### **Tree Cities of the World**



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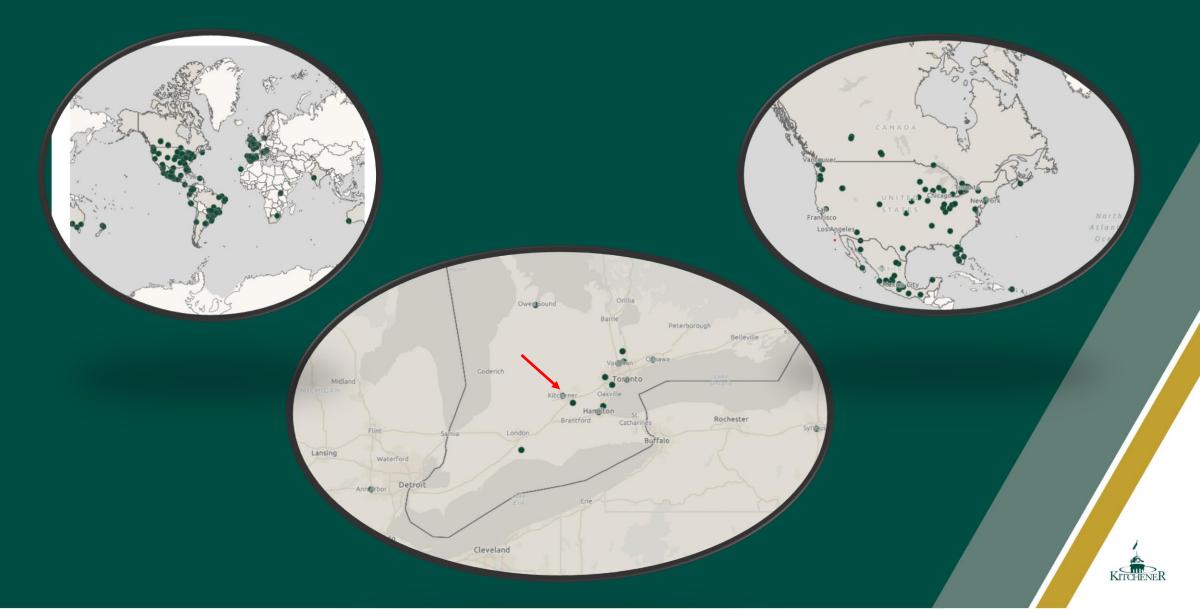


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#### Kitchener is now **1 of 210** Recognized Cities and **1 of 41** to become a Tree City for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2024



### 5 Core Standards for Recognition

1) Establish Responsibility For Trees (Forestry & Natural Areas Team)

2) Set The Rules (Bylaws, Policies, Practices, Targets)

3) Know What You Have (Tree Inventories, Sustainable Urban Forest Strategy)

4) Allocate the Resources (Annual Budgets, Corporate Leadership, Council Support)

5) Celebrate Achievements (Educate, Engage, Acknowledge)







# 1) Our Team









## 2) Setting Rules to Govern Resources

- Tree Management Policies
- Tree Bylaws (Public & Private currently being updated)
- Kitchener's Tree Canopy Targets



33% Citywide by 2070

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30% Per

Ward by 2050

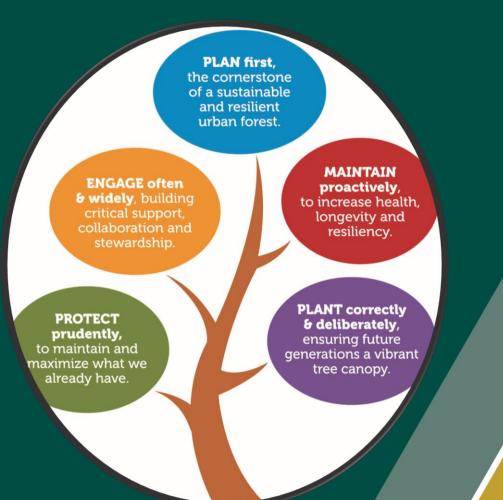




term strategy for its urban forest, an asset valued by its residents, which also provides important economic, environmental and social benefits to the community.



#### 3) Knowing what We Have





#### 4) Allocate Resources





#### 5) Celebrate Achievements

- Community Canopy Program
- Kitchener's Natural Areas Program (KNAP)
- Trees@Kitchener & Forestry Fridays Q&A (Ask a Forester)







#### '210' Free Trees Giveaway

- Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Online Registration (Kitchener.ca/trees) Kitchener Residents
- Tree Pick up @ Kitchener Operations Facility



