

Simcoe County Priority Tree Program – Community Tree Planting Assistance

Program Description: The County of Simcoe provides annual funding support to the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network to support community-based and volunteer tree planting projects within Simcoe County. Available funds can be utilized for the purchase cost of native tree & shrub seedlings, for rooted cuttings and live stakes, and for the purchase cost of vegetative control products such as mulch mats or brush blankets used in association with your tree planting project.

Projects eligible for financial assistance could include:

- Stream and lake shore naturalization & enhancement.
- Wetland & riparian buffer creation & enhancement.
- Windbreak & shelterbelt establishment.
- Habitat improvement projects.
- Creating a connection between existing natural areas.
- Bio-diversity improvement projects.
- Enhancing areas with low forest cover.
- Small-scale afforestation projects.

Program Requirements: Applicants require project pre-approval for funding contribution commitments, and would need to acquire and submit receipt copies for their project eligible expenses. The County of Simcoe and the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network may request that a program sign be installed at or near the project location. Signs are available through the program.

Program Inquiries: Organizations or individuals interested in pursuing a tree planting project and in accessing financial assistance through the program should direct inquiries to: info@dslsn.org

Direct Service Delivery and Larger-Scale Tree Planting Assistance Programs: Property owners seeking direct service assistance with a larger-scale afforestation project should contact the appropriate watershed or funding organization for your local area:

- *Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority* - Telephone (705) 424-1479; E-mail: admin@nvca.on.ca
- *Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority* - Telephone (905) 895-1281; E-mail: www.lsrca.on.ca/contact
- *Toronto & Region Conservation Authority* - Telephone (416) 661-6600; E-mail: info@trca.on.ca
- *Grey-Sauble Conservation* - Telephone (519) 376-3076; E-mail: kmckee@greysauble.on.ca
- *Credit Valley Conservation* - Telephone (905) 670-2210; E-Mail: cvc@creditvalleyca.ca

Coordinated Tree Planting Assistance Agencies / Organizations: Property owners in specific locations that are seeking financial support and coordination assistance for stream restoration and other ecological tree planting projects involving volunteers should contact:

- *Severn Sound Environmental Association* - Telephone (705) 527-5167; E-mail: sseainfo@midland.ca
- *South Simcoe Streams Network/ Nottawasaga Futures* -Telephone (705) 435-1540; E-mail: silvia@nottawasaga.com

Ontario's Fifty Million Tree Program: Landowners and organizations interested in accessing a tree planting agent or financial support through the 50 Million Tree Program, should contact:

- *Trees Ontario Foundation* - Tel: 1-877-646-1193 or visit their web site: www.treesontario.ca

