



# Williams County Soil Conservation District

**April – 2025**

## Tree Plantings

Our staff will be out checking sites soon! Your site **MUST** be ready! In order for us to plant your trees, the ground needs to be prepped prior to staff coming out to plant. If the site is not properly prepared the district maintains the right to not plant trees. The trees are planted in the area that you and the staff have chosen and will follow up with the fabric installation after **ALL** trees in the county have been planted. Keep in mind the weeds may grow from the time they are planted, to the time we get back to lay the fabric. You are responsible to keep the weeds maintained.

The District maintains the right to refuse service due to adverse site conditions. If you are unable to get your site prepped properly we offer site prep as a service. Be sure to call to let us know asap to get on our site prep list. Proper site preparation helps ensure a successful tree planting and correct fabric installation.



Tree planting generally starts the first week of May, so **be sure to have your site ready to go by May 1st!** If there is grass or alfalfa in the area where the trees are to be planted, it would be beneficial to spray and kill any vegetation before we plant. Ensure chemical is approved for new tree plantings. If the ground is in existing cropland stubble; cultivate, harrow, or mow if stubble is high. Proper site prep is **YOUR** responsibility! **An 811 dig ticket is required for all sites that the District is performing site prep for, as well as contract tree plantings: EQIP, OHF, and CSP. If the landowner does not provide a district staff member with a ticket number, your site will not be planted!**

Trees are planted as the weather permits. Not everyone can be first or last! Proper approval from neighbors if applicable is the responsibility of the landowner.

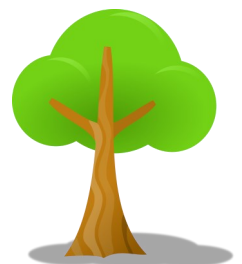
## Handplant Tree Reminder & Update

You will be notified by a district employee when your trees are bagged and ready to be picked up. Please be patient and happy planting!

**Tree Pick-Up Address:**

**14120 Hwy 2 West Williston, ND**

**on the NDSU Research Station Property (follow the signs to our building)**



# After Trees are Planted

All the trees should be vertically straightened, soil packed around seedlings, and exposed roots must be covered with soil. **NOTE:** There should not be any soil on the green portion of the evergreens including the branches. Before fabric is installed, the area must be kept clean between rows and trees to insure proper installation of weed barrier. Trees must be checked regularly to ensure they will be ready for the weed barrier.

## Tree Fabric Maintenance

**Fabric is a low-maintenance tool in tree plantings, but it is NOT a no-maintenance tool.**

Fabric effectively reduces weeds near tree plantings, however if a weed is growing next to the tree, it will need to be removed by hand. Keep fabric from rubbing on the tree trunk. The fabric is supposed to break down after 5-7 years, but in our climate, plantings still have fabric after 30 years. **Trees can be girdled by the fabric after a few years of growth.** The fabric should be checked every year to see if the tree is growing into the fabric. If so, the fabric needs to be cut on each side of trunk. If trees are left to grow into the fabric it could kill the tree or be stunted. It can also make the tree unstable at the base and cause the tree to fall over.



## Regenerative Ag and Soil Health

We want to extend a big thank you to Kelly and DeAnna Lozensky, and Kevin Sedivec for making time and speaking at our recent Regenerative Ag Workshop!



Kelly and DeAnna discussed the benefits of soil health and shared their journey into regenerative ag, a process they started in 2013. During which they have been able to eliminate seed treatments, insecticides, fungicides, and desiccants and have been able to reduce 60% of their herbicide usage. Their focus on conserving the native soil has helped them be able to expand their operations into their own food brand, “Guardian Grains”, which offers pasta and stone-milled flour.

Kevin Sedivec, NDSU professor and Rangeland Management Specialist, also spoke at the regenerative Ag and soil health workshop. He highlighted his research in regenerative grazing and the ways it can enhance livestock production and ecosystem s. Healthy rangelands provide the benefits of forage for livestock, water filtration and storage, and decreasing soil erosion. Kevin also discussed the emerging technology of virtual fencing and the many companies that are releasing and innovating this technology.



