

## Trees Ontario Tree Planting Subsidy Programs

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

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### 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

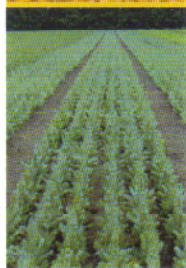
- Plant a minimum of 1,500 trees on site
- Use source appropriate native stock
- Ensure there is a minimum density of 1,000 trees per hectare (ha) or 400 trees per acre
- Ensure land is open or mostly open and has not been a woodland as defined by the Forestry Act for 10 years prior to this
- Sign a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

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### 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 Full Service Incentive 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, which must 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 an 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)

*Note: This program is not available through all partners.*

### 3. 50 Million Tree Program

In the first phase of the Ontario Government's 50 Million Tree Program, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is partnering with Trees Ontario to plant trees on rural private and public land across southern Ontario. The 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
- 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 not greater than 2200 trees/ha
- Trees cannot be planted for the purpose of Christmas trees or landscape stock production

### 4. Special Projects

Trees Ontario supports select special projects, which are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Planting agency partners are asked to submit a project proposal, which will then be reviewed by a technical advisory committee. Please contact Trees Ontario directly to discuss your special project proposal.

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

Landowners should contact their local planting agency to discuss their project proposal and the planting agency should contact Trees Ontario directly to discuss the request.