



WINOOSKI NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Spring 2009

26th Annual Tree Sale *SPECIAL EDITION*



The Winooski NRCD has been offering its Annual Conservation Tree Sale for 26 years. We are committed to offering this sale to promote the planting of native trees and shrubs throughout Vermont's landscape. Furthermore, it is a fundraiser for the Winooski NRCD. The money that we make on the Tree Sale allows us to bring workshops, educational information, and high-quality conservation programs to the people in our District. We hope that you enjoy our 2009 tree sale! Find this year's Order Form inside.

Orders must be postmarked by Friday, March 27th, 2009.

Limited quantities are available. Order Early!
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between 9am and Noon in Williston or Berlin.**

At the Tree Sale, all trees (except the conifers) will come as bare root. Bare root means that the plants are dug and stored without any soil around their roots.

What are the advantages of planting bare root trees?

- **More root mass.** Bare root trees can have up to 200% more roots than container trees, depending on the soil and transplanting history at the nursery.
- **Lower cost.** Without extra labor and materials, bare root trees cost both the seller and buyer less.
- **Easier planting.** A young tree without soil weighs little, so it's easy to move and plant.

There must be *some* disadvantages!

- **Less flexibility.** Once they leave the nursery, bare root trees need to get in the ground within a week. Without soil, the roots can dry out and die if left exposed for a long period of time.
- **Narrower planting window.** Bare root trees need

good soil moisture, so mid spring (before budbreak) and mid fall (after leaf fall) are the only two possible planting times.

- **Restricted availability.** Some species may not be available bare root, and some nurseries may not have trees available for bare root retail sale at all.

Other bare root tips and techniques:

- Use any technique you can to reduce the time the tree roots are bare.
- Have fall trees dug mid-October to late November, spring trees late March to early May.
- If possible, dip tree roots in a slurry of a *hydrogel* (a synthetic water-absorbing compound, many brands available) or muddy water, then store them in large, plastic bags until planting.
- Keep trees covered, shaded, and moist until actually put in the ground.

Help Spread the Word About Invasives Become a Wise on Weeds! Presenter

Are knotweed and buckthorn getting you down? The best remedy is to take action! The Nature Conservancy is training people to give their Wise on Weeds! presentation. Master Gardeners and S.O.U.L. alum receive program credit. Check out www.vtinvasiveplants.org for an updated schedule. Workshops are from 6 – 9 pm. For more information, contact Sharon Plumb at splumb@tnc.org or 802-229-4425 x120.

We are looking for Tree Sale volunteers!

On Saturday, May 2nd we need volunteers to manage the membership booths and raffle tables in Williston and Berlin. We also need help packing trees in Berlin on Thursday, April 30th in preparation for the sale.

Please contact Ashley at 865-7895 x104 for more information or to sign up.



It is our hope that you enjoy reading our newsletters as much as we enjoy writing them. However, if you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please contact Ashley Lidman at 802-865-7895 x104 or Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net to be removed.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE WATERSHED?

Browns River Corridor Plan

Eroding streambanks, lack of forest riparian buffers, and associated land use and water quality conflicts concerning the state's surface waters occur in every watershed. The Browns River watershed, encompassing most of Underhill, Jericho, Essex, Westford and a portion of Fairfax, are approaching solutions to these water quality issues systematically.

The Winooski NRC, VT Department of Environmental Conservation, and Arrowwood Environmental (a consulting company based in Huntington, VT) are developing a River Corridor Plan for the watershed and its communities. This watershed-wide plan will encompass all the physical stream assessment data collected from within the watershed since 2004 and prioritize local restoration projects on private and municipal properties. This plan will be available to Towns and landowners in February 2009.

Some conservation efforts have occurred within the Browns River watershed over the past three years, to unify water quality improvement and community education. In 2008, Essex Technical Center and Colchester High School students planted over 540 plants at

two sites along the Browns River in Underhill and Westford.

Discussions are currently underway with Browns River landowners to: plant trees and shrubs on public land and farms this spring; establish river corridor easements on agricultural land; explore wetland restoration projects; and hold two pasture management and water quality related workshops on farms within the watershed.

