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### CROW WING COUNTY TREE PLANTING COMPLETE

Crow Wing County Land Services has completed its annual tree planting program for 2021. This year 171,000 pine seedlings were planted on 183 acres located in the Cities of Crosslake and Fifty Lakes, and the Townships of Fort Ripley, Mission, and Nokay Lake. Approximately 4 million seedlings have been planted on County managed forest lands over the past 37 years.

The County tree planting program begins the next generation of forests. While many hardwoods like aspen, birch and oak regenerate naturally, county tree planting focuses on conifers to maintain and increase the diversity in our forests. “Planting is in an important element of sound forest management and ensures the resources will continue to provide wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and forest products for future generations,” stated Environmental Services Supervisor Ryan Simonson.

Crow Wing County Land Services manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. 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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