

## ARBOR DAY EVENTS

### Arbor Day Party

May 16 | 4:30—7 p.m.

Location: Rheault Farm

- Free event for the entire community to learn about trees and nature hosted by the Fargo Park District.

### Arbor Day Ceremony

May 17 | 9:30—11:30 a.m.

Back up weather date TBD

Location: Madison Elementary School, Fargo

- Adult volunteers need to lead a group of students in planting trees
- Short training session held at the beginning of the event

## VOLUNTEER DETAILS

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

Scan the QR code to watch a training video on [how to plant a 5 -7 ft. tall tree:](#)



And [how to plant a sapling:](#)



### What to Wear

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



### Safety

For safety reasons, we ask that one adult is present for every five youth 8th grade and younger.

## SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Bring your friends, family, and/or associates to share this fun experience! Sign up by scanning the QR code, emailing [Kimberly@riverkeepers.org](mailto:Kimberly@riverkeepers.org), or calling 701.356.8915



## 2023 STATS

THANK YOU to our volunteers who made 2023 another successful year!

539

1565

5200

Volunteers Volunteer Hours Trees Planted



## FAQ

### What is a riparian zone?

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

### What species are planted?

Native species are chosen based upon technical knowledge of species, site conditions, location, climate trends, and availability. Therefore what is planted at each site varies.

### Do you consider that animals may eat the trees?

Yes, that is something that is considered when planning the number of trees/shrubs planted and how close they are planted together. Once planted, the area is no longer mowed allowing more natural re-vegetation as well.

## REFOREST THE RED EVENTS

### Reforest the Red Moorhead

May 23 | Noon—4 p.m.

Back up weather date is May 30

Location: 1003 River Dr S, Moorhead

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

### Reforest the Red Fargo

September 18 | 12-7 p.m.

Back up weather date is September 19

Location: North River Grassland, Fargo

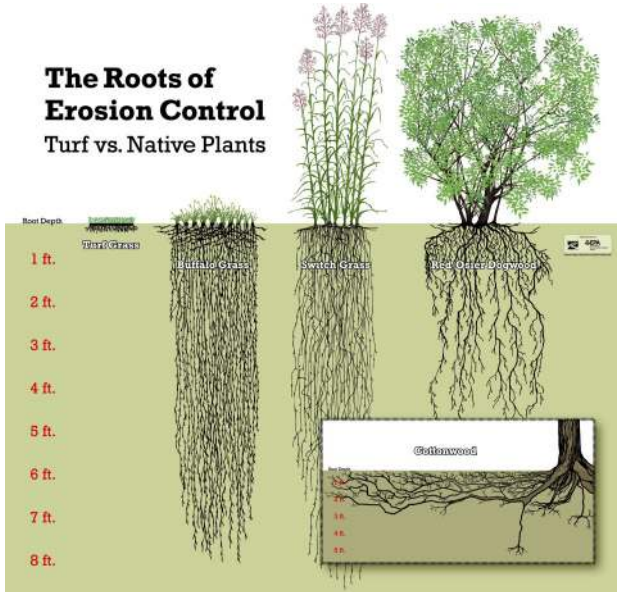
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## WHY REFOREST THE RED?

## PARTNERS



### The Roots of Erosion Control Turf vs. Native Plants



#### 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 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



## 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.