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# Plant tree, become hero

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There are two simple requirements to become a potential Earth hero: live near the Oak Ridges Moraine and have trees on your property.

Some trees such as red and white pine haven't had healthy cone crops.

Trees Ontario and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation have joined forces to collect healthy seeds to help planting more of these trees.

"If you're a property owner and you have seeds, you can notify us and we would be pleased to pass on the information," Trees Ontario seed and stock co-ordinator Brian Swaile said.

His organization contacts the Ontario Seed Tree Plant in Angus and professional collectors arrange to go to private properties and remove healthy cones for proper storage and planting later.

"If I'm a collector and I'm driving around (and see a good cone crop), I can't proceed on private property. You would be giving permission to have someone come have a look at (your cone crop)," Mr Swaile said.

The collaboration between Trees Ontario and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation is something Kim Gavine, Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation executive director, is thrilled about.

It's important residents are aware they have a role in helping to keep Ontario's tree population healthy, she said.