

PARTNERS



WHAT IS A 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 22

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Longfellow Elementary
20 29th Avenue North, 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 9

12:00-7:00 p.m.

Back up weather date is September 10.
Location: Red River Trail East of the City of
Fargo Water Treatment Plant.
1550 South River Road, Fargo

- 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

June 5

Noon-4:00 p.m.

Back up weather date is June 12
Location: 3501 Riverview Circle South

- Volunteers needed to plant trees and shrubs
- Short training sessions held throughout event
- Snacks and water while supplies last

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