



Protect forests; Protect water

Minnesota lost 15 million acres of forests since pre-European settlement. Over 95% of this loss happened on private lands. One of the best ways to protect water quality is the protection and reforestation of today's open lands on private tracts that were once forested.

Forests on well vegetated lands serve as a giant natural sponge, filtering and retaining stormwater. A healthy variety of plants and their deep root system retains soil, soaks up water and filters contaminants. Woodlands protect both groundwater and surface water.

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To get started contact your county's Soil and Water Conservation District:

Aitkin SWCD
218-927-7284

Anoka Conservation District
763-434-2030

Benton SWCD
320-968-5300

Crow Wing SWCD
218-828-6197

Isanti SWCD
763-689-3271

Kanabec SWCD
320-679-1391

Mille Lacs SWCD
320-983-2160

Morrison SWCD
320-631-3551



Tree Planting Program

Rum River Watershed

Get advice and financial assistance to plant trees on your property!



Ready to reforest your land? Here's your chance!

The Rum River Watershed, where your land is located, is part of a pilot program to replant Minnesota's forests on privately owned lands enrolled in 20 or 50 year Sustainable Forest Incentive (SFIA) covenants or in a conservation easement.

The majority of forest loss has occurred on private lands. You can help reverse this trend, all while improving water quality, providing wildlife habitat, and promoting carbon sequestration. If you're ready to reforest, please contact us—you may qualify for technical and financial assistance to plant trees on your land.



The Tree Planting Project:

A cooperative approach to providing technical and financial assistance to landowners in the Redeye, Long Prairie, and Rum River Watersheds for tree plantings on permanently protected lands either enrolled in SFIA or a conservation easement.

Eligible cost-share activities include:

- Site preparation
- Tree planting
- Trees
- Tree protection
- Vegetative competition control

Interested?

Call your local soil and water conservation district to learn more about financial assistance for your future tree planting today!

Where is the Rum River Watershed?

