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### **CROW WING COUNTY TREE PLANTING COMPLETE**

Crow Wing County Land Services has completed its annual tree planting program for 2024. This year 48,440 pine seedlings were planted on 60 acres located in the City of Brainerd, City of Crosslake, Fairfield and Irondale Townships. Between the years of 1983 and 2024, approximately 4.2 million tree seedlings have been planted on county managed forest lands.

The County tree planting program begins the next generation of forests. While many hardwoods like aspen, birch and oak regenerate naturally, county tree planting focuses on conifers to maintain and increase the diversity in our forests. “Planting is an important element of sound forest management and ensures forest resources will continue to provide wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and forest products for future generations,” stated Environmental Services Supervisor Tom Strack.

Crow Wing County Land Services manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the county’s management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

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