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Crow Wing County completes annual tree-planting program

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Crow Wing County Land Services completed its annual tree planting program for 2020.

This year, 96,000 pine seedlings were planted on 121 acres in the townships of Fairfield, Mission and Wolford. Almost 4 million seedlings were planted on county-managed forest lands over the past 37 years.

While many hardwoods like aspen, birch and oak regenerate naturally, county tree planting focuses on conifers to maintain and increase the diversity in forests.

“Planting is in an important element of sound forest management and ensures the resources will continue to provide wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities and forest products for future generations,” Environmental Services Supervisor Ryan Simonson stated in a news release.

The land services department manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the county’s management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities.

County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

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