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# TREES *for* TOMORROW



## Status Report

# In the beginning

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*'during the next four years we will plant more trees than we have planted in the last decade, making Markham a greener and better place to live and work'*

**Mayor Frank Scarpitti, December 5, 2006**

# The Goal

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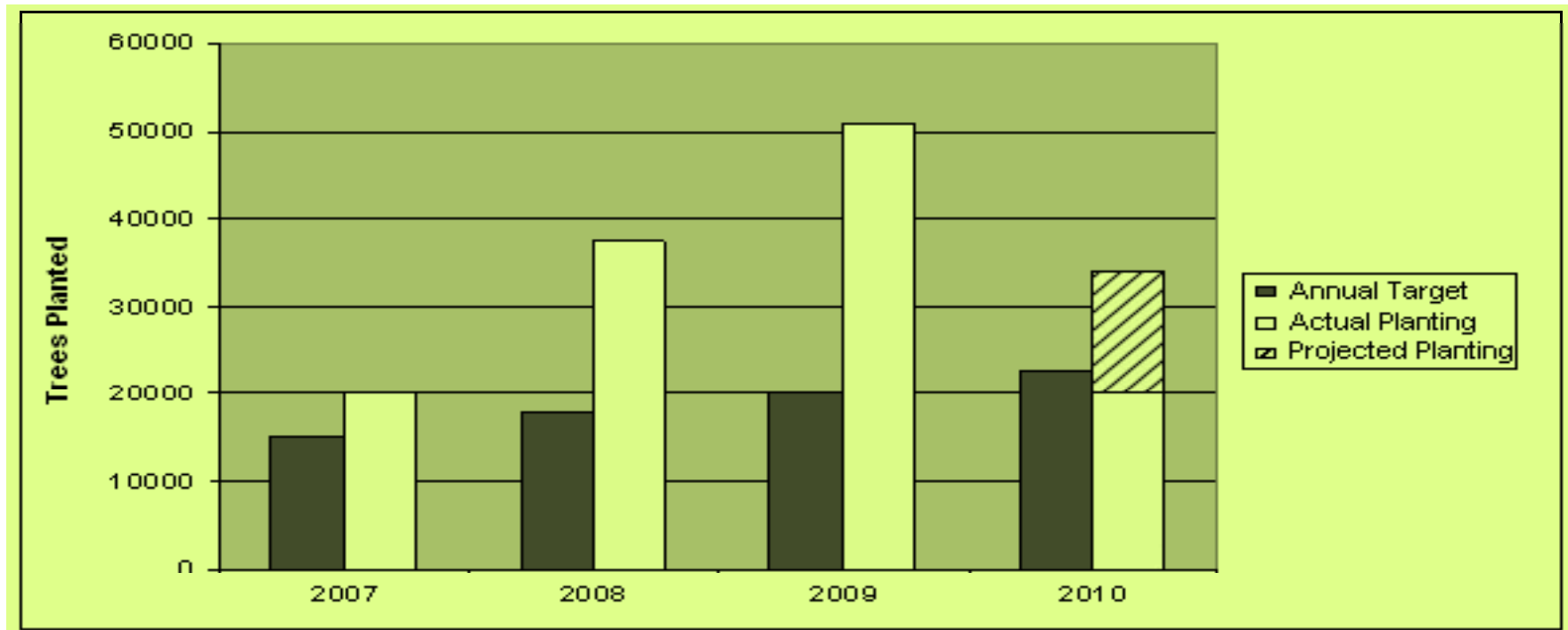
- ❖ Review of tree planting data for the decade prior to 2007 revealed an average annual rate of 7,500 trees planted/year
- ❖ A cross-commission team developed a four year, multi-faceted tree planting initiative: the **Markham Trees for Tomorrow Program**, to achieve the goal of planting 75,000 new trees
- ❖ Annual planting targets of increasing increments were set to fulfil the program's objectives



# The Outcome!



# Annual Totals vs. Annual Targets



- Current Tree Planting Total – 127,534 trees
- Projected Four- year Program Total - > **130,000 trees**

# The Bigger Picture

**Markham's Trees for Tomorrow Program** isn't just about planting trees. Bringing together and engaging other levels of government, public agencies, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, community groups, schools and residents from every neighbourhood, the Trees for Tomorrow Program depicted community building in the broadest sense.





# Our Many Partners

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We gratefully acknowledge the significant contributions of all participants and program partners for helping to make the Trees for Tomorrow Program an unqualified success!

# Trees for Tomorrow: Moving Forward

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## Legacy Items

- ✿ Confirmed commitment by all departments to intensify tree planting component of all projects whenever possible
- ✿ All departments will reference the Trees for Tomorrow Streetscape Manual to incorporate best practice prescriptions as required
- ✿ Continue to adapt and improve maintenance practices to optimize tree growth and health



# Trees for Tomorrow: Long Term View

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- Program elements will be identified and incorporated annually in Operations annual operating budget for Council's consideration
- Program elements to include: continued support of NGO partners (LEAF, Evergreen, Friends of the Rouge Watershed, 10,000 Trees, etc) via Trees for Tomorrow Fund to foster and build community engagement with Tree planting, Stewardship, Community Outreach and Educational opportunities
- Develop long term management strategy (UFORE) to maintain and enhance Markham's Urban Forest and adapt the program accordingly