



## Job Description: Long Branch Tree Stewardship Program Lead

As the Long Branch Tree Stewardship Program Lead, you will be assisting the LBNA (Long Branch Neighbourhood Association) in continuing to build and lead our Tree Stewardship initiatives in 2023. The overall goal will be to educate the community on the benefits of preserving and growing our Urban Tree Canopy.

Specific goals are to 1) Implement and continue to improve our Tree Stewardship initiatives to raise awareness amongst the entire community of the tree species in Long Branch; the benefits and need for a 40% Tree Canopy and how we can achieve that target, and to raise awareness of the need to plant native vs non-native species. 2) Identify appropriate plantable space for new native trees and shrubs on private properties in South Etobicoke and assist in our Tree for Free programs 3) Conduct a series of training workshops on how to properly plant and care for young trees and shrubs including the expansion of a new Citizen Pruner workshop (led by a partner arborist) and program for young trees planted in the last 5 years with the goal that small problems don't grow into bigger problems 4) Be one of the subject matter experts to assist in the design and preparation for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Branch Tree Fest and lead a series of interpretive guided Tree walks and bike rides to reach and engage with all demographics and ages 5) Other tbd at the start of the project in collaboration with the team

Long Branch is located in the southwest corner of Toronto, along the shores of Lake Ontario. This neighbourhood was an exclusive cottage community in the late 1800's featuring densely treed lots. Many of these trees survive today. We continue to identify Heritage Tree nominees to join the first four which are now officially recognized by Forests Ontario in Long Branch.



We are looking for a Tree Stewardship team leader who is working on or has completed a Masters in Urban Forestry or other Forestry related or Sustainable Landscaping program. You will work with a team of 2-6 other students. Team members will assist with Tree Stewardship initiatives in the field, continue the Long Branch Tree Inventory and monitoring in partnership with the University of Toronto and assist with co-ordination of educational events and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Branch TreeFest.

The LBNA is planning to hire 3-4 other students to continue inventorying and monitoring the trees in Long Branch using the Neighbourwoods Tree Inventory protocol. 11,526 trees and 240 species have already been inventoried in Long Branch, which represents over 70% of the private properties in the Neighbourhood. The Stewardship Team Lead(s) will work closely with these students as well, particularly for education, tree stewardship activities and the identification of plantable space.

This project and position is funded through a Community Planting and Stewardship Grant from the City of Toronto.

This full-time position will take place outdoors in Long Branch with preparation done virtually. The start date will be in late April/early May (exact date TBC) to end of August with the potential for extension or part-time into the fall. Supervisory role aspect may change as funding and additional hires are confirmed in the spring 2023.

Resumes along with a cover letter on why you feel you would be a good candidate for this position to be sent to Judy Gibson, Chair, Tree Canopy Preservation and Enhancement Committee, Long Branch Neighbourhood Association via email: [judy.gibson@lbna.ca](mailto:judy.gibson@lbna.ca)

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