



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 Are you the first owner of this home since redevelopment?
a. Yes (*Go to question 4*)
b. No (*Go to question 11*)

4 If yes, did you custom design your house?
a. Yes
b. No

5 Did you choose which trees and shrubs were removed during the development of your property?
a. Yes
b. No
c. I don't know

6 During the development of your property, which of the following occurred with respect to vegetation? (*check all that apply*):
a. Understory removed
b. Small diameter trees removed
c. Large diameter trees removed
d. An arborist was consulted
e. A landscape architect was consulted
d. I don't know

7 Were you required to plant trees after the development of your home?
a. Yes (*Go to question 8*)
b. No (*Go to question 11*)
c. I don't know (*Go to question 11*)

8 If yes, how many trees were required to be planted?

9 Of those, did any die?
a. Yes (*Go to question 10*)
b. No (*Go to question 11*)
c. I don't know (*Go to question 11*)

10 If yes, how many?

11 Have any mature trees died on your property?
a. Yes (*Go to question 12*)
b. No (*Go to question 14*)
c. I don't know (*Go to question 14*)

12 If yes, how many?

13 If yes, how long since assuming residence? (*check all that apply*):
a. 1st year
b. 2nd year
c. 3rd year
d. 4th year
e. 5th year or later

14 Have you planted any new trees since assuming residence? (*aside from those in question #8*)
a. Yes (*Go to question 15*)
b. No (*Go to question 17*)

15 If yes, have any of these trees died?
a. Yes b. No

16 If yes, about how many?

17 Does your property contain ravine steep slope?
 a. Yes b. No

18 Does your property contain bluff steep slope?
 a. Yes b. No

19 When designing or purchasing your home, 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 (_____)

20 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%

f. Not sure

21 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"/>

22 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"/>

23 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

24 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 (_____)

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

28 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 Pear
- h. Spruce / Pine
- i. Other (_____)
- j. I don't know.

29 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
- f. None of the above

30 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 (_____)

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

33 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

34 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

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

- a. Yes (Go to question 36)
- b. No (Go to question 37)
- c. Not sure (Go to question 37)

36 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 (_____)

37 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

38 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
- e. I remove buckthorn from my property

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

- a. Sand
- b. Silt
- c. Clay
- d. Not sure

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

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

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

42 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"/>

43 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"/>

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.

- 44** 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

- 46** 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

- 45** 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 (_____)

- 47** 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: