



1 Million
trees planted

FORESTS CANADA & GREENBELT FOUNDATION

Growing Climate-Resilient Forests Across Ontario's Greenbelt

The partnership between **Forests Canada** and the **Greenbelt Foundation** has helped create healthier, more connected ecosystems while supporting long-term environmental sustainability across Ontario's fastest growing region.



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Growing Resilient Landscapes and Communities

Planting trees in near-urban landscapes is essential to sustaining ecological health where development pressures are greatest. Through a shared commitment to increasing forest cover, strengthening ecological connectivity, and restoring resilient ecosystems, the partnership between **Forests Canada** and the **Greenbelt Foundation** has become a powerful catalyst for landscape-scale restoration.

Beyond the Trees: Ecological Outcomes

Since 2022, Forests Canada and the Greenbelt Foundation have partnered to deliver lasting environmental and community benefits, ensuring the right trees are planted in the right places and for the right reasons.

64,310 ha

Wooded areas connected within 1,500 m of planting sites

7,491 ha

Protected areas within 1,500 m of planting sites

91 ha

Planting sites* near Ontario Trail Network
*within 250 m

11 ha

Provincially significant wetlands within 1 m of planting sites

88 ha

Areas of Natural and Significant Interest within 100 m of planting sites



Strengthening Communities. Growing Impact.

The one million trees planted in partnership with the Greenbelt Foundation have significantly expanded the reach and growing impact of **Forests Canada's Tree Planting Program**, helping to restore forest cover, improve habitat connectivity, and enhance the ecological and agricultural health and resilience of one of North America's fastest growing regions.

As economic, environmental, and climate pressures intensify, the **Forests Canada-Greenbelt Foundation** partnership demonstrates the power of long-term investment and sustained action to create healthier, more connected forest landscapes that provide lasting benefits for nature, communities, wildlife, and future generations throughout Ontario's Greenbelt.

**FORESTS CANADA'S IMPACT IN THE GREENBELT REGION:
2008-2025**



7.1 Million
trees planted



26,494
hectares protected*



1,126
landowners engaged



3,019
planting sites

Transforming Landscapes Through Partnership

This collaboration combines the Greenbelt Foundation's long-term vision and investment with Forests Canada's expertise in large-scale tree planting and forest restoration. Together, they show how strategic partnerships can deliver lasting environmental, social, and economic benefits.

Empowering communities. Building long-term relationships that empower urban and rural landowners to support forest restoration and ecosystem health in their communities.

Growing forests for the future. Implementing a systems-based restoration approach rooted in quality seed sourcing, planting, monitoring, and adaptive management to support resilient forests and deliver lasting impact.

Connecting landscapes. Enhancing ecological connectivity by linking forests, wetlands, and natural habitats, creating healthier ecosystems that support biodiversity, wildlife movement, and climate resilience.

Powering a restoration economy. Bringing together landowners, seed collectors, nurseries, planting crews, municipalities, and funders to strengthen restoration supply chains and support local economic growth.



*Hectares of protected areas within 1,500 metres of planting sites.

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