

News Release

TREES PLEASE IN THE RIDEAU VALLEY

MANOTICK, September 28, 2006 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) and our conservation partners are now taking orders for tree planting in spring 2007. Planting trees is fast becoming one of the key tools in taking care of our watershed and everyone can get involved. **Landowners with at least one acre of land who wish to participate in the tree planting program are encouraged to contact the RVCA's LandOwner Resource Centre at 692-2390 or 1 (800) 387-5304 to place a tree order, book a site visit or get more information.** Forestry staff will help landowners develop a planting plan and acquire any available incentive funding for their tree planting projects. All tributaries within the larger Rideau Valley can use more trees.

Trees act like miniature environmental cleaning stations: the rootlets hold and consolidate the soil preventing erosion, the leaves absorb CO₂ and store it in the wood reducing the effects of climate change, the leaves also give off life-sustaining oxygen into the atmosphere, trees reduce domestic energy use by shielding houses from cold wind and shading houses against the hot summer sun, trees produce wood products like lumber and firewood and also provide shelter and habitat for wildlife and birds. The forest itself is a major filter and cleansing system for water that soaks into the ground and feeds our wells and underground water systems. Research shows that water taken from forested watersheds is naturally far better in quality and quantity to water taken from non-forested lands. The trees take a little tender loving care in the early years, but once they are “free-growing”, they give us all of these advantages at virtually no cost to society for up to 80 years or more. Lots of trees should be an integral part of everyone's property management plan.

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