



FEDERAL 2BT PROGRAM

Addressing Biodiversity loss and
Climate Change in our Cities

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Federal 2 Billion Trees (2BT) Program

- Objective: to plant an additional net amount of 2 billion trees
- Benefits
 - Climate change
 - Biodiversity
 - Well-being
- Planting has commenced as of 2021
- Eligibility for involvement in program:
 - Indigenous communities & organizations
 - First Nations, Provincial & Municipal Governments
 - NGOs (legally incorporated/registered)

Federal 2 Billion Trees (2BT) Program

By the Numbers

10 Years

Is the expected program duration

50%

Of project costs will be covered

\$3.2 Billion

Will be invested in the program by 2031

75%

Of costs for Indigenous-led projects will be covered

Project Eligibility for 2BT Program

Program Will Fund

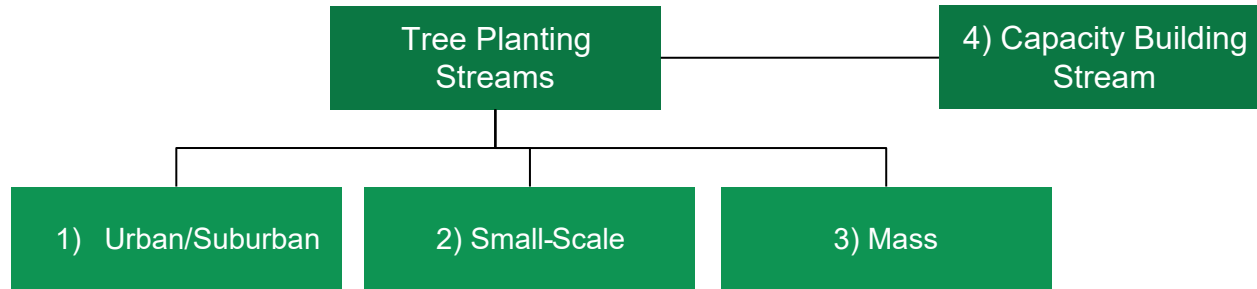
- Tree-planting projects on private and public lands and in rural, urban and remote areas
- Afforestation projects
- Reforestation projects
- Forest restoration projects

Program Will Not Fund

- Legally required tree-planting
- Forestation projects that would disrupt existing ecosystems

2BT Program Call for Proposals

- Ongoing call for proposals
- 4 streams
- Application for all tree-planting streams now open
 - Capacity-building stream will open in summer 2023



Ongoing Call for Proposals

Submission Deadline	Decision
April 13, 2023	October 2023
June 8, 2023	December 2023
August 10, 2023	February 2024

2BT Proposals: Background

- Proposals can be submitted either alone or jointly by partnerships of organizations across Canada
- 2BT program is a competitive process
 - Proposals are evaluated in comparison to each other
- Guides for the proposal streams and current funding agreements are available online



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Tree-Planting Streams

	Urban/Suburban	Small-Scale	Mass Planting
Planting Locations	Restricted to urban/suburban areas	Restricted to rural and remote areas	Restricted to rural and remote areas
Minimum Tree - Planting Requirements	10,000 trees per year	50,000 trees per year	500,000 seedlings or trees per year

For all streams:

- Planting should be held across many clearly defined sites
- Multi-year tree-planting arrangements are also accepted (eg. 5-year contract)
- Projects can include urban forestry expansion and riparian zone restoration

Capacity-Building Stream

- No minimum tree-planting requirement
- Supports capacity building efforts that include:
 - Knowledge-building, outreach, training, community engagement and other activities that contribute to planning tree-planting projects and forest monitoring and management
 - Tree planting and management
- Demonstrated need for funding

