

## Volunteer Events

### Arbor Day Ceremony

May 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Orchard Glen Park

- **Adult** volunteers needed to plant trees and shrubs with middle school students
- Short training session held at beginning of the event
- Snacks and water while supplies last

### Fargo Reforest the Red

September 12, 12pm - 7:30pm. Backup weather date is September 13.

Location: 3953 10th ST N

Parking: Street parking

- Volunteers needed to plant trees and shrubs
- Short training sessions held throughout event
- Hot dogs will be served from 1-3pm and 5-7pm, water served all day while supplies last

### Moorhead Reforest the Red

Tentative Date: June 8, 1-4pm

Location: Horn Park

- Volunteers needed to plant trees and shrubs
- Short training sessions held throughout event

## Volunteer Details

Tree/shrub planting will consist of volunteers digging holes, planting the tree/shrub, mulching and watering.

What to wear: long pants, closed toed flat shoes, and gloves that can get muddy. Dress for the weather!

For safety reasons, we ask that one adult is present for every five youth K-8.

**Bring your friends, family, and/or associates to share this fun**



**Yes! I would like to volunteer at tree planting events!**

Please return this portion to:

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Please Check: Arbor Day Ceremony: May 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Reforest the Red: Fargo \_\_\_\_\_ Moorhead \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reforestation of the Riparian Zone

A riparian zone is the land adjacent to rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

### Reforestation of the Red River Will...

**Improve bank stability**—River banks are stabilized by permanent deep roots of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers that can slow down erosion and slumping.

**Improve water quality**—Dense stems of native grasses, shrubs, and trees physically slow surface runoff and floodwater, causing sediment to be dropped on the soil rather than in the waterway.

**Provide suitable habitat for the river wildlife**—Riparian zones provide crucial habitat for birds and other wildlife such as herons, wood ducks, turkeys, turtles, foxes, and eagles. A diversity of plant species ensures the greatest variety of wildlife.

**Provide shade**—Shade cools stream temperatures, which allows aquatic species, such as fish, to thrive.

**Improve air quality**—A healthy riparian zone filters out windblown sediment and air born pollutants.

**Additional recreation opportunities**—The riparian zone provides opportunities for recreationalists to fish, bird watch, picnic, and enjoy other activities.

**Reduce crime rates**—Residential areas next to green spaces have been shown to create neighborhoods with lower crime rates.

# Supporters



## Volunteer to plant trees and shrubs along the Red River!



Strategically planting trees along the Red River creates a buffer, maintains river bank stability, encourages growth of native plants, improves water quality (Fargo-Moorhead's drinking water source), and provides habitat for wildlife.