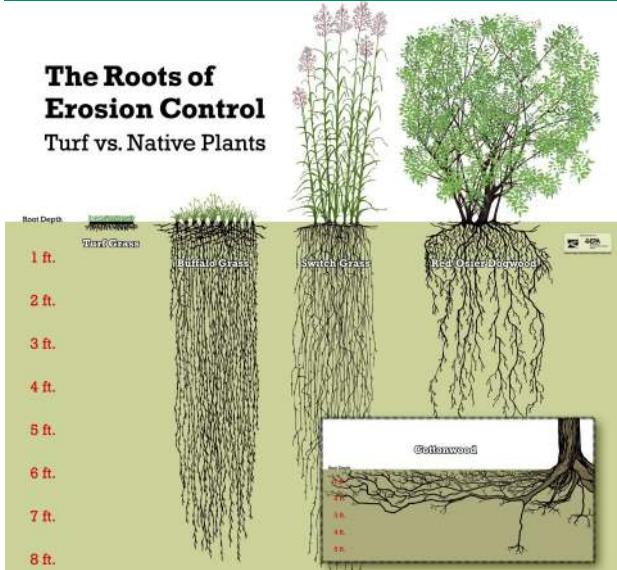


## WHY REFOREST THE RED?



### 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 windblown sediment and air born pollutants.

### INCREASE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

## PARTNERS



## SUPPORTER



## 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.

# FARGO ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

May 16 | 9:30–11 am

Location: Village West Park, Fargo

- Adult volunteers needed to assist a group of students in planting trees.
- Short training session held at the beginning



## REFOREST THE RED

### Reforest the Red Moorhead

May 20 | Noon–4 pm

Back up weather date is May 30

Location: River Oaks Park, Moorhead

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

### Reforest the Red Fargo

September 17 | 12-7 pm

Back up weather date is September 18

Location: River Drive S, Fargo

- 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:](#)



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!



### Youth Supervision

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](mailto:kimberly@riverkeepers.org), or calling 701.356.8915



# IMPACT

In 2024, volunteers planted 4,100 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.



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### OUR MISSION:

We are dedicated to connecting our community safely to the Red River of the North, through education, stewardship and engagement.