REFOREST THE RED

Reforest the Red Moorhead

May 19, 2026 | Noon-4 pm
Back up weather date is May 28
Riverfront Park

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

Reforest the Red Fargo

September 23, 2026 | 12-6:30 pm
Back up weather date is September 24
3650 River Drive South

- Volunteers needed to plant trees and shrubs
- Short training session held throughout 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. tree:

how to plant a sapling:

What to Wear

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

Youth Supervision

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

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.

IMPACT

In 2025, volunteers planted over 4,000 trees and shrubs in Fargo and Moorhead! Thank you for making this possible!

Hear from local businesses why they love Reforest the Red:

FAQ

What is a riparian zone?

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

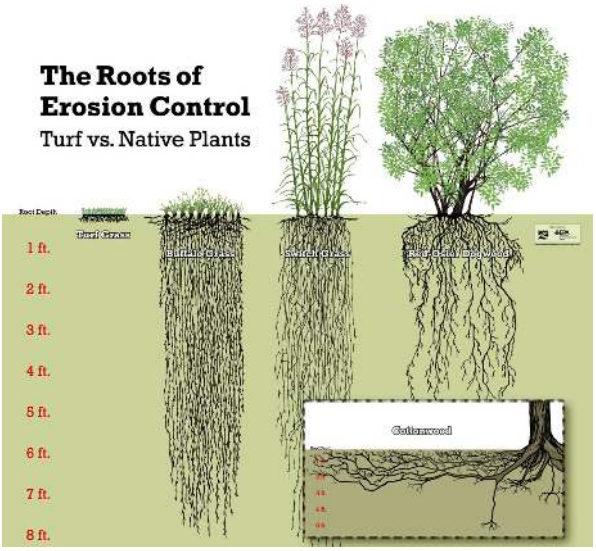
What species are planted?

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?



IMPROVE BANK STABILITY
Riverbanks 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 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 animals like 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 wind blown sediment and air born pollutants.

INCREASE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
The riparian zone provides opportunities for recreationalists to fish, bird watch, picnic, and much more.

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Reforest THE Red

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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.