

# Catfish Creek Conservation Authority

## Private Landowner Reforestation Assistance Program

### Policy and Procedures

#### Introduction:

The Catfish Creek Conservation Authority provides a Reforestation Program to private landowners owning property within the Catfish Creek watershed to improve the overall health of the environment.

The following list of criteria will be followed when determining the eligibility of potential sites for the planting of native and Carolinian species/stock.

#### Landowner Responsibilities:

To qualify, the landowner will:

- complete and sign a tree order and planting form;
- agree to conduct any work or site preparation deemed necessary by the CCCA, prior to the arrival of the planting crew;
- obtain written permission from the municipality if they want to plant trees closer than 6 metres (20 feet) to a municipal drain;
- pay the cost of the seedlings prior to pickup in accordance with the current price list;
- agree to permit staff from the CCCA to enter onto property to conduct necessary planting, inspections, data collection, establishment, and follow-up surveys as necessary;
- contact the Authority (a minimum of (3) three months) prior to planting to place the tree order;
- have written permission of their neighbours to plant along the property line otherwise planting will not be closer than 1.5 metres (5 feet) from surveyed property line;
- agree to protect newly established trees from fire, animals grazing, damage, and cutting for a period of (15) fifteen years. This will include monitoring the site for insect and disease damage, and notification of CCCA staff of significant tree mortality and or damage;
- order a minimum of 100 native tree seedlings in bundles of 50 per species;
- ensure any work undertaken in the plantation after the (15) fifteen year period will be in conformity to the Elgin County Tree Cutting By-Law; and
- call within 48 hours of being contacted by the CCCA to make arrangements for the pickup of their tree order if planting themselves.

CCCA Responsibilities:

The Conservation Authority will:

- provide free technical advice on species type, ground preparation, spacing, etc;
- prepare a planting sketch map for each site;
- hand or machine plant in windbreaks, buffer strips, and unforested areas (minimum of 500 tree seedlings, with no maximum);
- pickup, store, and plant the trees in April/May;
- spray previously planted sites if requested;
- accept tree orders until the end of January
- offer tree planter rentals;
- provide each applicant with a current listing of the native tree species available and the associated costs;
- provide each applicant with a current fee schedule of the planting, spraying, cold storage, and shipping services available; and
- not guarantee the survival of the trees for a period greater than (6) six months after the time of pickup or planting.

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General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

September 14, 2006  
Date

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CCCA Chairperson

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