

Tree Planting Programs on Prince Edward Island

1. Carbon Capture Tree Planting Program

What is the Carbon Capture tree Planting Program?

Planting and tending trees is one of the tools that can be used to combat rising greenhouse gas levels because trees use and store tremendous amounts of carbon over their lifespan. Through the Low Carbon Economy Fund, the Province is seeking to meet its climate change targets by planting native tree species on 250 ha of abandoned fields and other marginal lands on public and private properties across Prince Edward Island.

The Carbon Capture Tree Planting Program (CCTPP) has identified the following priority sites on PEI including:

- high-sloped fields
- sites with sensitive soils
- watershed areas with reduced forest cover

Other sites may also be considered. There must also be at least 1.0 ha (2.5 ac) of land available for planting.

What is covered under the CCTPP program?

The Carbon Capture Tree Planting Program covers all planting costs, as well as a one-time Alternate Land Uses Service (ALUS) payment for the planted area. Sites planted under CCTPP are also eligible for other services offered through the Forest Enhancement Program.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/cctpp>

2. Hedgerow Planting Program

What is the Hedgerow Planting Program?

Hedgerows are an integral part of the Island's landscape lining fields and providing shelter from winter winds and summer heat. The Hedgerow Planting program was designed to establish and/or restore healthy tree hedges to reduce wind and water erosion, and to reduce home & business heating and cooling costs.

What are the Requirements for Hedgerow Planting?

A department representative will inspect the site, assess the number of trees required, and review options with the property owner based on the following criteria:

- Land must be a minimum of 2.5 acres (1 hectare).
- Space must be available to plant at least 300 seedlings
- The applicant will pay for the number of seedlings planted: \$1 each, plus tax.
- The applicant will prepare the site for planting. Sites with low grasses may not require site preparation.
- The department will supply and plant the seedlings.
- Seedlings must be planted at least 10feet from existing power lines
- Double-row hedgerows are recommended but single row hedgerows may also be eligible.
- The applicant must agree to maintain and protect the trees and shrubs for a minimum of 15 years.

Note: In situations where the applicant is not the property owner, the property owner must agree to the hedgerow planting. Where can I get more information?

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/hedgerow>

3. Forest Enhancement Program

What is the Forest Enhancement Program?

The Forest Enhancement Program (FEP) offers forestry-related advice and financial assistance program to private woodland owners who manage their land for recreation, forest products, wildlife habitat, forest health, and many other reasons and values.

What are the tree planting requirements?

- Owners must have at least 1.0 hectare of cleared woodland or be willing to convert existing fields to forest cover to achieve the minimum size requirements of the program.
- All woodlots must have an approved forested management plan. Approximately 70 % of the plan development cost is funded through the FEP program incentives.
- Cost to landowner is \$0.10/seedling plus HST, with approximately 800 seedlings planted per acre (average).

Where can I get more information?

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/FEP>

To find out more about these programs and services, contact the nearest forest district office.

- Eastern PEI: 902-961-7296
- Central PE: 902-368-4800
- Western PEI: 902-854-7260