Watershed Steering Committee meetings will be held throughout 2009 to establish conservation priorities and review the recommendations laid out in the River Corridor Plan. If you are interested in being involved in or hosting a corridor plan discussion or exploring restoration opportunities on your property, please email abbey.willard@vt.nacdnet.net or call 828-4493x110.



2008 planting in Underhill

GoodSearch.com

What if the Winooski NRC earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support conservation efforts? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half of its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! In addition, GoodShop.com donates up to 37 percent of each purchase (from hundreds of stores including Amazon, ebay, and Barnes & Noble) to your favorite cause! Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!



Local Growers Guides for Washington & Chittenden Counties



In an effort to better link consumers to local producers, the Winooski NRC is developing a Local Growers Guide for Washington County. We are working closely with University of Vermont's Center for Rural Studies, who is creating a similar directory for the Chittenden County.

The Washington County and Chittenden County Local Growers Guides will provide citizens with a comprehensive listing of locally grown produce, meat, and other farm and forest products. Initially the Guides will be posted on the Web sites of the Winooski NRC, UVM, and our partners. In addition to producing a user-friendly online guide, we plan to distribute a full color insert in *The Burlington Free Press* and *The Times Argus*.

If you'd like your farm or forestry operation to be listed in this guide, please visit our website (www.vacd.org/winooski) to download, complete, and mail us a Listing Form. If you have any questions, contact Ashley at 802-865-7895 x104 or Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net.

A special thank you to the Vermont Agency of Agricultural and Northern VT Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council for their support of this project!

Winooski NRC Mission Statement

Connecting people to a sustainable landscape

- ◇ To ensure the wise use, protection and enhancement of Vermont's natural resources through the use of local initiatives, education, and partnerships;
- ◇ To foster public awareness and appreciation for the value and need for natural resource conservation; and
- ◇ To advance the understanding that we are all stewards of the living earth.

Serving landowners in Washington and Chittenden Counties since 1940

CONTACT US: *Berlin office:* 617 Comstock Road, Suite 1, Berlin, Vermont 05602, 802-828-4493 x110, Abbey.Willard@vt.nacdnet.net
Williston office: 1193 South Brownell Road, Suite 35, Williston, Vermont 05495, 802-865-7895 x104, Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net

Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District 2009 Conservation Tree Sale Order Form

<i>Species</i>	<i>Size (height)</i>	<i>Individual Price</i>	<i>Number of Plants</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
Conifers				
balsam fir	3-4'	\$18.00		
eastern white pine	3-4'	\$18.00		
eastern hemlock	3-4'	\$20.00		
northern white cedar	3-4'	\$9.50		
Deciduous Trees				
eastern cottonwood	2-3'	\$5.50		
red maple	2-3'	\$2.50		
silver maple	5'+	\$8.50		
sugar maple	3-4'	\$4.00		
black cherry	2-3'	\$3.00		
chokecherry	2-3'	\$4.00		
white oak	2-3'	\$3.00		
green ash	2-3'	\$5.50		
American basswood	2-3'	\$7.50		
common hackberry	1-2'	\$3.00		
American sycamore	2-3'	\$2.50		
grey birch	4'+	\$8.50		
Shrubs				
common witch hazel	2-3'	\$3.50		
American elderberry	2-3'	\$3.00		
buttonbush	1-2'	\$1.50		
silky dogwood	3-4'	\$6.50		
red osier dogwood	2-3'	\$2.50		
winterberry	1-2'	\$2.50		
common purple lilac	2-3'	\$3.00		
Allegheny serviceberry	2-3'	\$9.00		
nannyberry	2-3'	\$2.50		
beaked hazelnut	3-4'	\$4.50		
snowberry	2-3'	\$5.00		
Fruits & Berries				
American cranberry bush	4-5'	\$4.00		
Thunderchild crabapple (pink flowers)	5-6'	\$14.50		
Early Italian plum/prune	4-5'	\$20.00		
Moorpark apricot	4-5'	\$20.00		
common domestic apple	5-6'	\$4.00		
Prelude raspberry	1-2'	\$2.50		
Blue Ray and Blue Crop blueberry (sold as pair)	1-2'	\$11.00		

