



# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

The following is a survey about the trees on your property.  
We would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey.

The confidentiality of all respondents will be maintained in this research.

**1** In what year did you first live in the City of Highland Park?

**2** In what year did you first live in your current home?

**3** What percent of the total property value of your home and lot can be attributed to vegetation (trees, natural area, landscaping)?

- a. 0 - 10%
- b. 10 - 20%
- c. 20 - 30%
- d. 30 - 40%
- e. More than 40%

**4** What is your preference for the green space on your property? (check one):

- a. As natural as possible
- b. Partially natural
- c. Partially landscaped
- d. As landscaped as possible
- e. No preference
- f. Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**5** Do you use your property for the following activities? (check all that apply):

- a. Children's play area
- b. Dog play area
- c. Gardening
- d. Grilling / Outdoor meals
- e. Outdoor sports
- f. Sunbathing
- h. Wildlife observation
- i. Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**6** Which of the following ways do you maintain your property? (check all that apply):

- a. Make decisions about landscaping
- b. Incorporate plants for pollinators
- c. Provide bird feeders or homes
- d. Maintain a vegetable garden
- e. Remove invasive species

**7** Which of the following do you believe to be true? (check one):

- a. Some trees and shrubs on my property are a nuisance
- b. I appreciate the trees and shrubs on my property, but their maintenance is a nuisance
- c. I do not view the maintenance of trees and shrubs on my property as a nuisance

**8** When choosing the vegetation on your property, are native species important?

- a. Yes
- b. No

**9** When choosing the vegetation on your property, are species that attract pollinators important?

- a. Yes
- b. No

**10** Do you know which vegetative species on your property are non-native/invasive?

- a. Yes
- b. No

11 The following influenced my decision to purchase my property:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
a. The prevalence of trees and vegetation on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The type of trees and vegetation on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The prevalence of wildlife on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The prevalence of wildlife in my neighborhood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The forest-like nature of the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The community-oriented character of the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Location in relation to work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Location in relation to schools.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Location in relation to Chicago.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Resale value of my home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 How would you characterize the following?	Prefer a lot more	Prefer more	Adequate	Prefer less	Prefer a lot less
	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
a. The number of trees growing on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The variety of trees growing on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The number of shrubs and vegetation growing on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The variety of shrubs and vegetation growing on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The number of wildlife found on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The variety of wildlife found on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The number of pollinators found on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The variety of pollinators found on my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 What kind of tree species are present on your property? (check all that apply):

- a. Ash
- b. Buckthorn
- c. Elm
- d. Hickory
- e. Maple
- f. Oak
- g. Ornamental Crabapple / Pear
- h. Spruce / Pine
- i. Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- j. I don't know.

14 Have you planted any new trees since assuming residence?

- a. Yes (Go to question 15)
- b. No (Go to question 18)

15 If yes, how many?

16 If yes, have any of these trees died?

- a. Yes
- b. No

17 If yes, how many?

18 Have any mature trees died on your property?

- a. Yes (Go to question 19)
- b. No (Go to question 20)
- c. I don't know (Go to question 20)

19 If yes, how many?

**20** Do you personally maintain your trees in any of the following ways? (*check all that apply*):

- a. Fertilizing
- b. Fungicides
- c. Herbicides
- d. Mulching
- e. Pesticides
- f. Pest / Disease injections
- g. Pruning
- h. Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**21** Do you hire a landscape service that provides lawn maintenance to your property?

- a. Yes
- b. No

**22** Do you hire a tree care company that provides tree maintenance to your property?

- a. Yes
- b. No

**23** Have you ever consulted with a certified arborist to look at or care for your trees?

- a. Yes, in the past year
- b. Yes, over a year ago
- c. No

**24** On average, how much do you spend annually on tree care or maintenance? (*Both personally and contracted*)

- a. \$0 - 1,000
- b. \$1,000 - 2,000
- c. \$2,000 - 3,000
- d. \$3,000 - 4,000
- e. \$4000 or more

**25** Have you experienced any issues with pests or diseases in regard to the trees on your property?

- a. Yes (*Go to question 26*)
- b. No (*Go to question 27*)
- c. Not sure (*Go to question 27*)

