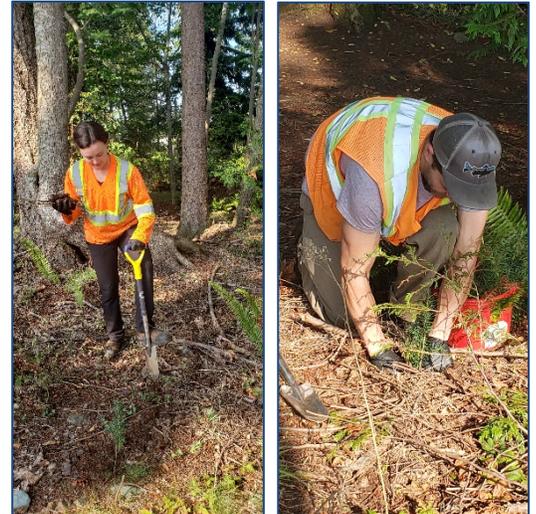


City Plants Trees to Revitalize Urban Forests

As part of ongoing tree maintenance, the City recently completed the planting of 3,000 trees in various parks throughout the City. A mixture of Douglas Fir, Red Alder, Shore Pine, Pacific Dogwood and other species were planted to help re-naturalize Parksville's urban forest areas and increase the probability of survival for many years. The plantings will revitalize urban forest areas devastated by the loss of so many Western Red Cedars.

Trees were planted in the Parksville Wetlands (1,110), Shelly Creek Park South (650), Foster Park (575), Renz Park (215); Springwood Park (180) with the remaining trees planted in smaller wooded areas.

It is believed the decline of the Western Red Cedar is a result of several years of drought. City arborists continue to deal with the loss of cedar trees in our parks with hundreds of trees inspected. Work has progressed in many parks with some work complete, some scheduled and in some parks, no further action to be taken.



In 2019, the City planted 1,000 trees in Renz Park, Bridgewater Park, Shelly Creek Park South, Mark's Nature Park and Foster Park, the Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society planted about 250 ferns and native shrubs in Shelly Creek Park South and along with local beavers, cubs and scouts, City staff planted 300 trees in the Parksville Wetlands.

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