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From: Alain Muise
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From: Shayla Nickerson <shaymnickerson@gmail.com>
Date: December 21, 2022 at 11:05:01 AM AST
To: Alain Muise <admuisse@munargyle.com>
Subject: **Increasing Climate Resiliency through Tree Planting in SWNS**

Hi Alain,

The Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve (SNBR) has recently received funding from Natural Resources Canada for their 2 Billion Trees initiative, which aims to plant 2 billion trees across Canada over a 10 year period. We hope to create permanent additions to Canada's forests and increase tree cover outside of forests to fight climate change through long-term carbon storage. As well as provide a host of co-benefits to communities and the environment, including:

- Improving air and water quality
- Restoring wildlife habitat
- Stabilizing soils
- Improving physical health and well-being of urban residents
- Fireproofing neighbourhoods and communities
- Stimulating local economies

We are currently in the planning stages of the project, but are working to receive funding in the spring to start planting. We aim to plant 50 000 trees per year, for the next three years. Right now, we are trying to secure planting sites to strengthen our next funding proposal. I am reaching out to you to see if your community could benefit from the planting of free trees, and if so, what sites you have in mind. Outlined below would be the responsibilities of SNBR, if we both agreed to an area to plant!

Our funding would cover the purchase and planting of the trees, and our staff would be responsible for ensuring they are successfully established once they are planted. Seedlings would range from softwood plugs to potted hardwood stock. We would conduct an assessment of the agreed upon area to determine the species composition and density. If the municipality agrees with the species recommendation, we hope to begin planting in 2023.

This planting program does not require any funding from the municipality, it only requires permission to plant in a mutually agreed upon area.

If this sounds interesting to you or if you have any areas in mind, please don't hesitate to get in touch or forward this to the right person! I am always available for phone calls or we could set up a meeting.

Happy Holidays! Hope to hear from you in the New Year,

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