

Greetings,

Davey Resource Group is excited to announce our partnership with the Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professional (OACFP). Below is information on Davey Resource Group and services we offer throughout Canada.

[Davey Resource Group](#) (DRG) is the urban forestry consulting division to Davey Tree. Our team of over 1,300 professionals specialize in urban forestry, vegetation management, asset management, environment and wildlife. In Canada we are the largest urban forestry consultancy firm and operate out of three established offices: Hamilton, ON, Edmonton, AB, and Delta, BC, with Ontario being our largest strong hold.

DRG's name has become synonymous for large-scale and in-depth urban forestry consulting initiatives such as tree inventories, urban forest management planning, proprietary software solutions (TreeKeeper), forestry contract staffing (non-FTE personnel), forest health surveying, tree preservation and bylaw consultation, advanced tree risk assessments, arborist reports and GIS solutions. DRG has completed an uncontested number of inventories across Canada. Our clients include many public and private parks, Colleges and Universities, smaller municipalities such as Esquimalt or St. Mary's to Canada's largest municipalities such as Toronto, Ottawa, Victoria, London, Mississauga. Many of these projects have included more than half a million trees. Our teams have unparalleled tree inventory experience and capability to tailor a project plan that works specific to each individual client's needs.

From our experience, we have learned many best practices and common pitfalls during the approach to having a tree inventory created. DRG is committed to providing our expertise to ensure the project is properly planned for optimal results. Rest assured that we are available for any consultation necessary to ensure you are making informed decisions regarding your inventory.

Tree Inventory Considerations

The first and foremost step to planning a tree inventory is a shared vision into what the data will be utilized for, understanding the anticipated uses, why the data will be collected (strategic, goal setting, budgeting, maintenance and operational, risk identification, species diversification, planting planning, community awareness, quantifying ecological benefits, etc.), who will access it, how it will be accessed, when it will be used and updated etc. After this is established it will be easier to determine and distinguish what attributes are mandatory versus what attributes are desirable or nice to have.

- Scope of collection – Cemetery Grounds, Woodlot Boundaries, Hazard Trees within Striking Distance etc.
- Basic attributes including GPS location, species, size (DBH), structural condition, health, notes, etc. Basic attributes.
- Other attributes can include appraisal estimate data, photos, risk factors (likelihood, target...), overhead utilities, diseases, maintenance requirements, specific maintenance such as mulching, pruning, improper planting and priorities, planting site identification etc. Only recommended based on needs.
- Specific case management for stumps, hedgerows, forested areas, resident planting trees and minimum size.
- Layers that are available and current GIS systems – where will the data be stored and how to ensure compatibility of collection data and final management software

Tree inventories are typically contracted on a cost per tree basis so an estimate of the total trees should be taken first for budget considerations. This can be done by sampling, comparing to similar size Cemeteries, or basic GIS canopy analysis. We would be glad to also discuss in this respect or support as needed. Cost will be impacted by factors such as overall number of trees, density of trees in targeted areas, level of details, number of attributes, qualifications for the collector, and other various collection process factors.

Data Management and Tree Inventory Software Considerations

[TreeKeeper](#) is DRG's proprietary software and it is an online application compatible for mobile and computer use. Without an efficient and planned method to manage the tree inventory data and a clear goal of what the tree inventory is to establish, the data can become insignificant and another under-utilized business tool. Davey's TreeKeeper is extremely flexible to your requirements and can be used for work order management, tree inventory and planting, general mapping, appraisal and ecological benefit analysis, community viewing, municipal forestry projects and many other uses you may require. If you choose Davey Resource Group for TreeKeeper, we typically include this in our inventory pricing so the first year is on a trial basis. Below is details if you'd like to explore some of the capabilities:

<https://kentdemo.treekeepersoftware.com/>

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Additionally, there are some introduction videos for Treekeeper 8 available in the link below. These videos should serve as a great way to get you familiar with the new system layout. An overview of the system with one of our staff is available at your request:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxK1GWcA6JrjlyFfyGMLBlydyJWwECCJq>

OACFP Members: Working with Davey Resource Group the members of the OACFP are eligible for a **15% discount** on their tree inventory, arborist report, tree risk assessments, and general consulting fee. This offer will be extended to all current members of the OACFP in good standing.



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