

# Ferguson Forest Centre Arboretum ~ A long-term vision

The vision for the Ferguson Forest Centre Arboretum is as a learning, activity and contemplation area to be enjoyed by all. Located on 25 acres (10 hectares) of the Ferguson Forest Centre, the plan for the Arboretum includes over 45 species of trees and shrubs native to eastern Ontario. When completed, the Arboretum will include themed areas (trees and beds), benches and picnic tables. It will also include shade features, play areas and small event and learning areas, among other things.

Currently the Arboretum is a quiet park-like environment ideal for public use and enjoyment. Included with the maintained lawn areas, and naturalized and tree planted areas, are stone dust paths, linkages to the Turtle Trail and Anniversary Park, a play hill, park benches, picnic tables and a parking lot.

## Trees

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|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ash, Green         | Catalpa           | Kentucky Coffeetree | Ohio Buckeye                     |
| Beech, Blue        | Cherry, Black     | Locust, Honey       | Pine, Jack                       |
| Butternut          | Cedar, Red        | Mountain Ash        | Pine, Red                        |
| Basswood           | Cedar, White      | Maple, Hard (Sugar) | Pine, White                      |
| Birch, White       | Crabapple         | Maple, Red          | Spruce (Colorado, Norway, White) |
| Chestnut, American | Fir, Balsam       | Maple, Silver       | Tamarack                         |
|                    | Hemlock           | Oak, Bur            | Walnut, Black                    |
|                    | Hackberry         | Oak, Red            | Willow, Peachleaf                |
|                    | Hickory, Shagbark | Oak, White          | Willow, Weeping                  |

## Shrubs

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Arrowwood          | Hazelnut        |
| Alder, Speckled    | Lilac, Common   |
| Chokecherry        | Nannyberry      |
| Highbush Cranberry | Ninebark        |
| Dogwood, Red Osier | Pine, Mugo      |
| Black Elderberry   | Plum, Canada    |
|                    | Rose, Swamp     |
|                    | Wild Raisin     |
|                    | Serviceberry    |
|                    | Sumac, Staghorn |

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| <b>1</b> Welcome Centre | <b>8</b> Native Wildflower Meadow   |
| <b>2</b> Natural Meadow | <b>9</b> Kinderwood                 |
| <b>3</b> Event Area     | <b>10</b> Anniversary Park          |
| <b>4</b> Activity Area  | <b>11</b> Adam Shewchuk Maple Grove |
| <b>5</b> Amphitheatre   |                                     |
| <b>6</b> Labyrinth      |                                     |
| <b>7</b> Dog Park       |                                     |

A concept plan for the Arboretum has been developed and enhanced through the years by a number of committees, knowledgeable volunteers and the Centre's Board. Professional nursery staff, including Maureen Jacques and Ed Patchell, have designed the current layout, allowing the Arboretum to be a tree 'showroom' for the Ferguson Tree Nursery. The trees will also provide a local seed source, promote educational awareness and conservation as well as support native wildlife and ecology.

