



## Woodlands Stewardship Program Guidelines

### Goals

- To educate and increase awareness of the stewardship of forested areas in Halton Region.
- To encourage interest and the active management of forest resources on private lands in Halton.
- To increase the quantity and quality of forested areas within Halton for the long term.

### Objectives

- Provision of resources for the landowner in the form of brochures, contact lists, public workshops, professional extension services, stewardship hotline and landowner contact.
- Provision of funding to assist landowners with the establishment, rehabilitation and management (Stewardship) of forested areas.

As a landowner in Halton Region, you may be eligible to participate in the Region's Woodlands Stewardship Program. Halton Region provides financial assistance to landowners wishing to:

- **Prepare a Forest Management Plan**
- **Purchase and Plant Nursery Stock**
- **Employ Tree Marking Services**

**Applicants are subject to the following criteria:**

#### Preparation of a Forest Management Plan:

- Submit application
- Application review is on a first come first served basis, subject to availability of budgetary resources
- Minimum property size of 2 ha (5.0 acres)
- Forest Management Plan must be prepared by a Registered Professional Forester
- Funding level:
  - 50% of incurred cost to a maximum of \$1000.00 per property per plan
  - Submit Forest Management Plan Proposal and budget for approval
  - Staff will review submission and advise of approval and funding level
  - Upon project completion submit invoices and plan for Regional staff review and approval
- Note: upon completion all funded projects are subject to field verification/plan review prior to release of funds



### Tree Marking Services

- Call the Regional Forester for site visit
- First come first serve basis
- Minimum woodland size 0.5 ha (1.2 acres)
- Tree marking services provided by Halton Region staff for product that will be used solely by the landowner and not for product sale
- Marking services are subject to staff availability
- Service is at no cost to landowner

### Purchase and Planting of Nursery Stock

- Submit application
- Application review is on a first come first serve basis, subject to availability of budgetary resources
- Minimum property size of 2 ha (5.0 acres)
- Planting of native tree and shrub species only
- Preference will be given to:
  - Planting projects involving maintenance or establishment of slope stability, stream bank/riparian stability and stream bank cover
  - Planting projects that serve to increase connectivity to amongst existing woodlands
  - Restoration projects or plantation establishment in accordance with an approved Forest Management Plan
- Funding Level:
  - 50% of incurred cost to a maximum of \$2000.00 per property per calendar year
  - Submit planting/rehabilitation proposal and budget for approval
  - Staff will review submission and advise of approval and funding level
  - Upon project completion submit invoices and plan for Regional staff review and approval
- Note: upon completion all funded projects are subject to field verification/plan review prior to release of funds

### **Application**

Application for funding to be made to the Halton Regional Forester with the following information:

- Name
- Mailing address
- Telephone number
- Site location (lot, concession, municipality)
- Total site area
- Total planting, rehabilitation or management plan area
- Project objectives, outline and site map
- Other sources of funding sought