

# News Release

## RVCA PLANTS THREE MILLIONTH TREE

MANOTICK, July 4, 2006 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) is proud to announce the planting of its three millionth tree in the Rideau River watershed! The RVCA started its forest management and tree planting program back in 1983. Now, 23 years later, we celebrate with the planting of our three millionth tree.

Now is also the time to prepare for the 2007 spring planting season. Any rural landowner with one acre of land or more and a commitment to order a minimum of 500 trees is encouraged to call the LandOwner Resource Centre in Manotick for more information on how to get started in tree planting next spring on your own property.

The “Trees for Tomorrow” program and the City of Ottawa’s “Green Acres” program are full-service reforestation programs planting trees throughout the City of Ottawa and the remainder of the Rideau Valley watershed. The focus is to plant shoreline buffer strips of trees and shrubs, and to reforest larger parcels of idle or marginal lands with native Canadian trees of local stock. Tree planting has become one of our major tools in the continuing campaign to maintain the quality and quantity of clean water available in the Rideau watershed. We traditionally plant about 130,000 trees each year through these reforestation programs.

These projects would not be possible without the support of our many generous funding and conservation partners including City of Ottawa, Wetland Habitat Fund, Lanark, Ottawa, Leeds & Grenville Stewardship Councils, McGarry Family of Chapels, Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre, Tree Canada Foundation, Home Depot Foundation, Ferguson Forest Centre, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Eastern Ontario Model Forest, Ontario Power Generation, Pratt & Whitney Canada, Canada Lands Company, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Forest 2020, Richcraft Homes and the Rideau Valley Clean Water Program.

Interested rural landowners with one acre of land or more and a minimum order of 500 trees are encouraged to contact the LandOwner Resource Centre at (613) 692-2390 or 1 800 387-5304.

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