

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 needed 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!

2023 STATS

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

539

1565

5200

Volunteers

Volunteer Hours

Trees Planted



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

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



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, or calling 701.356.8915



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?

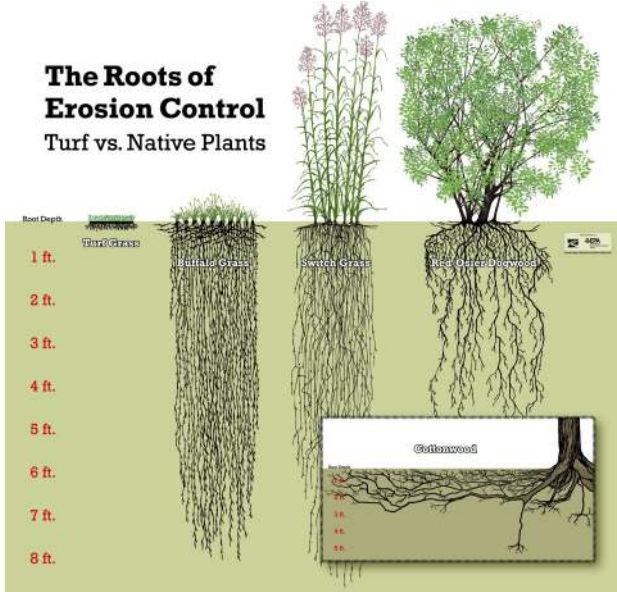
Yes, that is something that is considered when planning the number of trees/shrubs planted and how close they are planted together. Once planted, the area is no longer mowed allowing more natural re-vegetation as well.

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.