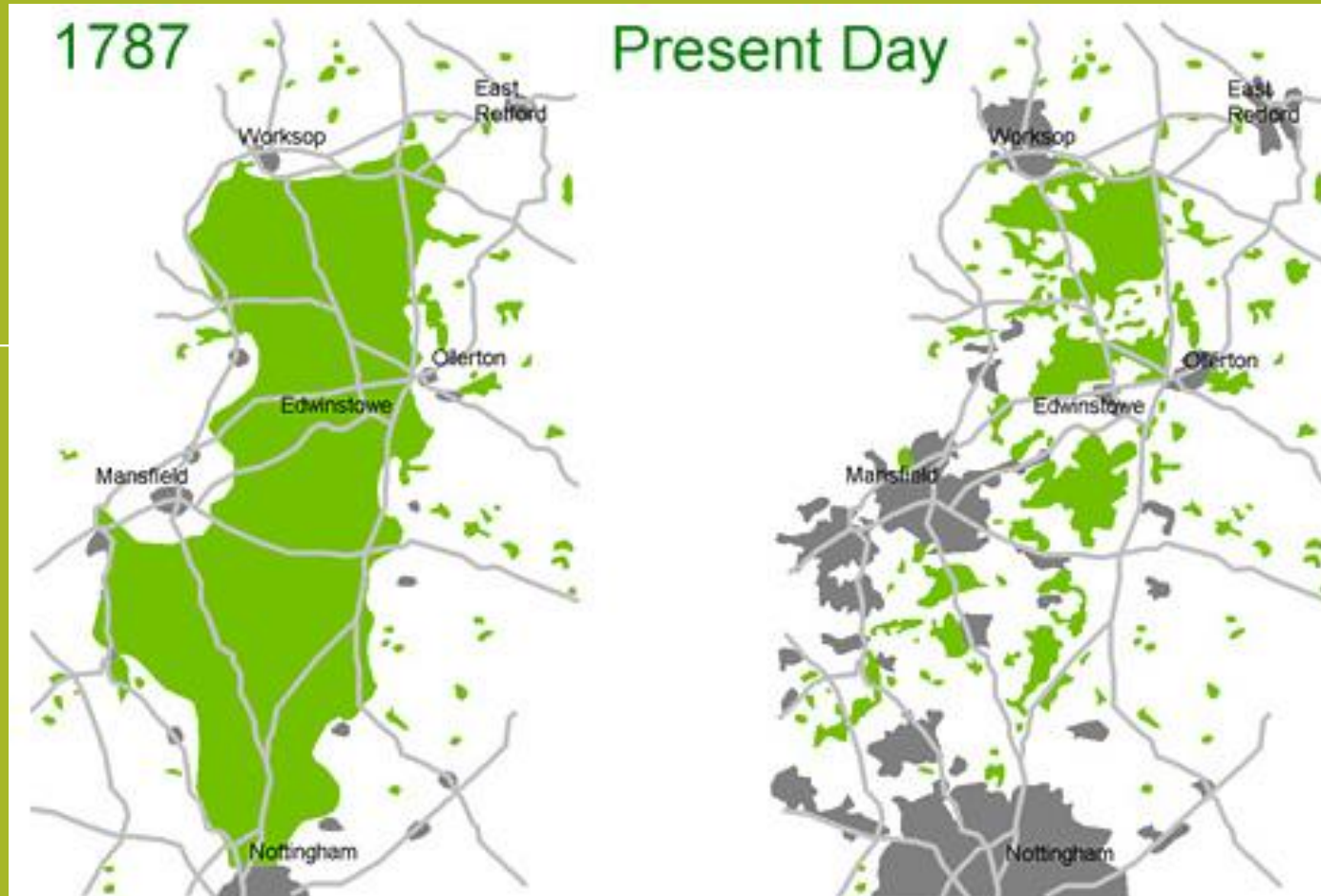


SHERWOOD FOREST - THE PEOPLE'S FOREST



THE FOREST



- Sherwood Forest is synonymous with Nottingham in the minds of both visitors and local people.
- However, there is a huge physical distance between the city and the Forest.
- The Board of Nottingham Open Spaces Forum would like to address this with this ambitious project, led by Sarah Manton.

THE MAJOR OAK (and friends)



- Sherwood Forest is a fraction of its original size.
- The Major Oak, mentioned in many a tale of Robin Hood, will form the focus of the project.
- Working with our resident Robin Hood (Ade Andrews) and the Sherwood Forest Trust, we plan to harvest and grow a forest of saplings from Oaks and other native trees, creating a wide and varied habitat from the Forest deep into the city.

THE PLAN



- We will plant a 'spiral' of talismanic 'Minor Oaks' in parks, school grounds and other identified open spaces from the city centre outwards.
- This will create a curved forest around the city, the wider boundaries and out into the county, jump-starting further tree planting, copse building, clearings and other habitat creation.
- The teaching of environmental and rural skills in all our schools would extend the legacy of Sherwood Forest for hundreds of years to come.

THE PEOPLE



- Working on established links with schools, colleges, universities, community groups (in particular, the county's Women's Institute branches), members of NOSF (the 'friends' groups of the city's parks).
- Ade and Sarah to develop a package to capture the public's imagination and deliver into schools and community projects.

THE PARTNERS

- These organisations are key to ensuring the appropriate level of permission and gravitas. We have links with all of them and have spoken to the majority of them directly regarding the project.
 - They have cross-overs in core aims and messages.
 - This is an excellent opportunity for them to engage with the public on many levels.
 - Multiple partner engagement will make this project financially sustainable.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nottingham City Council• Nottinghamshire County Council• The RSPB• The Sherwood Forest Trust• The Woodland Trust• Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust• Trees for Cities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Renewal Trust• Hungerhill Developments Ltd / STAA• The Welbeck Estate / Thoresby Hall• The Tree Charter• Center Parcs• Private agricultural land-owners• Greenwood Community Forest |
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NOTTINGHAM, GARDEN CITY

As The People's Forest project begins, we will work together with Nottingham creatives, Stencil, to plot and design a 'green map' of all parks, open spaces and importantly, the green 'spaces inbetween' (those not currently recognised officially) within Nottingham city. This will be developed into:

- A visually stunning printed map for residents and visitors to navigate their way around the city's green routes and illustrate our commitment to maintaining and increasing our green spaces.
- An interactive website to connect the city's parks and green spaces with the community, enabling residents and visitors to quickly and easily locate the park closest to them for say, play or sports facilities, to promote upcoming events and also for Friends Groups to ask for volunteer support with litter picking or planting days.
- The map and website will also feature the flora and fauna to look out for in the various habitats around the city.

THE RESULT

These networks, and the immense affection for Robin Hood in the hearts of the Nottingham people, will maximise the impact and increase the sense of ownership of this NOSF project, Sherwood Forest, The People's Forest.



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