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# RVCA News Release

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## HOME DEPOT PUTS DOWN ROOTS IN THE RIDEAU VALLEY

MANOTICK, October 13, 2005 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is very pleased to welcome The Home Depot Foundation as a partner in our community tree planting program for 2006. The Home Depot Foundation's recent gift of \$15,000 will be used to plant over 8,500 trees in the watershed next spring.

Our Trees for Tomorrow program is a full-service reforestation program planting trees throughout the Rideau Valley watershed south and west of the City of Ottawa. Its focus is to plant shoreline buffer strips of trees and shrubs, and to reforest larger parcels of idle or marginal farmlands with native Canadian trees of local stock. Tree planting has become one of our major tools in the continuing campaign to maintain the quality and quantity of clean water available in the Rideau watershed. We traditionally plant over 100,000 trees each year. We will plant our three millionth tree in the spring of 2006 thanks to the generous community support of The Home Depot Foundation and our other partners in conservation.

The benefits of reforestation include cleaner air and water, wildlife habitat, temperature moderation, erosion control, carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities, wood products and more, all at very little cost to society. For more information about how you or your company can contribute to the Trees for Tomorrow program please visit our website at [www.rideauvalley.on.ca/foundation](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/foundation) <<http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/foundation>> .

The Home Depot Foundation invests in non-profit organizations that are in the business of building better communities. The Home Depot and many of the suppliers who help fill the company's shelves contribute to The Home Depot Foundation to help fulfill their shared vision of creating stronger, healthier neighbourhoods. The Foundation focuses its efforts in the areas of affordable, efficient and healthy housing production and rehabilitation and tree planting to restore urban and rural forests. See [www.homedepotfoundation.org](http://www.homedepotfoundation.org) <<http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/>> for more information.

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