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19 mature trees cut in Mossgrove Park (to fight teen delinquency!)

Can tree terror combat teen terror? The City of Toronto representatives who ordered 19 mature trees axed in Mossgrove Park seem to think it can.

Bordering million-dollar homes in the York Mills and Leslie area, Mossgrove Park has been a popular hangout for rowdy teens for some time. Now the city has come up with a brilliantly bizarre solution to the noisy-teens problem: cut down the trees among which the teens roam. [Click here](#) to see photos of the park and the tree stumps.

What is the logic here? That getting rid of the trees will get rid of the teens? How about some more intelligent, teen-friendly, and earth-friendly solutions, such as community facilities and programs? How about increased police presence while we construct those facilities and build those programs? Surely, there must be a better way to demonstrate good citizenship and stewardship of the earth.

[Click here](#) to read Sue-Ann Levy's column in the Toronto Sun on this topic.

Sadly, this incident brings to mind memories of the many mature trees that were cut along The Donway West in Don Mills in the summer of 2006 and in January 2007. [Click here](#) to see the photos from our Don Mills photo album.

**Only when the last tree has died
And the last river been poisoned
And the last fish been caught
Will we realize
We cannot eat money.
Cree Prophecy**