# Welcome Collin!

We are excited to announce Collin joined the crew back in February as our Watershed Coordinator! Collin was born and raised in Plano, Texas and after high school earned a bachelor's degree in Ecology and Conservation Biology from Texas A&M University. During his time there he worked for the Perennial Grass Breeding lab and the Forest Ecology lab where he researched salinity pollution screenings and carbon balances in rangelands. Besides work, Collin enjoys hiking, fishing, and playing Spike ball. He is looking forward to getting to know the people of Williams County and get to work in the watershed.



## District Services & Price List:

Machine Planting: (Includes Trees - Min. 1500ft)	\$35.00/hundred ft.
Machine Planting with Weed Barrier (Includes Trees — Min.1500ft)	\$100.00/hundred ft.
Handplant Replacement Service (Includes Trees).	\$4.00-5.00 Per Handplant
Fabric: 6' x 300' Roll	\$125.00
Fabric: 6' x 500' Roll	\$175.00
Staples Individual	\$0.17 Each
Staples Box (500)	\$85.00
Casoron Application: (Fall)	\$18.00/hundred ft.
Plantskydd 1lb. Box	\$28.62
Plantskydd 1.3 gal refill jug	\$61.43
Plantskydd 1 qt. Pre-mixed	\$23.32
Plantskydd 1lb granular	\$11.61
Plantskydd 3.5 lb. granular shaker	\$29.63
Plantskydd 20 lb. granular bag	\$119.73
Poly-Pipe 1.5 inch	Call for Pricing/Availability
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## Rental Equipment:

Shallow Pipeline Plow	\$0.25/ft.
6 ft Frontier Drill	\$100.00/Day
5 ft Truax FLX88 Drill	\$10.00/Acre
10 ft Truax Drill: (Min. 10 Acres)	\$12.50/Acre
15 ft John Deere Drill	\$15.00/Acre
Custom Seeding: 30 ft Drill (Min. 40 Acres).	\$21.00/Acre
Post Pounder	\$200/Day





### **2025 Board Members:**

Ryan Davidson, Evan Whiteford, Blake Wheeler, TJ Halverson , Brandon Hoffman

## **Post Pounder**



Have some fencing projects you've been putting off? Our trailer mounted, self powered post pounder will make even your toughest fencing projects easier and not to mention time saving. Call the tree shed if interested in renting for the day. This is rented out on a first come first serve basis at \$200 a day. Repairing your fence from wildfire damage? Call and see if you qualify for cost share assistance with the district or watershed.

## **Site Prep Services**

The district offers tree site preparation for those of who lack the equipment and/or time. Site preparation (plowing/tilling) is essential for proper soil-to-root contact, providing for better fabric installation, and making for a more successful planting. This is especially important for sites that are in native sod or in a grass lawn with fabric going down. This service allows the ease of being able to work up an area in strips instead of tearing up everything. This will cut down on the amount of weeds and not to mention work. Planting season is coming soon so give us a call at the tree shed for more details and to get on the list before time runs out!



# Farm to Table 2025

AN EVENT OF THE WILLISTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

AND

THE WILLIAMS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**JULY 18, 2025 | ND Malting & Hops, Inc.**

We are hosting our fifth annual Farm to Table Dinner, designed to educate and increase awareness about the importance of the local agriculture industry and its products throughout the greater Williston area.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about agriculture in our region while enjoying a regional farm-to-table meal.



*Featuring globally recognized Ag advocate, Michele Payn*

Michele connects farms and food, brains, and behavior. As a community catalyst, she has worked with farmers in more than 25 countries and raised millions of dollars for 4-H & FFA. She also founded AgChat and FoodChat on "X" (formerly Twitter) and is an author of three books: *Food Bullying*, *Food Truths from Farm to Table*, and *No More Food Fights!*

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$5,000 (1 Available)

- Top logo on event signage, programs, and all event promotions
  - Sponsor recognized from podium
- Sponsor representative may welcome attendees and discuss partnerships with the local agricultural sector (5 minutes)
  - Eight (8) tickets to the event
- Sponsorship spotlight video on social media

### GOLD SPONSOR - \$2,000

- Logo on event signage, programs, and all event promotions
  - Sponsor recognized from the podium
  - Four (4) Tickets to the event
- Sponsorship spotlight post on social media

### SILVER SPONSOR - \$1,000

- Company name recognized in the programs, event signage, and all event promotions
  - Sponsor recognized from the podium
  - Two (2) Tickets to the event
- Sponsorship spotlight post on social media

### BRONZE SPONSOR - \$500

- Company name recognized in the programs
  - Sponsor recognized from the podium



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# Farm to Table 2025

Feel free to reach out to us with opportunities to:

- Include items in swag bags
- Volunteer leading up to and during the event

**Please respond to the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce by  
March 31, 2025**

**We appreciate your generosity and support. We couldn't host  
this event without you!**

**MAIL TO: P.O. Box G, Williston, ND 58802**

**Em: [wchamber@willistonchamber.com](mailto:wchamber@willistonchamber.com) • Ph: 701-577-6000**

Please fill out the following information:

I would like to:

- ☐ Be a Platinum Sponsor \$5,000 - 1 available
- ☐ Be a Gold Sponsor \$2,000
- ☐ Be a Silver Sponsor \$1,000
- ☐ Be a Bronze Sponsor \$500
- ☐ Donate a door prize

- ☐ **Payment:** My check is enclosed.

Make check payable to: **Western Star Foundation**

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Business Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

Total number attending from my business: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Custom Seeding

**\$21.00 an acre**



**Min. 40 acres  
Max. 160 acres**

Spring is quickly approaching and many producers are itching to get back in the field. Whether you lack the time, equipment, or man power contact the district for your conservation seeding needs. Contact our office if you are looking for a seeding recommendation that will fit your operation needs. We are able to take care of your cover crop or grass seeding needs with our 30ft no till drill. Requirements include: a map of the area you want seeded, copy of the seed tags, and our custom seeding sheet signed. Stop in or give David a call before our slots fill up! Tree Shed Office: 701-774-2319

## Deer & Rabbit Problems

If you are having problems with deer, elk, moose, rabbits, or mice in your tree rows and/or garden consider using Plantskydd. Plantskydd is a pest repellent that works by emitting an odor, associated with



predator activity stimulating a fear based response that helps to repel animals. This product is available in the office in a 1 lb. box, 1 qt. pre mixed spray bottle, 2 lb. granular shaker, 3.5 lb. granular shaker, or a 20 lb. granular bag. Plantskydd should be effective for approximately 6 months during winter and 3-4 months during the active growing season. This product is also listed for organic production.

Please give us a call or check out website if you would be interested in a different form or size of Plantskydd. We are able to provide a variety of different sizes in granular, powder, or liquid form.



## 3rd Grade Education — Soil Health

Seven years and still going strong! Its hard to believe that this program has been providing soil health education for so long. Our goal is to introduce all elementary children to the importance of conservation and the natural resources around them. In addition, we want to make them aware of the thriving agricultural community that they all live in. As always, we were very excited to get back into the schools! This is the 7th year our District Manager, Molly Carlson, has gone and presented to 3rd grade about the importance of soil health. She does a 30 minute interactive presentation with the students over the principles of soil health, and introduces them to the basic layers of the soil. To apply what they learned, once the presentation is finished each student gets to build their own edible soils horizon. A worksheet and word search are also supplied to the teachers as well as a pencil for each student. This year Molly was able to teach in 11 elementary schools and present to over 572 students!





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