
How is the project funded?

The congregation of St. Andrew's is the lead funder through our Donate-a-Tree campaign; grant funds will cover half our costs.

How can I get involved?

We welcome community feedback and volunteer help!

There are several ways you can support the **Woodland Sanctuary**:

Volunteer to be a planter!

Email: greenteam@lacombeunitedchurch.ca

Phone: 587-306-0191

Talk about the project with your friends and neighbours! Tell us what you think!

Contribute financially through the Donate-a-Tree Program (suggested amount \$200/tree). Donate to honour someone; their name will be recorded in a *Book of Trees*.

e-transfer to
finance@lacombeunitedchurch.ca

or, send a cheque to:

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5226 51 Avenue,
Lacombe, AB T4L 1J6
(403) 782- 3148

email:

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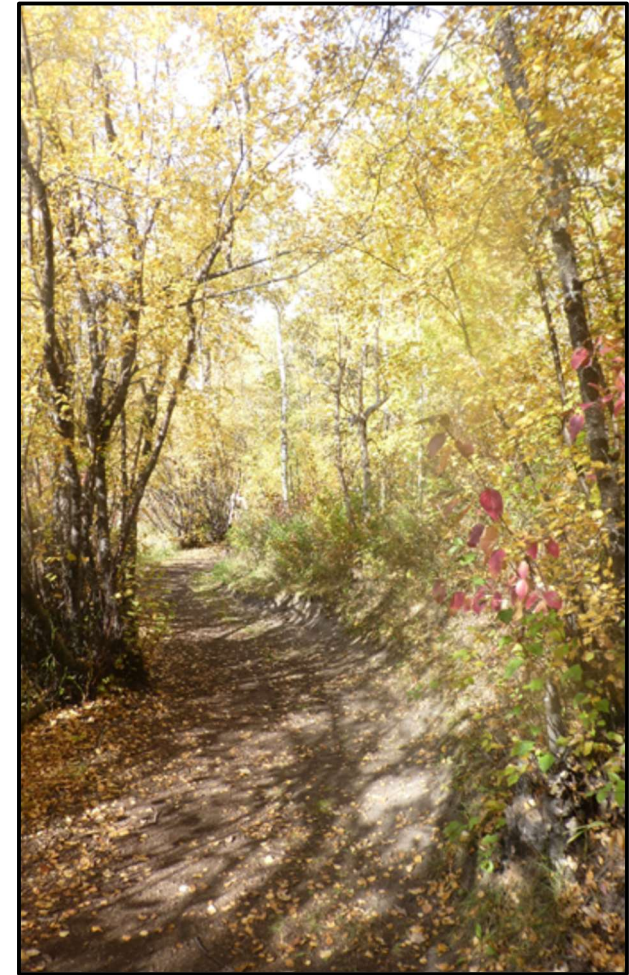
Why native species?

Native species trees and plants have evolved over time to be well-adapted to the local growing conditions.

They are more drought-resistant, disease, pest, and fire resistant. Insects and pollinators have adapted to native plants for food and shelter over millennia.



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Coming Soon!
**Woodland
Sanctuary**
Lacombe, AB

Imagine...

A natural forest ecosystem in Lacombe that inspires, celebrates, and makes a positive environmental impact.

- a place of healing and hope
- a living classroom to observe the wonder of nature
- a wandering path, the trickle of a stream, the hum of insects and trill of birdsong
- a woodland sanctuary to rest and relax



What's our Mission?

To transform a 1.7-acre grassy municipal reserve into a natural forest ecosystem, planting 100 primarily native species trees as well as shrubs, perennials, and grasses.

Who is leading this?



To mark the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada in 2025, our local United Church, **St. Andrew's**, is leading the way, in partnership with the **City of Lacombe** and the community at large.

Our dream is to share a living legacy of **100 trees** for future generations to enjoy, and to take action in the face of extreme weather events. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, emit oxygen, provide shade and reduce noise. Trees and plants create habitat for pollinators and other living creatures with whom we share the earth.



Where is the Planting Site?

The site is on Woodland Drive, one long block west of 58th Street, currently a green space with a few groupings of mountain ash, spruce, and larch trees. Have you seen the three metal crescent moons?

Any experts helping! Yes!

Living Lands Landscape + Design of Delburne has experience designing biodiverse landscapes. They are guiding the design process; they know how to create living environments that support a healthy ecosystem for people, plants, animals and insects.



When is this happening?

We are planting the forest this spring!

June 6 and 7, 2025 - 50 trees/shrubs will be planted each day, according to a detailed design map.

June 20 and 21, 2025 - perennials and grasses will be planted.

Every hour or so, teams of volunteers will have a brief orientation and then dig and hand plant one or two trees. Do you have a group that would like to help?