

## **Trees and Urban Forestry Town of Eastend Campground: Tree Planting Project**

Recognizing the benefits of urban forests to communities, the Eastend Communities in Bloom Committee (ECIB) started a project for Trees and Urban Forestry in the Town of Eastend in 2021.

The ECIB designed a plan to plant trees and shrubs along the north end of the Eastend Campground on the ridge above the Frenchman River behind campsites #17 to 43 inclusive.

Planting in this area will:

- help curb erosion along the river bank, particularly during periods of high water
- create and enhance wildlife habitat along the river
- develop a shelterbelt for campers to protect against impending winds and light from the houses built above the river.

### **PHASE 1: 2021**

Thanks to the *Saskatchewan Tree for Life Program*, the Town of Eastend received:

20 White Spruce

20 Blue Spruce

10 Shrub Willow

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a group of dedicated volunteers planted the trees and shrubs at the campground along the Frenchman River. Each tree/shrub was protected with a handmade wire fence around them.



## **PHASE 2: 2022**

The Town of Eastend purchased 50 trees from the *Saskatchewan Tree for Life* Program.

20 white spruce

20 poplar

10 pussy willow

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 volunteers planted 50 trees that the committee had ordered. Each site was marked, prepared with bone meal, dry leaves and fertilized watered and encased with fence wire. Some of the trees that didn't survive from last years planting were replaced with small spruce trees donated by town residents.



## **PHASE 3: 2023**

With the support of Town Council, ECIB committee is planning to continue with the Trees and Urban Forestry project.

For 2023, the Committee's plan is to purchase:

10 trees

20 shrubs

20 tree watering bags

Flowers and plants for Community planters

Miscellaneous: fence wire, bone meal, fertilizer

The Committee submitted an application to Shand Greenhouse for 20 White Spruce. The Shand Greenhouse has grown and distributed over 12.5 million seedlings to date.

The Committee is raising funds towards presentations on a variety of topics that will benefit our community, such as Tree's selection, planting and pruning, as well as composting, conservation, etc.