Up to
\$150,000

Per year for 2 years

The Key Principle of 2BT

Right Trees

in the

Right Places

for the

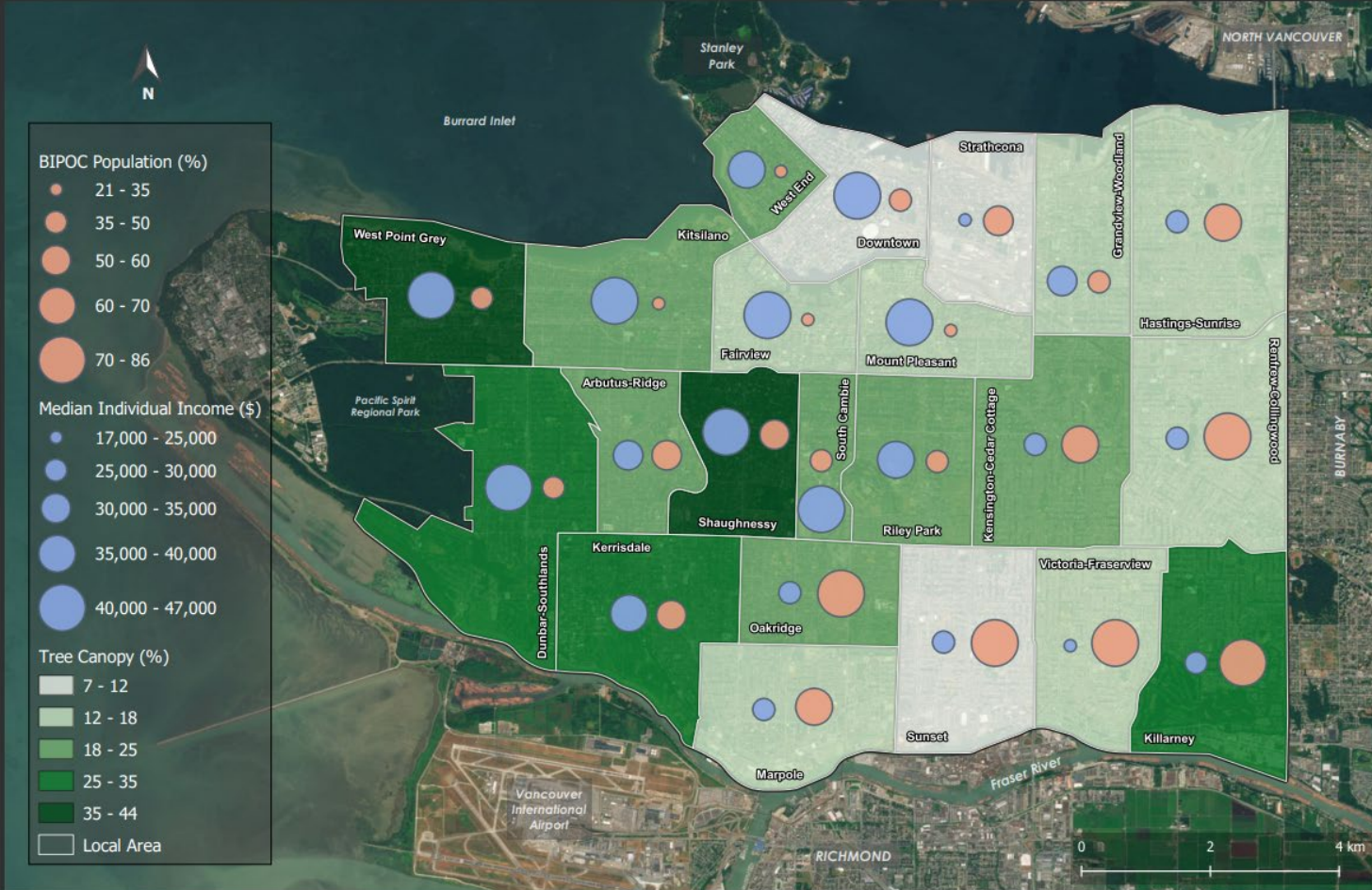
Right Reasons

- Native trees
- Trees that will be resilient and adaptive to future impacts of climate change

- Restoration of habitat and reconnection of fragmented landscapes
- Increasing canopy cover and ecosystem services

- Climate change mitigation
- Biodiversity
- Well-being
- Equitable access to green space

The Urban Forest, Median Individual Income and Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) Population Distribution in Vancouver Neighbourhoods



Urban Forest Cover & Demographics in Vancouver

Nature Canada: Support Through Resolving Barriers



Barriers

- Lack of information regarding 2BT program and overall support → ● Link with NRCan and overall support role
- Unable to meet minimum tree-planting requirements → ● Facilitate and mediate partnerships
- Lack of networking and resources → ● Canadian Reforestation Coalitions

Tree Canada Program

- Tree Canada is an aggregator under the 2BT Program
 - Currently accepting applications
- Lower, more flexible tree-planting requirements
 - At least ~4800 trees planted
 - At least 3 hectares of land reforested
- Provision of arborists and consultants
- Capability of potentially covering the complete cost of project



Nature Canada & Tree Equity

- Support for organizations and cities in establishing a tree equity campaign
- Campaign would include tree-planting projects, primarily in underserved neighbourhoods
- Nature Canada will:
 - Source funding to help cover costs of tree-planting project
 - Provide overall support on implementation of campaign
 - Facilitate a knowledge-sharing space for cities heading campaigns across Canada



Following Up

Email Nature Canada if
you are interested in any
of the opportunities

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A background image of a mountain goat and its kid in a forest, overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The adult goat is on the right, and the kid is on the left.

Thank you!