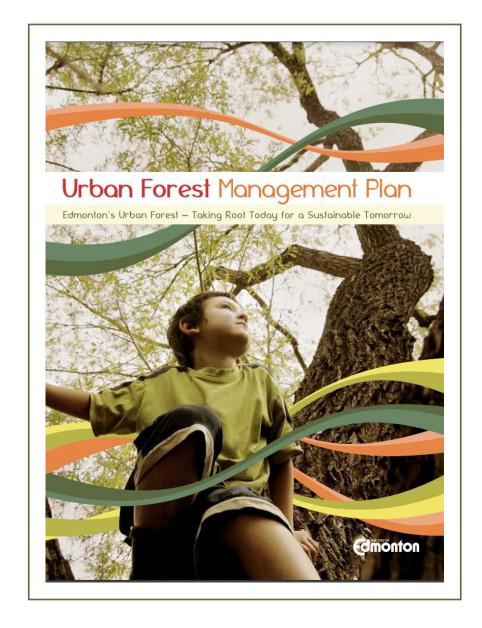
# Yes to a Private Tree Preservation Bylaw

**Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition** 



- "Edmonton's trees represent an irreplaceable asset."
- "Unlike other municipal infrastructure, trees increase in value over time."
- "The urban forest...makes a quantifiable contribution to the long-term livability of our city."



## Trees...

- •mitigate climate change
- •clean the air
- •cool the city
- •help prevent drought and flooding
- •provide food and habitat for wildlife
- •contribute to our physical and mental health
- beautify our city

We can't afford *not* to protect them.





### **Urban Tree Canopy Expansion**

This project is part of the City's commitment to climate change resilience, as we plant 2 million new trees by 2050.

# Grist

# Leaving trees alone might be better than planting new ones

Newer isn't always better -- at least, not when it comes to sequestering carbon.



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#### **Trees in Toronto**



Request the pruning or removal of a City tree.

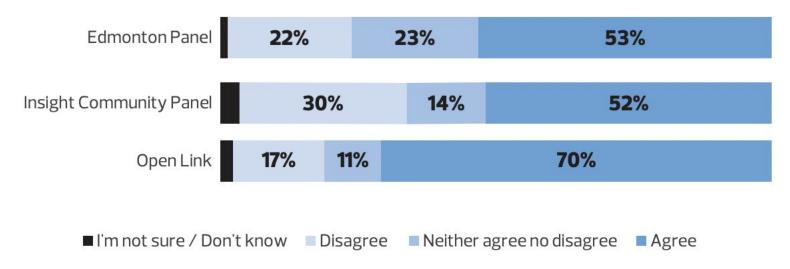
Create a Service Request

Trees work hard. They absorb water, clean the air, provide shade, reduce erosion, flooding and wind tunnels, and decrease heating and cooling costs. Maintenance is important for the health of trees. Learn about managing trees on your property and how to get a Permit to Injure or Remove Trees.

# Edmontonians support a private tree bylaw

3. How much do you agree or disagree that the City should pass bylaws to protect trees on **private** property?

A small majority of respondents agree that the City should pass bylaws to protect trees on private property.



# Tree preservation bylaw...

- Requires a permit for cutting
- Forces a pause and awareness
- Ensures monetary value for trees
- Creates a standard of tree preservation
- Enables public education
- Requires 2:1 or 3:1 replacement
- All the above = incentive to preserve trees
- Permit can cover enforcement



### "The truth is that high urban density and abundant housing are entirely compatible with a lush tree canopy. And not just with creating one from scratch. We can and should retain existing trees that are valuable in terms of the ecosystem services they provide: shade, beauty, clean air, erosion control, birdsong."

#### There is Unrest in the Urban Forest

Daniel Herriges · January 12, 2022



The live oak by the author's house. There was no good angle to capture its sheer scale, but rest assured—it's enormous. (Source: Author.)



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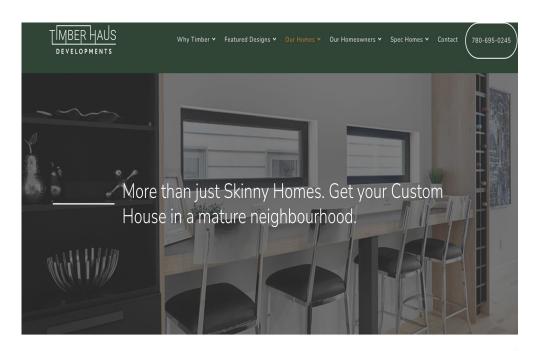
#### PRESERVING TREES DURING CONSTRUCTION

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Saving trees makes sense. It improves profit margins, builder reputation and sales. Careful planning, solid communication and a basic understanding of what keeps trees growing will make customers happy for a lifetime.

# Mature trees benefit neighbourhoods + developers



#### **Infill Home** Builders in Edmonton

You need to find the right team when choosing an Infill home builder in Edmonton to help you develop the home of your dreams. Timber Haus is here to take you from the initial design to handing you the keys – all while keeping the process fun and stress-free. From the design phase to your possession day, you will be blown away by our professionalism, customer service and attention to detail.

## Edmonton's **Top Rated** Infill Home Builder

Building a home in a mature neighbourhood has many incredible benefits!

- ✓ Close access to amenities
- Mature trees and green spaces
- ✓ Revitalize older neighbourhoods
- Environmentally conscious
- Choose your neighbourhood
- ✓ Financial Incentives
- ✓ Shorter Commute



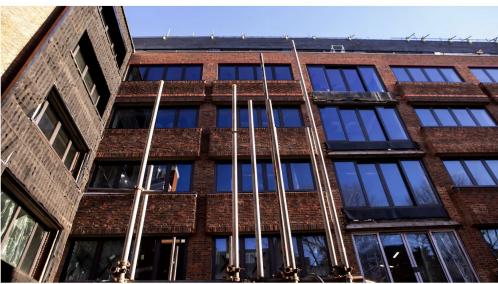




# Retrofitting

 Finally, Edmonton needs to take an honest look at its approach to density. As other cities move to retrofit first, Edmonton is following an unsustainable, unaffordable path.

#### Old walls, new life? Britain's builders embrace the retrofit revolution



□ Holbein Gardens in London will feature green walls of plants and a car park converted into cycle spaces. Photograph: Antonio Olmos Refurbished offices can offer big carbon savings over the traditional approach of demolishing them and starting again

# Tree protection ensures good design

- In 2021, the world's top architecture prize went to French architects who constructed a home without cutting any of the 46 trees on the lot.
- Here in Edmonton, the Sundance Co-Op in Edmonton was constructed within mature trees, and a recent retrofit maintained them.



