

Forests Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program Fact Sheet

- The 50 Million Tree Program (50 MTP) is an Ontario-based tree planting program run by not-for-profit charity, Forests Ontario.
- The 50 MTP is funded by the Government of Canada, corporate sponsors, and donors.
- The 50 MTP provides technical and financial assistance to planting partners that work directly with landowners to plant trees on their property, helping to increase forest cover across the province by reducing the costs of large-scale tree planting.
- Forests Ontario has planted more than 31 million trees through the 50 MTP since 2008.
- Landowners with the space to plant a minimum of 500 trees (about 0.5 hectares) may qualify for the 50 MTP. Eligible project types include afforestation, riparian, windbreak, and restoration planting.
- According to landowner surveys, the main motivations for participating in the 50 MTP include: improving wildlife habitat, connecting forests to create larger natural corridors, creating recreational opportunities, and leaving a legacy for future generations.
- Over nearly the past two decades, Forests Ontario has developed the complex infrastructure necessary to develop a successful large scale tree planting program, from seed to survival.
- The 50 MTP offers an unmatched level of accountability: Forests Ontario's state of the art database tracks and stores data on each step of the tree planting process.
- Forests Ontario's Planting Delivery Agents perform survival assessments one, two, and five years post-planting to monitor success.
- Forests Ontario works with seed collectors and nurseries to source, collect, process, and store native seed. Seed collection may begin five years ahead of planting.
- The tree nurseries Forests Ontario works with begin growing seedlings for the program up to four years in advance of planting.
- Forests Ontario works directly with more than 90 planting partners that include seed collectors, tree nurseries, conservation authorities, stewardship groups, First Nations, forestry consultants, NGOs, and municipalities to deliver the 50 MTP. Indirectly, the program is estimated to support more than 300 full-time, seasonal jobs.

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