

# News Release

## CONSERVATION PARTNERS PLANT 98,000 TREES IN RURAL OTTAWA

RIDEAU VALLEY, July 4, 2008 — The City of Ottawa's Green Acres Program planted 98,000 trees this spring. Since it started in the year 2000, close to 850,000 trees have been planted across rural Ottawa.

Are you 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 75,000 tree seedlings in the spring of 2009 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.

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 for the spring 2009 planting season. 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 additional 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 the LandOwner Resource Centre, the Ottawa Stewardship Council, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and South Nation Conservation.

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