



Homes Adjacent to Natural Areas, Urban Forests, Environmental Reserves and Parks

The intent of the natural areas in any community is to preserve as many trees and vegetation as possible.

When selecting a home or lot that is adjacent to a natural area, park, urban forest, environmental reserve or open space, where trees or vegetation have been left in their "natural state", it is important to know that hazardous trees, diseased trees or trees that prevent maintenance access, may have to be removed from time-to-time. The extent of removal and the visual impact can vary depending on the reason for removal.

If trees are deemed to have the potential to cause a hazard to people or property, municipalities may require the trees to be removed at any time. This type of maintenance occurs on an on-going basis.

Hazard trees are trees that have been damaged, diseased or have reached the end of their lifecycle and have the potential to create harm to person or property. The process of determining "hazardous trees" involves inspections by several parties and may include Municipal Staff, Landscape Architects, Contractors, Developers and or Arborists.

If you have any questions regarding the Natural Areas in your Qualico community, please contact Qualico Communities at 780-463-1126.