Urban Forestry in Canada

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The subject of this pamphlet may seem far removed from the type of "forestry practice" that has been traditional in Canada. It is, however, a field that has been neglected too long.

Urban Forestry is presented as a multi-disciplinary approach to the management of trees for their present and potential contributions to urban society. It includes the management of trees in the entire area influenced by and utilized by an urban population.

The development of the University of Toronto's Urban Forestry program is discussed in terms of its relationship to the Shade Tree Research Laboratory of the Faculty of Forestry. The

objectives of the program are shown to be the provision not only of teaching and research opportunities in the general field of "the care of trees under the influence of urbanization", but also of guidance to the students in putting their professional responsibility to society as a whole in perspective. It is truly a people-related field.

In this paper, Professor Jorgensen has outlined the main areas of interest of the research currently being undertaken as part of the Urban Forestry program. He also indicates additional areas in which he feels forestry has a contribution that can aid the development of Urban Forest Pol-

icy at local, regional and national levels.

"Urban Forestry in Canada" outlines, in specific terms, the action being taken at the University of Toronto to apply the principles of tree and forest management to those areas that are closest to and have the most influence on the largest proportion of our population — our Urban Forests.

For those interested in further details of this Urban Forestry program, copies of the publication may be obtained from: the Shade Tree Research Laboratory, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, Toronto 5, Ontario.

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