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Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Tree Planting Program: Nearly 6 Million Trees Planted Since 1974

ALL SAUGEEN WATERSHED MUNICIPALITIES – Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Township of Chatsworth, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of Hanover, Township of Howick, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of South Bruce, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Kincardine, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington-North, Town of Saugeen Shores, Township of Southgate, Municipality of West Grey.

For over 60 years, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) has been committed to reforestation, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable forest management across the watershed. Since 1974, SVCA has planted 5.9 million trees in partnership with local landowners, municipalities, and environmental organizations.

Through its dedicated forestry team, SVCA has restored approximately 8,423 hectares of land, working alongside more than 1,144 landowners to support a healthier, more resilient landscape. The largest planting season on record was 2010, with 244,720 seedlings planted.

“At Saugeen Conservation, we don’t just plant trees - we grow forests. Our forestry program is designed to provide long-term benefits for landowners and the environment, helping to combat climate change, enhance biodiversity, and improve soil and water health.” - Donna Lacey, SVCA Manager of Forestry and Lands

SVCA’s tree planting services include:

- ✓ Free site assessments to determine the best species and planting approach for each property
- ✓ Custom planting plans tailored to landowners’ objectives
- ✓ Full-service tree planting using both machine and hand-planting techniques
- ✓ Cost-sharing opportunities that reduce expenses for landowners through funding programs
- ✓ Post-planting survival assessments to ensure long-term success

As an authorized Planting Delivery Agent (PDA) for Forests Canada, SVCA participates in the 50 Million Tree Program, which provides financial assistance for eligible landowners. This program has helped make tree planting accessible and affordable, with funding covering up to 90% of costs.

However, SVCA’s forestry expertise extends far beyond Forests Canada’s programs. The Authority offers independent planting projects, afforestation initiatives, and sustainable forest management plans to support private landowners, municipalities, and community organizations in achieving their environmental goals.

To learn more about SVCA’s forestry services or to inquire about tree planting for 2025, visit:

www.saugeenconservation.ca/trees

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Photo: SVCA tree planting device row planting cedar trees alongside a watercourse.
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