

# News Release

## **LOOKING FOR A WILLING LANDOWNER WHO WANTS FREE SITE PREPARATION, TREES AND TREE PLANTING NEXT SPRING**

RIDEAU VALLEY, September 24, 2008 — Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) often gets calls in the late winter period from community groups, school groups, Scouts or groups of employees willing and able to plant trees as a volunteer day or learning experience. We love to get more trees planted in the Rideau Valley but finding a suitable prepared site at that time of year is often difficult.

We are trying to get ahead of the game by partnering with a landowner in the rural Ottawa area with a ten-acre field that would look great in trees (the field not the landowner). We would prepare the field this fall in preparation for the calls by the generous volunteers next March and the tree planting by those same folks in April and May. The landowner would not be charged for the site preparation, the cost of the trees or the tree planting. The landowner would have complete ownership of the trees but would sign the normal 15-year “let them grow” agreement so that the environment gains at least a little benefit from the investment by RVCA and the community planters.

This is an attempt to help the community volunteers to fulfill their requirements without having to scramble to find a suitable site at a time when we can least afford it.

Anyone owning such a field or knowing someone else who might be interested in this offer is asked to please contact Dan Cooper, RVCA Forestry Technician, at 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext 1124 at their earliest convenience. Thanks everyone.

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