

Important Information for the 2019 Tree Planting Season

Forests Ontario Foundation has announced new tree planting incentive programs. The incentives, which offer significant subsidies per planted tree, will be offered on a first come first served basis for a limited allocation of trees.

The details of the programs are as follows:

The 50 Million Tree Program –

- Landowners are required to sign a 15 year agreement to basically not remove / intentionally harm the trees.
- The landowners cost will be a minimum of 15 cents per tree. **Should total the project costs exceed the maximum Forests Ontario subsidy the landowner is responsible for the extra costs.** The current subsidy is \$1.50 per tree.
- The minimum requirement is a 2.5 ac “Block” planting.
- Windbreaks will qualify if connected to the original block planting.
- Only “normal” common species (i.e. no exotics) as suggested within Saugeen’s list.
- Vegetation control must be carried out whether it is by Saugeen Conservation or the landowner.
- The trees must be planted by an approved planting agency such as Saugeen Conservation.

For additional details regarding this program, please read the information on the following pages. To apply for the above program, landowners must complete the **tree planting application form** and submit it to Saugeen Conservation.

Landowner Tree Planting Agreement

Between

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
(name of Program Delivery Agent)

and

(name of Landowner)

Owner's Name: _____ Project No: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Business: _____

Property Location:

Lot: _____ Concession: _____ Geographic Township: _____

Latitude (Decimal Degrees): _____

Longitude (Decimal Degrees): _____

Roll No: _____

AGREEMENT

I, the Owner of the above-mentioned Property, agree to the following terms:

- 1) To contribute a minimum \$0.15 per tree toward plantation establishment costs beyond any in-kind contribution I may make toward implementing the Site Plan; The current subsidy is \$1.50 per tree. **Any costs exceeding \$1.50 per tree are the responsibility of the landowner or may be paid by other programs where available.**
- 2) At my expense, to protect the trees from fire, livestock, pests (e.g. mice, insects, disease), machinery damage, and excessive weed growth, to the best of my ability;
- 3) Not to cut, harvest, or otherwise remove the trees from the planted area for a minimum of 15 years after planting;
- 4) To allow the Planting Delivery Agency (PDA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) or Forests Ontario (FO) representatives entry onto the Property to conduct post-planting inspections and survival assessments. FO and MNR will not enter any property or project area without permission of the landowner and accompaniment of the PDA.
- 5) Agree to the implementation of a Site Plan (Appendix A) prepared by the Program Delivery Agent (PDA).

- 6) To have a sign posted on the Property by the PDA describing the Program;
- 7) The Owner, in applying for this program (herein referred to as the "Program"), hereby agrees to assure in advance of planting:
 - a) That the planting area is adequately fenced from livestock, and;
 - b) That the site is clear of movable debris to allow access for site preparation, planting and tending operations: These provisions will be done at the landowner's expense;
- 8) If the planting location (as per Appendix A) is not fenced or cleared of debris, the PDA reserves the right to not proceed with the activities described in Appendix A;
- 9) The PDA, MNRF and FO are not responsible for the failure of a tree or trees to become established, but will make all possible efforts to see that the project is properly designed and carried out.
- 10) To absolve the PDA, MNRF and FO, of any liability in connection with projects undertaken through the planting program on the Property;
- 11) To indemnify and save harmless the PDA, MNRF and FO from and against all costs, claims, demands, suits, actions, and judgments made, brought or recovered against the PDA, MNRF and FO resulting from or arising out of any alleged act or omission by the Owner, in connection with the services provide or purported to be provided pursuant to this Agreement;
- 12) In the event that the seedling stock is unavailable or the PDA is unable to deliver the Program, the planting will be cancelled and the Owner will receive a full refund of the funds paid by the Owner to the PDA.
- 13) Pending final approval, the **(Insert name of program (may include multiple funding agencies))** Program may cover a portion of the project cost, as listed in Appendix B. If funds are unavailable, the Owner can proceed with the planting at full rates, a reduced planting or a cancellation of the planting and full refund of the deposit.
- 14) This Agreement is a matter of contract between the PDA and _____ **(insert name of Owner)** and is not binding on subsequent owners.
- 15) In the event that the Owner sells the Property, all obligations of the Owner under this agreement will cease.

Owner _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Program Delivery Agency _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Agreement to be signed in duplicate, one copy retained by the Owner and one by the PDA.