

## Local Carbon Neutral Solution

The Conservation Foundation offers an experienced, locally-respected, inexpensive tree planting service to sequester carbon output for local people, groups and companies in the Rideau Valley watershed.

Some of our participants include Ontario Power Generation, the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival 2005, the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre, the Tree Canada Foundation, the Willow Group conference, the Ontario Conservation Authorities' Hockey Tournament (Manotick 2006), and several conferences at the University of Ottawa.

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# Carbon Neutral in the Rideau Valley

...a local, inexpensive tree planting service to sequester carbon for families, groups and small business.



RIDEAU VALLEY  
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

# Carbon Neutrality

We all have family and business activities that produce carbon emissions every day, we all have distances to travel large and small, and we all live in a cold climate that needs substantial energy inputs.

That's not to say we can't reduce our own unnecessary energy practices over time. Having everyone reduce their carbon emissions at source is the best way to help control climate change. But it is difficult for most Canadians to substantially reduce or fully eliminate the greenhouse gas emissions attributable to their activities.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation gives you another option . . . we will plant native tree seedlings for your family vehicle, for your community event, for your small business fleet to offset some or all of the carbon which you unconsciously produce by living and working here in the Rideau Valley.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the air and capture it in their wood cells as part of their life cycle. We can plant enough trees to offset partially or totally the amount of carbon you are responsible for in your daily life.

## Three Easy Ways to Go Carbon Neutral

1. **Families or individuals** can calculate their own carbon output from websites; they can contact us and we will plant the appropriate number of trees for them to offset the amount of carbon they wish (we can help you with the calculations too if you want).
2. **Local conference/meeting organizers** can contact us to get an estimate of the number of trees needed to offset their event based on the number of participants and where they come from; people get a quick idea of the number of trees and RVCF takes care of the rest.
3. **Small business** wanting to go carbon neutral can call us for a professional, detailed estimate of their carbon emissions and the number of trees needed to offset; we will then plant the trees for the participant the following spring.

## Cost

The total, all inclusive cost to the participant is \$3 per tree planted on their behalf.

## The Benefits of “Going” Carbon Neutral

### Value to the participant:

- good feeling of good citizenship
- community leadership
- low cost, local solution to offset your carbon footprint
- text and participation logo for your website and meeting publications
- prominent mention on the Conservation Foundation website

### Value to the Conservation Foundation:

- more trees planted in the Rideau watershed
- more positive exposure in the community
- value-added feature to many other conservation projects

### Value to the environment:

- cleaner air
- cleaner water
- more wildlife habitat
- more greenspace and recreation



## Potential Carbon Neutral Participant Request for Information

Date | \_\_\_\_\_

Name | \_\_\_\_\_

Address | \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number | \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail | \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Potential Carbon Neutral Project

- family/individual
- conference/meeting
- small business

Our knowledgeable carbon neutral staff will get in touch with you within three business days. All our trees are native, bare-root stock such as white cedar, white pine, white spruce, sugar maple and red oak from the Ferguson Forest Centre in Kemptville. They will be planted in the Rideau Valley in the spring following your participation. Our trees are tended for three full years after planting until they reach “free-to-grow” status.

Please drop this request in an envelope and mail it to the Foundation or drop it off at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre Reception Desk at 3889 Rideau Valley Drive (corner of Prince of Wales) in Manotick, or just call us when you're ready.

Thanks for considering carbon neutral in the Rideau Valley.