

## REFORESTATION & NATIVE TALL GRASS

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### Project Agreement to Acquire Funds

1. **Site preparation is the landowner's responsibility** which includes:
  - a. Mowing weeds, grass
  - b. Spraying grasses/ weeds if needed
  - c. Potentially planting a cover crop. Site must be lightly tilled. LTVCA can assist with seeding or planting.
  
2. **Site maintenance is the landowner's responsibility**, the first three years after planting are the most important for best survival, growth rate, and establishment. Maintenance includes:
  - a. **Tree Planting**
    - i. Mowing and maintaining a grass free zone around the stem (approximately 1' or 30cm diameter) via herbicide or mulch.
  
  - b. **Native Tall Grass**
    - i. Mowing once in mid-June or when the Canada Thistle flowers, again in late October.
  
3. **Landowner is responsible for the retention of the project for a minimum of 15 years.**  
*Survival assessments on tree planting projects will be done the year of planting, year 2 and year 5.*
  
4. **Full payment is required up front for Tree Planting orders and Native Tall Grass planting to ensure order confirmation and funding securement.**

Name of Landowner (Print)	Name of LTVCA Representative (Print)
Signature of Landowner	Signature of Representative

## Incentive Information

**Forest Ontario 50 MTP:** minimum 2.5 acres, up to 75% coverage, landowner pays a minimum 25% of cost, windbreaks are covered but maybe only eligible for 50% coverage, area cannot have been designated a woodlot in 10 years, does not cover shrubs, Blue Spruce and Austrian Pine.

**OPG funding (Chatham-Kent only):** minimum 1 acre, 40% coverage, landowner pays 60% of total cost, windbreaks are not eligible.

**Forest Ontario Forest Recovery Program:** minimum 1.5 acres or 1000 trees, up to 75% coverage, landowner pays a minimum of 25% of cost, site may have been designated woodlot, 10% shrub component allowed. Will fund Colorado Blue Spruce and Austrian Pine.

**Wetland Restoration:** Incentives for wetland restoration of 50% or more are offered through LTVCA and partnering organizations, please contact staff for more details.

**Native Tall Grass:** LTVCA offers incentives on agricultural buffer strips and prairie restoration of 50% or more; please contact stewardship staff for more details.