



A City of Trees Planted by Edmontonians

Edmonton's **ROOT FOR TREES** Initiative:

Community-Based Solutions to Urban Forest Challenges

The Challenges:

1. Increase Edmonton's tree canopy and awareness of urban forestry issues.
2. Focus city tree-planting efforts under one cohesive, accessible and measured initiative.

The Solution: **ROOT FOR TREES**

Launched in 2013, this enhanced tree-planting initiative has a goal of creating a diverse and sustainable urban forest through engagement with individuals, community groups and businesses.



VOLUNTEERS



PARTNERS

(Private Business and Not-for-Profits)

2013

48



2014

85



2015

109



PLANTED BY VOLUNTEERS

Trees and Shrubs

2013

21,422



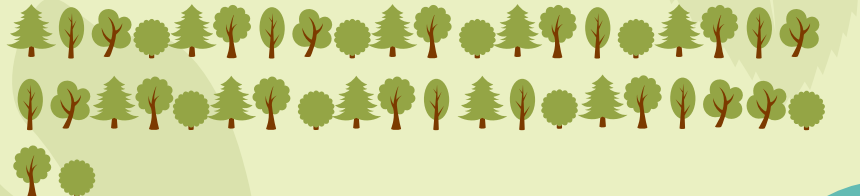
2014

43,519



2015

42,573



Wildflowers (Planted Since 2014)

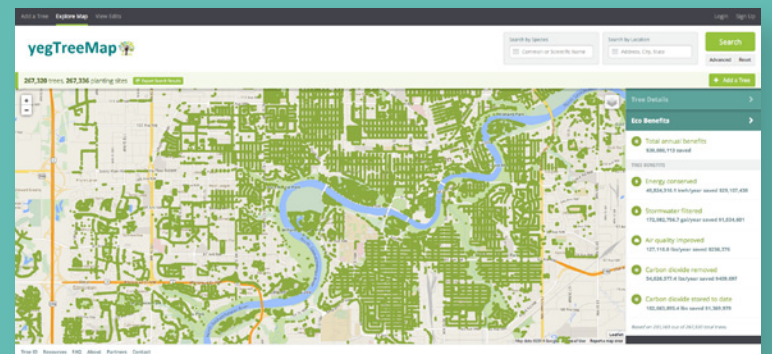
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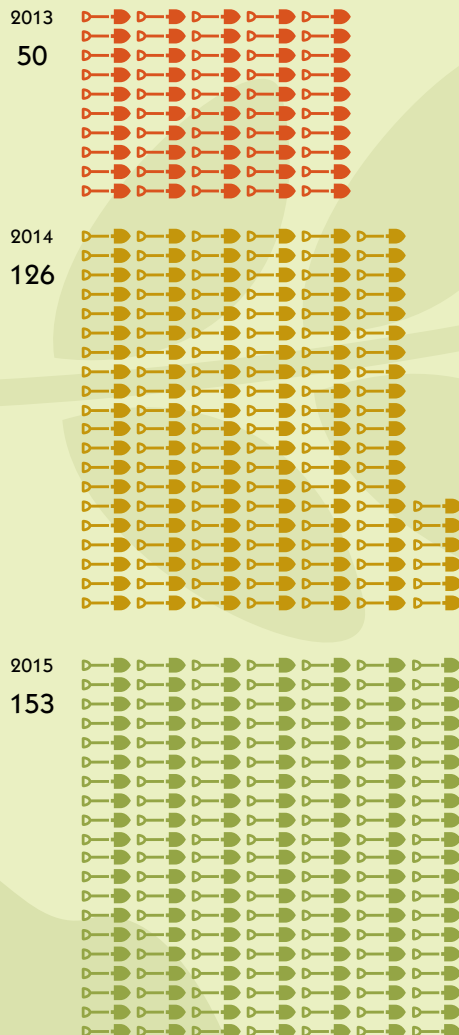
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Map trees in your yard and find out the eco-benefits of trees in your neighbourhood!

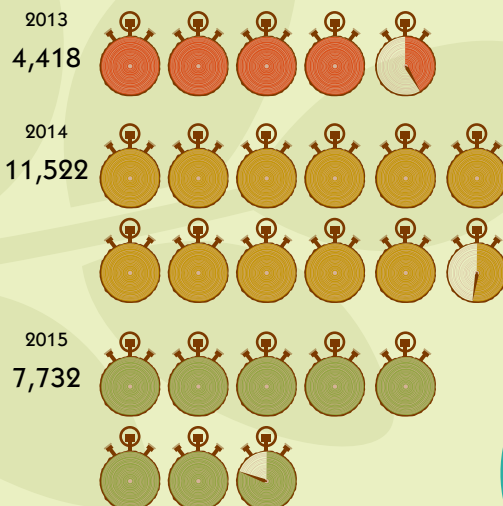
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TREE PLANTING EVENTS



VOLUNTEER HOURS



NATURALIZATION

70 hectares transformed from mowed turf to naturalized grass in 2014 and 2015.

PLANT THE POND EVENT

TD Green Streets funded a community planting event which focused on the habitat around a stormwater management facility.

FOOD FOREST GROWS

More edible fruit trees and shrubs were planted in McKinnon Ravine. Volunteers came from as far as Calgary!

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Drainage and Root for Trees are working together on Rain Gardens and Bioswales.

Objectives

1. Increase naturalization and landscape tree plantings.
2. Increase awareness of the environmental, economic, social and health benefits of trees.
3. Increase public education opportunities.

Outcomes

1. Enhanced natural and public spaces.
2. Attractive and well-utilized public green spaces.
3. Natural and public spaces preserved and maintained through best management practices.
4. Increased tree canopy.
5. Increased understanding of the benefits of the urban forest.
6. Improved air quality.
7. Support for the Root for Trees initiative.

THANK YOU!

The City of Edmonton would like to thank all of the volunteers, community groups, partners and sponsors that supported Root for Trees and City-wide Naturalization in 2015.



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