

## **Trees Ontario Tree Planting Subsidy Programs**

Trees Ontario works with local tree planting agencies in Ontario, including regional Conservation Authorities and local Ontario Stewardship councils to implement its tree planting subsidy programs. Planting agencies then work directly with landowners to determine site eligibility, allocate funding and coordinate tree planting.

There are three tree planting subsidy programs currently available, which include:

### **1. Full Service Incentive Program (50 Cent Program)**

The Full Service Incentive Program provides planting agencies with \$0.50 per tree to help reduce the landowner's planting costs. In turn, the planting agency provides landowners with all services required to plant the trees, including site inspection, preparation of site plan, ordering stock, site preparation, overseeing the tree planting, tending and follow-up survival assessments.

#### **Landowner and Site Requirements:**

- Plant a minimum of 1,500 trees on site
- Use source appropriate native stock
- Ensure there is a minimum density of 1,000 trees per hectare (ha) or 400 trees per acre
- Ensure land is open or mostly open and has not been a woodland as defined by the Forestry Act for 10 years prior to this
- Sign a 15-year agreement with the planting agency

#### **Planting Agency Requirements:**

- Provide full tree planting services to landowners
- Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Trees Ontario describing roles and responsibilities, payment schedules and reporting requirements

### **2. Landowner Tree Planting Program (10 Cent Program)**

The Landowner Tree Planting Program provides planting agencies with \$0.10 per tree to help reduce the landowner's planting costs. Unlike the 50 cent program, the planting agency sells the tree seedlings to landowners, who then plant them. The planting agency is responsible for verifying the planter's ability to properly plant trees.

### **Landowner and Site Requirements:**

- Place orders of 100 - 3,000 native stock to be planted locally
- Ensure soil and site conditions are favourable to tree planting and employ good forestry practices

### **Planting Agency Requirements:**

- Submit a funding request indicating expected annual seedling sales
- Sign a MOU with Trees Ontario describing roles and responsibilities, payment schedules and reporting requirements
- Provide landowner name and planting location
- Verify landowner's ability to properly plant trees (provide instruction if required)

## **3. 50 Million Tree Program**

The new program is designed to significantly reduce landowner's costs of large-scale tree planting and thereby increase the number of trees planted.

### **Landowner and Site Requirements:**

- Have a productive area at least two hectares in size; dependent on local program targets
- Ensure land is open or mostly open and has not been a woodland as defined by the Forestry Act for 10 years prior to this
- Sign a 15-year management agreement to maintain the trees
- Employ good forestry practices
- Contribute \$0.15 per tree towards initial establishment costs
- Assume some of the additional costs to implement the plan and maintain the trees

### **Planting Agency Requirements**

- Prepare a detailed site plan for each property that is approved and signed by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) or a member of good standing in the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA)
- Prescribe only native species (Norway spruce and European larch are acceptable)
  - No more than four species per hectare are permitted and planting density must be at least 1500 trees/ha and no greater than 2200 trees/ha
- Trees cannot be planted for the purpose of Christmas trees or landscape stock production



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### **How to Apply to a Trees Ontario Subsidy Program**

Interested landowners should contact their local planting agency or Trees Ontario at 1.800.646.1193. Local planting agencies, including forestry experts, Conservation Authorities and local Ontario Stewardship councils, should contact Trees Ontario or visit the website at [www.treesontario.on.ca](http://www.treesontario.on.ca).