

TREES

In March 2023 we asked our community about trees in the City of Marion. 184 people responded to the survey. The feedback was used to create our first Tree Asset Management Plan. Here is what we heard.



STREET AND RESERVE TREES

50%

OF RESPONDENTS SAY



I am easily able to walk along shaded footpaths within the City of Marion.

79%

OF RESPONDENTS THINK



Every property should have at least one street tree in front of it.

77%

OF RESPONDENTS AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT



I like trees on my street.

59%

OF RESPONDENTS AGREE THAT



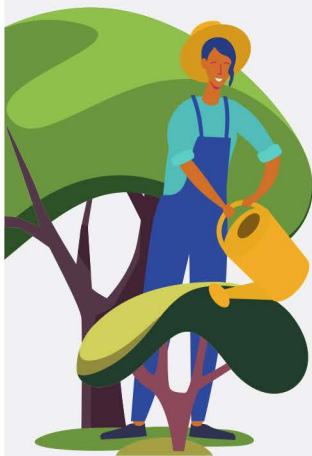
I can see areas where street or reserve trees need to be better maintained by the City of Marion.

94%

OF RESPONDENTS ARE WILLING TO



Provide extra water when a new street tree is planted at the front of their house (e.g. 1 bucket per week).



95%
AGREE

Trees are important in urban areas.

80%
AGREE

It is not reasonable to remove all trees on a property to allow development.

78%
AGREE

I can see areas where more trees need to be planted within the City of Marion.

PLANTING CLIMATE RESILIENT TREES

87% OF
RESPONDENTS
AGREE

With a changing climate some trees are not expected to survive future extreme heat and drought conditions. 87% of respondents agree we should gradually replace trees with a variety of climate resilient species on each street.

TREE CANOPY ON PRIVATE LAND IS DECREASING. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

75% OF
RESPONDENTS
AGREE

- ✓ Raise community awareness of the value of trees.
- ✓ Plant more trees on streets and reserves.
- ✓ Provide incentives for property owners to protect/retain trees on private land.
- ✓ We should be advocating that other parties be required to share the cost of establishing street trees in tricky areas.

