

One Tree Planted- Oak Establishment Program

Program Overview: One Tree Planted is providing funding to purchase oak tree seedlings for private landowners in North Georgia (Regions 1 & 2). The funds will be used to purchase GFC seedlings, which will be given to qualified landowners.

Signup period: The first signup period begins September 6, 2019 and ends September 20, 2019. To apply, complete a "One Tree Planted" seedling application and return to the <u>local GFC Forester</u>. The application must be signed by the landowner. The list of applicants will be compiled and randomly selected if necessary. Approvals will be announced by September 25, 2019.

Approved applicants: A GFC forester will visit the sites of all approved applicants and develop a tree planting plan for the acreage involved. The plan will quantify the acreage and address site preparation and planting specifications. The applicant must agree to follow the plan in order to receive seedlings. The seedling application of all approved applicants will be mailed directly to the GFC nursery and seedlings will be delivered as directed on the form.

A GFC Forester will visit the site after planting to ensure that the reforestation plan was followed. In the case that the plan was not followed or the designated area was not planted, the landowner will be required to pay for the portion of trees not properly utilized.

General guidelines:

- The planting area must be a minimum of 2 acres in size.
- The oak species selected should be commercial, native and match the site
- A mixture of red and white oak species is preferred
- Can go towards cost share program participants but will receive lower priority
- Site must be ready for planting during the 2019-2020 planting season

