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

Crow Wing County Land Services has completed its annual tree planting program for 2025. This year 61,500 pine seedlings were planted on 81 acres located in Ross Lake, Mission and Irondale Townships. Between the years of 1983 and 2025, 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 in 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. While managing the forests in a sustainable manner, the forestry program generates approximately 1 million dollars annually. These dollars are used to continue operations, improve habitat, forest roads, trails and parks while keeping our environment clean safe and ready for the enjoyment of all. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

Crow Wing County also encourages landowners to plant trees on their property. Here are some helpful tips:

- Don't plant trees in any burlap or plastic sacks
- Make sure to dig the hole large enough so the roots of the tree don't bend when planted
- Gently backfill around the tree ensuring no air spaces remain
- Water the tree if possible

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