



## Woodlot Storm Recovery Program - Application Guidelines



On May 21, 2022, a derecho, a narrow line of intense winds up to 190km/hr, caused extensive damage to forested areas in Eastern Ontario from the City of Ottawa eastward through the municipalities of Clarence-Rockland, Alfred-Plantagenet, Champlain, and East Hawkesbury.

A partnership with the Government of Canada is supporting a recovery program for woodlot owners affected by the May 2022 Derecho Storm.

This program is based on the long-standing success of South Nation Conservation's (SNC) Tree Planting and Woodlot Advisory Programs which offer free advice on the management of private woodlots, support the creation of Forest Management Plans, and provide cost-share funding to help source, plant, and tend tree seedlings.

This reforestation program provides funding for storm clean up and site preparation to help prepare sites for tree planting with the objective of restoring the forest, increasing forest resilience through biodiversity, and sequestering carbon.

Future maintenance costs and any tree replacement are the responsibility of the landowner.

The management framework includes a site visit to each interested and eligible landowner's property to determine their site-specific objectives, the preparation of a silvicultural prescription by a qualified forestry professional, a tree planting plan, and survival assessments, all based on the site-specific evaluation. SNC, on behalf of landowners, will administer all work to complete forest restoration.

The goal of the project is to maintain or enhance carbon-storing potential of these forest areas while enhancing biodiversity and resiliency to climate change.

### Eligible Applicants

Woodlot landowners, with a minimum of 4.0 hectares, within the City of Ottawa and the United Counties of Prescott-Russell impacted by the May 2022 derecho storm event.

- Applications will be tracked by registered owner, tax roll and/or property identification number (PIN).
- Landowners must be willing to enter into a site preparation and tree planting agreement with SNC.

**Note:** Funding is limited, and supply of tree seedling is subject to availability, therefore work will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Additional landowners will be placed on a waiting list.



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### **Eligible Costs**

- Permits and approvals
- Supplies and materials directly related to access for cleanup or site preparation (i.e., gravel, culverts, etc.)
- Contract labour and equipment

### **Ineligible Costs**

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents, or applicant's business
- Taxes (i.e., HST)

### **Funding**

- 100% of supplies, materials, contractor equipment and labour (before taxes)
- Subsidized tree planting. Landowner costs: \$0.46 per conifer seedlings and \$0.70 per hardwood seedling, to a maximum landowner fee of \$5,000

***Note: Reforestation is mandatory to access funding for professional services and site preparation.***