

Goderich reTREEt

Background

With incredible community spirit, great progress has been made restoring the areas affected by the F3 tornado that hit the Goderich area in August 2011. In the past year, local tree planting groups like Goderich Trees Project and Trees Beyond Goderich have worked hard to restore and enhance some of the natural areas that made this area iconic. With still more work to be done, Goderich Trees Project and Trees Beyond Goderich are teaming up with reTREEt America for an exciting tree planting event from



November 17th - 18th, 2012. Dubbed "**Goderich reTREEt**", this event is an opportunity to work with volunteers from all over North America to increase tree cover in the town of Goderich, and beyond!

Urban Forests

Goderich Trees Project is a project initiated by a volunteer group impacted by the tornado to replace the mature trees that were lost to private property owners in the Town of Goderich. It is an endeavor to self advocate, initiate and accomplish as much as possible to heal the landscape. Last year, Goderich Trees Project planted 109 trees on 68 private properties, with the help of 60 volunteers.

On the Rural Landscape

Trees Beyond Goderich is a project lead by the Huron Stewardship Council and County of Huron to restore tree cover in the twenty-kilometre rural corridor beyond Goderich where the tornado damaged tens of thousands of trees in woodlots, fencerows and farmsteads. Over two hundred acres of woodlands have been severely affected and at least 60 landowners have sustained significant loss of tree cover and damage to woodlands. In May 2012, Trees Beyond Goderich kicked off its pilot project, and planted over 1200 trees to restore 8 acres of woodlot. This fall, Trees Beyond Goderich will be leading the rural planting day, where the aim is to replant 9 acres of damaged woodlot.



Teaming up with volunteers from Huron County and abroad

reTREEt America is a not-for-profit organization that provides disaster relief to stricken communities on a local, national, and international level by leading volunteers in replanting the urban forest. 'reTREEters' use bicycles as the main method of transportation within the community and on planned group rides while on reTREEt. The reTREEt volunteer group is excited to work with members of the local community to plant large, mature trees on private properties in the town of Goderich, as well as planting a variety of seedlings and saplings in the rural area beyond Goderich.

The event will run on November 17th and 18th, 2012, and the goal is to plant as many trees as possible, for as many landowners as possible. Volunteers will be instructed by local forestry experts in proper tree-planting techniques. All trees planted will be indigenous to the area, able to survive the current soil and weather conditions, planted in a proper manner, and left with an informed and capable homeowner who has agreed to take care of the trees.

Goderich reTREEt will be planting trees in the town of Goderich on November 17th, including planting demonstrations at the local high school. reTREEt America will be hosting a community event with Goderich Trees Project the night of November 17th in Goderich, which local members of the community are welcome to attend. On the 18th, the crew will head to the Benmiller area to replant a rural woodlot that was severely damaged by the tornado.

reTREEt America, Goderich Trees Project and Trees Beyond Goderich are thrilled to work together to enhance the natural landscape in Canada's Prettiest Town (and beyond!).