Plant Total <i>A minimum order of \$20.00 is required to cover administrative costs</i>				\$
Membership <i>Join to be entered into our Annual Members' Raffle for a dinner for 2!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservationist \$500	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Steward \$1000	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family/Couple \$60			
GRAND TOTAL <i>Prepayment is required. Please make checks payable to: Winooski NRCD</i>				\$

(Continued on reverse side)

Your Contact Information:

Name _____ Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Pick-Up Location: Berlin Williston **Be sure to mail your order to your pick-up location.
(See Below)**

Do you plan on attending the tree planting workshop at 11am on May 2nd?

Yes, in Berlin Yes, in Williston

What species of trees & shrubs would you like to see at Winooski NRCD’s tree sale next year?

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SUPPORT WINOOSKI NRCD THROUGH OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

The District needs funds now more than ever. Please consider supporting the Winooski NRCD by becoming a member or renewing your annual membership. To join, fill out the membership information on the front side of this order form.

Member Benefits include:

- Entry to a drawing for a dinner for two each spring (this year, the members’ raffle is for a \$50 gift certificate to The Kitchen Table Bistro in Richmond)
- 3 FREE raffle tickets at the Tree Sale for a chance to win a rain barrel or local farm goods
- **DOUBLE** the amount of soil coupons donated for the Tree Sale
- The comfort of knowing that the good work the District does in your community will continue into the future

Remember, we are only as strong as our community support.

Thank you for your support!

TREE SALE RAFFLE

We are pleased to offer a diversity of raffle prizes at the 26th Annual Conservation Tree Sale, including Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) farm goods and rain barrels painted by middle and high school students. Tickets for the raffle items can be purchased during the Tree Sale, in both Williston and Berlin. The raffle drawing will take place on Monday, May 4th and winners will be notified at that time. Funds received from the raffle will contribute to the pursuit of conservation efforts and technical assistance in your watershed. **Members will receive 3 free raffle tickets.** Otherwise tickets are for sale...

- 1 Raffle Ticket for \$10**
- 3 Raffle Tickets for \$20**
- 4 Raffle Tickets for \$30, etc...**

BERLIN: 1 rain barrel OR 1 weeks worth of produce (approximately \$50 in value) from Pete's Greens in Craftsbury

WILLISTON: 1 rain barrel OR 1 weeks worth of produce (approximately \$50 in value) from a Chittenden County farm TBA

Thanks to Pete's Green for their generous donation in support of the Winooski NRC D's Annual Tree Sale!

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Associate Supervisor: William Moulton

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR NEW MEMBERS & THOSE THAT RECENTLY RENEWED THEIR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS!

Stuart Alexander, M.D., Jennifer Appleyard John Bagwell, Scott T. Brinker, Robert & Barbara Chappelle, David & Janet Ellison, Karen Fiebig, Dan Holland, Nicole Hynes, Lance Llewellyn, Ben Machin, William Mikell, Jr., Kathy Murray, Bob & Linda Nelson, Emma Ottolenghi, Dennis Porterfield, Thomas A. Russell, Tyler Scott, Linda Waite-Simpson & Harold Simpson, Christine R. Turner, Mary Van Vleck, Joan Wallace

FIRST ANNUAL MEMBERS' RAFFLE



This year, in addition the tree sale raffle, we will be holding the first annual members' raffle. Become a member of the Winooski NRC D or renew your annual membership and be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to the Kitchen Table Bistro in Richmond, VT! The drawing will take place on Monday, May 4th and winners will be notified at that time.

The Kitchen Table Bistro is a chef-owned restaurant featuring quality ingredients and seasonal flavors. Located in a historic 1795 brick farm house, The Kitchen Table Bistro is a member of the Vermont Fresh Network and focuses on buying and supporting as many local farms and businesses as possible. For more information or to see a current menu, visit <http://www.thekitchentablebistro.com>. **Thanks to the Kitchen Table Bistro for their generous donation in support of the Winooski NRC D and our members!**

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