

News Release

MONEY FOR TREE PLANTING IN THE CITY OF OTTAWA

MANOTICK, September 28, 2006 — Looking for a practical way to plant trees on your idle land and get a little financial help to do it? The City of Ottawa and its conservation partners are preparing to plant approximately 60,000 tree seedlings in the spring of 2007 through the **Green Acres Program**. The tree seedlings are being planted on many sites across rural Ottawa for erosion protection, windbreaks, connecting fragmented forest, stream and riverbank rehabilitation, and to establish forest cover on idle or marginal land. Since the program started six years ago, over 650,000 young vigorous seedlings have been planted on private land within the City of Ottawa.

Types of trees available include white cedar, white and red pine, red oak, tamarack and other native Canadian trees mostly grown at the Ferguson Forest Centre in Kemptville, the tree growing capital of Ontario. Every tree is a little environmental protection station providing erosion control, clean water, wildlife habitat and better local microclimates for the next 80 years.

Rural Ottawa landowners with one acre or more of land and interested in planting a minimum of 500 trees are asked to call the LandOwner Resource Centre at (613) 692 2390 or 1 800 387 5304 as soon as possible. Forestry staff will do a site visit to discuss landowner objectives and prepare a planting plan based on soil texture and drainage, suitable species, recommended site preparation, planting method, and tending.

For properties that may be eligible for incentive grants, Forestry staff will help determine the landowner's options and submit their project to the appropriate program.

Green Acres is a program of the City of Ottawa in partnership with Mississippi Valley Conservation, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, South Nation Conservation, the Ottawa Stewardship Council, and the LandOwner Resource Centre.

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