Greening our Townships: Right plant, place & purpose

Why it Matters – Planting trees, shrubs and groundcovers will create biodiversity and canopy cover. Green spaces will provide healthy, cooler, and liveable communities.

The right plant

- Locally suitable species
- Climate ready species
- Native and diverse
- Trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and grasses
- Fire resistant & fire retardant trees and plants
- Nurturing existing mature trees.

In the right place

- Species and plants suited to each location and environment (e.g. no trees in dunes)
- Targeting urban heat hotspots
- Social vulnerability and inequality
- Streets and public parks
- Walking and cycling paths
- Public and private land
- Compatible with infrastructure.

For the right purpose

- Access to green spaces for everyone
- Community connections
- Human health and wellbeing
- Increased biodiversity
- Reduced urban heat
- Climate change mitigation
- Stormwater management.

