

# News Release

## PLANTING TREES NEXT SPRING STARTS NOW!

RIDEAU VALLEY, September 8, 2008 — 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**. Since the program started in the year 2000, over 800,000 young vigorous seedlings have been planted on private land within the City of Ottawa.

There are many native species available and most are 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 Rideau Valley's Conservation Authority's LandOwner Resource Centre at (613) 692 3571 or 1 800 267 3504 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.

Larger properties 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 the LandOwner Resource Centre, the Ottawa Stewardship Council, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and South Nation Conservation.

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