food: Participant are responsible for their own lunch and snacks.

LOCATION

The course begins at the Beaverbrook Community Centre, 2 Beaverbrook Road, Kanata (corner of Beaverbrook and Teron Road).
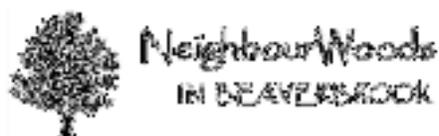
We will meet at the entrance door on the southwest side of the mall.

For any inquires about the training course, contact:

green@kanatabeaverbrook.ca

By the end of the course, we will be working in small teams and scheduling time to do inventory work on a street near you.

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