

Case Study 2: Mixed Species Hedgerow, Zarka Property, Brampton Date: Spring 2017

Cathy and Mohammed Zarka were at a loss to know what to do with their mixed species hedgerow bordering their suburban garden in Brampton, Ontario. The hedge was predominantly lilac with highbush cranberry, viburnum and two Manitoba maples all growing at different rates.

In 2017, Sarah layed the hedgerow in the South of England style to 1.2 m(4ft) and we have cut back growth by hand every year, increasing the cut height by 2-3 cm each time. The hedge has regrown well and is subsequently fuller and bushier at the base.



Above: Layed hedgerow after 3 years growth showing horizontal pleachers (layed stems) 1



and vertical regrowth \uparrow between ash stakes \uparrow







Above: Healthy pleached stems 1 and 3 years of regrowth



Above: The layed hedge prior to annual trim. Below: Trimming in progress and the final hedgerow







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