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### **Lakehead Conservation offers subsidized tree seedlings**

Following the overwhelming success of its pilot Private Landowners Tree Seedling Assistance Program last year, the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) is again offering conifer tree seedlings to the public at a subsidized price.

Last year, approximately 18,600 seedlings were sold to private landowners who used them to beautify their property, establish or expand woodlots, create wind shelters, create wildlife corridors or to establish buffers along streams and lakes.

Trees help to clean the air, store carbon, create wildlife habitat and reduce the risk of erosion, flooding and contamination of local rivers and lakes by stabilizing the soil, slowing down surface water runoff and by filtering out contaminants.

One year old seedlings are now available for half-price. One year old White, Black and Blue Spruce seedlings come in bundles of 25 seedlings for \$6.75. One year old Red Pine in bundles of 15 are available for \$4.00 and medium Jack Pine in bundles of 14 seedlings are available for \$11.50 each. Two year old White and Blue Spruce as well as Red and White Pine are also available in bundles of four seedlings at \$8.00.

The seedlings are locally grown by Hill's Greenhouses in Murillo.

“The Authority was thrilled with the success of the pilot program last year and is extremely pleased to be able to offer the program again this year,” says LRCA Chairman, Bill Bartley. “This subsidy program is easy to access and a great opportunity for landowners who want to reforest their property.”

The order deadline is Monday, May 10, 2010 or while quantities last. Seedlings will be ready for pick-up the third week of May at Hill's Greenhouses.

More information is available from the Conservation Authority website: [lakeheadca.com](http://lakeheadca.com) or by calling 344-5857.