

WELCOME TO

CAROLINA WOODS

DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH

- THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEAMINGTON
- ESSEX COUNTY FIELD NATURALIST CLUB (FRIENDS OF HEINZ BUSH)
- DURA-CRAFT HOMES, LTD.
- CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT DES ECOLE CATHOLIQUES DU SUD-OUEST
- WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD
- HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CANADA

HISTORY OF THE WOODLOT

WHAT IS KNOWN TODAY AS THE HEINZ BUSH IS A FRAGMENT OF WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY A LARGE BEECH AND MAPLE FOREST. THE DIVERSITY OF TREE SPECIES IN THE WOODLOT TODAY SUGGESTS THAT AT SOME TIME THE LAND WAS CLEARED OF ITS VEGETATION.

TODAY THERE EXISTS A MIX OF APPROXIMATELY 82 SPECIES OF TREES, SHRUBS, VINES AND WILDOFLOWERS. IN THE EARLY 1900'S A TULIP TREE SEED GERMINATED AND HAS GROWN TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST SPECIMENS IN CANADA.

THE WOODLOT IS ALSO HABITAT FOR A LARGE AND DIVERSE VARIETY OF INSECTS, BIRDS AND ANIMALS. IN THE EARLY 1990'S WITH URBAN DEVELOPMENT THREATENING THE WOODLOT, A GROUP OF LOCAL NATURALISTS DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO SAVE THE BUSH. TOGETHER WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS, THE PUBLIC AND THE MUNICIPALITY, A FUNDRAISING EFFORT WAS INITIATED TO PURCHASE THE WOODLOT.

ALSO AT THIS TIME THE WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD WAS PROPOSING A NEW SCHOOL ON LAND PARTIALLY IN THE WOODLOT. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD TO RETAIN MUCH OF THE WOODLOT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE.

BY THE END OF THE 1990'S SUFFICIENT FUNDS HAD BEEN RAISED. THE LAND WAS PURCHASED AND AN AGREEMENT WAS MADE - THE HEINZ BUSH WAS SAVED.

WITH THE HELP OF VISITORS RESPECTING THE WOODLOT'S DELICATE ENVIRONMENT AND THE MUNICIPALITY AND LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS MANAGING THE WOODLOT, IT WILL REMAIN A PRIME EXAMPLE OF AN URBAN CAROLINA FOREST FOR YEARS TO COME.



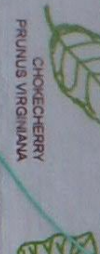
WHITE ELM
ULMUS AMERICANA



RED ELM
ULMUS RUBRA



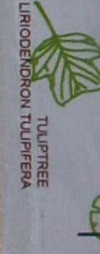
BASSWOOD
TILIA HETEROPHYLLA



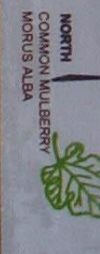
CHOCOCHERRY
PRUNUS VIRGINIANA



EASTERN COTTONWOOD
POPULUS DELTOIDES



TULIP TREE
LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA



COMMON MULBERRY
MORUS ALBA



RED MAPLE
ACER RUBRUM



BLACK MAPLE
ACER NIGRUM



SILVER MAPLE
ACER SACCHARINUM



SUGAR MAPLE
ACER SACCHARUM



MANITOBA MAPLE
ACER NEGUNDO



YELLOW BIRCH
BETULA ALLEGAMENSIS



BEECH
FAGUS



AMERICAN HORNBEM
CARPINUS CAROLINIANA



HORNBEAM
OSTRYA VIRGINIANA



COMMON HACKBERRY
CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS

TREES FOUND IN THE WOODLOT

- MANITOBA MAPLE
- RED MAPLE
- SILVER MAPLE
- BLACK MAPLE
- SUGAR MAPLE
- YELLOW BIRCH
- AMERICAN HORNBEM
- HACKBERRY
- WHITE ASH
- RED ASH
- BUTTERNUT
- TULIP TREE
- BUR OAK
- QUERCUS MACROCARPA
- APPLE
- WHITE MULBERRY
- HORNBEAM
- EASTERN COTTONWOOD
- BLACK CHERRY
- CHOCHEERRY
- WHITE OAK
- BURR OAK
- RED OAK
- SASSAFRAS
- BASSWOOD
- WHITE ELM
- RED ELM
- WHITE OAK
- QUERCUS ALBA

THERE IS ALSO 47 VARIETIES OF WILDOFLOWERS AND 19 VARIETIES OF DECIDUOUS SHRUBS AND VINES TO BE FOUND IN THE WOODLOT.

WOODLOT RULES AND BY-LAWS

NO PERSON OTHER THAN THOSE AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENTER UPON OR REMAIN WITHIN ANY PARK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DEFACE, DAMAGE OR ALTER IN ANY WAY OR REMOVE ANY PLANTING, PLANT OR ANIMAL FROM THE WOODLOT.

THIS WOODLOT IS PATROLLED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEAMINGTON AND IS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM.

WEST ENTRANCE

YOU ARE HERE
BLACK CHERRY
PRUNUS SEROTINA



RED OAK
QUERCUS RUBRA



RED (GREEN) ASH
FRAXINUS PENNSYLVANICA



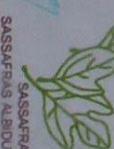
WHITE ASH
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