

Andrew Almas Bio:

Andrew Almas is a Lecturer in the Department of Geography and Programs in the Environment, and specializes in urban forest issues. Like most people, Andrew's love of trees *stems* from multiple sources, but none more seminal than growing up next to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton. Walking through the Carolinian Forest with the odd tree labeled so that passersby could identify the species, he took the opportunity to memorize the variety of species present, appreciating the vast diversity. Andrew parlayed this knowledge into an urban forestry position at the Town of Oakville, and then went on to environmental consulting, working on multiple large scale projects. His PhD dissertation was completed at the University of Toronto, exploring the role of native species and other urban forest issues on municipal planning and residents attitudes, actions, and knowledge.