



Eco-Globe School Recognition Plantings

As Manitoba's oldest conservation education organization, the Manitoba Forestry Association (MFA) is a leader in the field of forest education. Our mission is to inform and educate all Manitobans about wise management of trees and forests, to ensure they will remain healthy and productive not only for today, but for future generations.

Students...Teachers... Trees...

Education of both students and teachers has always been the prime focus of the MFA, from our earliest beginnings more than 80 years ago. Today more than ever before, the increasing demands on our forests, for tourism, traditional and non-traditional forest products and other environmental benefits requires careful management to ensure that forested lands regenerate rapidly, efficiently and that their sustainability and biodiversity are not only maintained but enhanced.

Through the use of a time-tested array of programs and services, the MFA provides opportunities for people from all ages and walks of life to learn more about the importance of our forests, and to better understand our precious natural heritage.

The Manitoba Forestry Association is pleased to be planting trees on behalf of the Eco-Globe Schools Program. We are very happy to partner with Manitoba Education on this initiative which encourages youth to put sustainability into action. To recognize those schools and students participating in the program, the Manitoba Forestry Association will be planting young white spruce seedlings (Manitoba's provincial tree) at four of our Forest Discovery Centres located around the province in Hadashville, Hodgson, Minitonas, and The Pas.

The white spruce seedlings to be planted will provide; shelter for wildlife, wind and soil erosion control, aesthetics and biodiversity, they will also produce oxygen, sequester carbon and provide other very valuable benefits to our environment. Teachers and students are encouraged to visit their closest Forest Discovery Centre to experience Manitoba's forests first-hand and to visit these Eco-Globe plantings.

The Trees for Tomorrow Program, a program aimed at planting five million trees in five years to help reduce the province's greenhouse gas emissions by 2012, will provide the seedlings for this initiative. The Manitoba Forestry Association would like to recognize the major contribution of the Trees for Tomorrow Program. The seedlings planted for the Eco-Globe Schools Recognition Plantings will be counted towards the Trees for Tomorrow goal.

In addition, the Trees for Tomorrow Program donated a 5-foot White Spruce tree which was planted at The Forks, in Winnipeg, MB in September 2009 to kick-off National Forest Week activities and celebrate the Eco-Globe Schools Program.