



WEST LANSING
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FREE TREE Project

The **West Lansing Homeowners Association** has created a **Beautification Committee** to identify opportunities to make our neighbourhood more attractive and to take advantage of City programs where possible to make things happen. One of the best opportunities available is the City of Toronto's Urban Forestry division program to plant trees **free of charge** on the city street allowance. This means you could have a free beautiful tree in front of your house!

Why is this important? Trees:

- Help improve the environmental tree canopy adding living beauty to Toronto's neighbourhoods
- Filter air pollution
- Reduce cooling and heating costs of your house
- Generate oxygen, absorbs carbon dioxide and other harmful pollutants
- Reduce storm water run-off and the cost of water treatment
- Provide habitat for birds and other fauna
- Increase property values by adding "curb appeal" to your home.

The Beautification Committee's goal is to make it easy for homeowners to request a tree, and to add value by carefully recommending species of trees that will look great on your particular street. We are very fortunate to have a Landscape Architect as a member of this volunteer Committee. Under her guidance the entire neighbourhood was surveyed and over **300 suitable spots** for trees were identified on the city street allowances. A **number of tree species** were selected for you to choose from, subject to the availability and to unique physical limitations of your property such as high voltage lines. The list of trees is shown on the back of this letter and on www.westlansing.ca and you can choose your favourite two trees.

We'd like to make to most of this opportunity while it's available. Collecting and submitting everyone's requests as a coordinated community initiative makes things easier for the City's Urban Forestry division, an idea fully supported by Councillor John Filion. The sooner we submit our request the better. Trees should be planted this spring or later in the fall of 2009. Scheduling of your tree for planting will be dependant on when your request is received, and the availability of the species.

We ask for your support to increase the tree canopy in our area by signing the request form below and mailing or dropping it off to the noted address.

Please complete the form below and return or mail it to:

WLHABeautification Committee
c/o Mr. Steve Andrews
85 Gwendolen Crescent
Toronto, M2N 2M3

Please fill out and return this request form for your free tree

The owner may choose two species listing them in order of preference. Requests are filled subject to species availability and suitability of the site. Trees will be planted during the earliest possible spring or fall planting season.

Homeowners Name _____
(please print)

Signature _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

NOTE: Your tree selection will be dependant upon when your request is received, the availability of the species and the location of high voltage wires that might limit the possible tree options.