

## SUPPORTERS



## REFORESTING THE RIPARIAN ZONE

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

## REFORESTING 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.

### INCREASE 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.

## REFOREST THE RED



## 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.

## VOLUNTEER EVENTS

### Arbor Day Ceremony

May 17

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Eagle Pointe 2 Park  
1646 73rd Ave S, Fargo

- 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 11

12:00-7:00 p.m.

Backup weather date is September 12.

Location: Trollwood Park

- Volunteers needed to plant trees and shrubs
- Short training sessions held throughout event
- Hot dogs will be served from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m., water served all day while supplies last

### Moorhead Reforest the Red

Date: June 7

1:00-4:30 p.m.

Location: River Oaks 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Reforest the Red: Fargo \_\_\_\_\_ Moorhead \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Registration is available online at: [riverkeepers.org/volunteer](http://riverkeepers.org/volunteer)**