

## MISSION

*Wyman Jacques Arboretum acquires and maintains plant collections for the purpose of display, education, conservation, research and enjoyment. It is an inclusive, passive public space, allowing all to enjoy the mental and physical restorative benefits of a natural and cultural landscape.*

## VISION

*Wyman Jacques Arboretum will:*

- Provide a public space in Barrie which demonstrates the critical role of plants in natural and cultural environments, while promoting a land stewardship ethic.*
- Be an integral part of Sunnidale Park and the City of Barrie, offering unique opportunities to its visitors through innovative and collaborative, nature based programming while promoting the benefits of being outdoors to all, regardless of age, gender, race or ethnicity.*
- Promote education and discussion on issues such as climate change, food access, aboriginal reconciliation, sustainable landscape practices and the arts through thematic gardens and interpretation, providing inspiration to current and future generations.*

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Existing tree and shrub collections are generally maintained in their current locations. Only minor weeding due to disease or invasive/non-native qualities of a tree or shrub.*
- AODA compliance of new paths and all entries. A trail network hierarchy to be defined as new paths are added. Major Arboretum paths to be planned in accordance with the City-wide trail network.*
- A new maintenance facility and a new washroom facility are to be built. The Dorian Parker Centre is to be renovated for educational and private rental use.*
- Any additional major programming or collection zones are to be located to the south-east of the existing Arboretum boundary.*
- A demographic range of potential Arboretum users are accommodated including older adults, children, and new Canadians.*
- Four-season usability is of importance to attract a range of users and accommodate a range of activities.*
- Upgraded and formalized parking facilities account for accessible parking and proximity to Arboretum destinations.*
- Entries to the Arboretum are well-defined for security, emergency, wayfinding, and Arboretum identity purposes.*
- The Arboretum contains destinations throughout that are well-linked and provide various ways for visitors to enjoy it.*
- The Arboretum promotes education, outreach, and conservation as primary achievable outcomes and seeks partnerships with schools and community groups where appropriate.*