**26** If yes, what type? (*check all that apply*):

- a. Construction related tree decline
- a. Dutch elm disease
- b. Emerald ash borer
- c. Oak wilt
- d. Root rot
- j. Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**27** If there was an invasive pest or disease on your property, how much would you be willing to spend in order to save all of your mature trees? (*check one*):

- a. \$0 - 500
- b. \$500 - 1,000
- c. \$1,000 - 3,000
- d. \$3,000 - 5,000
- e. \$5,000 - 7,000
- j. More than \$7,000

**28** Check all that apply regarding buckthorn:

- a. I don't know what buckthorn is
- b. Buckthorn is a native species
- c. Buckthorn is a non-native invasive species
- d. I enjoy the privacy screening for my yard provided by buckthorn

**29** How would you characterize your topsoil? (*check one*):

- a. Sand
- b. Silt
- c. Clay

**30** Do you have an issue with major standing water or flooding after a rain event?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**31** Does your property contain ravine steep slope?

- a. Yes
- b. No

**32** Does your property contain bluff steep slope?

- a. Yes
- b. No

**33** Have you ever spoken with the Forestry Department of Highland Park?

- a. Yes
- b. No

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Please answer the following based on your preferences for natural areas and the environment

	Strongly Agree ▼	Agree ▼	Neither Agree nor Disagree ▼	Disagree ▼	Strongly Disagree ▼
a. I am NOT the kind of person who loves spending time in wild, untamed wilderness areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I really like going on trips into the countryside, for example to forests or field.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I find it very boring being out in wilderness areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Sometimes when I am unhappy, I find comfort in nature.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Being out in nature is a great stress reducer for me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. I would rather spend my weekend in the city than in wilderness areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. I enjoy spending time in natural settings just for the sake of being out in nature.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. I have a sense of well-being in the silence of nature.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. I find it more interesting in a shopping mall than out in the forest looking at trees and birds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. I think spending time in nature is boring.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Please answer the following based on your preferences for natural areas and the environment

	Strongly Agree ▼	Agree ▼	Neither Agree nor Disagree ▼	Disagree ▼	Strongly Disagree ▼
a. Grass and weeds growing between paving stones may be untidy but are natural and should be left alone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The idea that natural areas should be maintained exactly as they are is silly, wasteful, and wrong.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I'd prefer a garden that is wild and natural to a well groomed and ordered one.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Human beings should not tamper with nature even when nature is uncomfortable and inconvenient for us.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Turning new unused land over to cultivation and agricultural development should be stopped.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. I'd much prefer a garden that is well groomed and ordered to a wild and natural one.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. When nature is uncomfortable and inconvenient for humans we have every right to change and remake it to suit ourselves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Turning new unused land over to cultivation and agricultural development is positive and should be supported	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Grass and weeds growing between pavement stones really looks untidy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. I oppose any removal of wilderness areas no matter how economically beneficial their development may be.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following are some basic questions that are commonly asked in many public opinion surveys. All responses will remain confidential. Please skip any questions you are uncomfortable answering.

**36** What is your age?

- a. 18 - 24
- b. 25 - 34
- c. 35 - 44
- d. 45 - 54
- e. 55 - 64
- f. 65 - 74
- g. 75 years or older

**37** Which of the following best describes your main daily activities and/or responsibilities? *(check all that apply):*

- a. Working full time
- b. Working part time
- c. Housekeeping / raising children
- d. Student
- e. Retired
- f. Military
- g. Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**38** What is your highest level of education?

- a. High school diploma
- b. Trade / technical / vocational
- c. Bachelor's degree
- d. Master's degree
- e. Doctorate degree
- f. Professional (MD, JD, DDS, etc.)
- g. None of the above

**39** What is your household income before taxes?

- a. Less than \$20,000
- b. \$20,000 - \$49,999
- c. \$50,000 - \$99,999
- d. \$100,000 - \$149,999
- e. \$150,000 - \$199,999
- f. \$200,000 - \$249,999
- g. \$250,000 or more

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. If you would like to receive a summary of the results of the study, please indicate "Yes" by checking the box here: