3. Tree Planting/	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Due
Woodland Restoration	75%	\$10,000	November 1, 2019

Purpose:

• Tree planting to reduce forest fragmentation and increase forest cover by creating wildlife corridors.

Category Guidelines:

- Plantings larger than 1 hectare or 1000 trees must be stamped by a Registered Professional Forester
- Plantings larger than 2.5 acres will meet a reforestation rate of 800 trees/acre
- Livestock must be restricted from the project area
- All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before planting

Eligible Projects:

- Upland woodland reforestation, wildlife corridor creation/restoration
- Slough forest restoration/pit and mound restoration
- Replanting previously NPCA planted sites that have failed to achieve a 70% survival rate

Eligible Costs:

- Contractor labour and planting services
- Site preparation
- Plant material
- Habitat enhancement features (nesting structures)
- Temporary fencing to restrict livestock access

Ineligible Costs:

- Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material
- Relocation of established trees
- Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit (i.e., Christmas trees, nurseries, etc.)
- Caliper-sized trees
- Landowner labour costs
- Administrative costs

Key Performance Indicators:

- Trees planted
- Shrubs planted
- Hectares of planting
- Hectares of forest restoration in degraded woodlands

Tree Planting Evaluation Matrix

Mailing Address:

Watershed:

Project Description:

Application

Does this project fit within the guidelines? (Yes/No)

Complete application? (Yes/No)

Is the applicant willing to sign a project agreement? (Yes/No)

Project Evaluation

Tree planting (1 point for each level, up to 5 points)

Less than 1 acre (1 point) 1 Acre to 2.5 acres (2 points) 2.5-5 acres (3 points) 5-10 acres (4 points) 10 acres+ (6 points)

Does the project area contribute to a headwater area (watershed of 1st or 2nd order stream)? (2 points)

Watercourse through or adjacent to planting (within 30m) (Select One)

Cold Water System (4 Points) Warm Water System (3 points) Intermittent Watercourse/ Swale (1 point)

Part of a larger naturalization project? (1 Points)

Increase connectivity to existing habitat, reducing fragmentation (Select one)

Corridors <50m wide (1 point) Corridor 50-100m wide (2 points) Corridors >100m wide (3 Points)

Increase interior forest area as defined by How Much Habitat is Enough? (2 points)

Within 2km of another forest patch? (1 point)

Increase the size of the largest forest patch per watershed? (1 point)

Increase habitat to adjacent to or surrounding a significant feature, PSW (3 points)

Replanting in damaged or degraded habitat? (2 points)

Additional sources of funding? (choose one)

Funding secured (3 points) Unsecured but pending (2 points)

Does the site fall within the Priority Areas for Forest Cover? (4 Points)

Does the site fall within the Priority Areas for Water Quality? (3 Points)

Staff Comments: