



How to Participate in Wild Roots

1. **Locate your potential planting areas.** Many factors need to be considered when selecting sites for tree planting. Important site conditions related to tree selection include climate factors, soil characteristics, environmental conditions, planting space, site location, existing vegetation, aesthetics, and land ownership. To make this easier CRA has created 3 different 100 tree packages for landowners to choose from. The Wildlife package is meant to attract various forms of wildlife to your property. The Riparian package is best suited for plantings along the river's edge or within the adjacent floodplain areas. The Upland package is ideal for planting in dryer areas. Many landowners may be able to utilize all three packages depending on the diversity of their property.
2. **Fill out and submit your Wild Roots application by April X.** This application outlines the requirements for participants. There is no limit to how many packages you can apply for.
3. **Wait for a response from CRA.** Due to a limited amount of trees CRA will review each application to determine the greatest impact of trees to be planted. Selected applicants will be notified and sent an invoice for their 30% landowner cost share.
4. **Plan your planting day.** Your seedlings will have the highest survival rate when prepared and planted immediately after delivery. Trees will be delivered between Earth Day, April 22nd and Arbor Day, April 26th. Make sure you are prepared to plant your quantity of trees as soon as possible. Planting hundreds of trees can take time to do it properly. The bare-root seedling will need to be planted within a few days of receiving them. More detailed directions for planting bare-root seedlings can be found [here](#).
5. **Pick-up your trees.** CRA will distribute trees at a location TBD in proximity to the Big Sable and Pere Marquette watersheds.