

Eagles Mere Conservancy

Reforestation Project for the Eagles Mere Conservancy

Project Managers: Charles Gardner, Richard Deasy, and Steven Jaquith

2000 Grant Award: \$ 20,000

The **Reforestation Project for the Eagles Mere Conservancy** focused on two tracts of land owned by the Conservancy and operated as a community forest. Efforts included reestablishing native tree and shrub seed sources, excluding deer from planting sites, and inhibiting regrowth of competition vegetation. A total of 47 acres have been fenced; one tract composed of 40 acres, the other of 7 acres. Target species included in the herbicide treatment were hay scented fern, beech, and striped maple.

Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

Herbicide spray time was limited to August for the target species and nature of the herbicide. Therefore, an extension was needed.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 205 deciduous seedlings and 252 shrub seedlings;
- Created a forest stewardship plan that included planting of native species of trees and shrubs to establish a seed source. Plantings were done within fenced and sprayed plots;
- Sprayed 47 acres with herbicidal treatment to control competing vegetation;
- Installed deer exclusion fencing on both plots totaling 47 acres;
- Planted 47 acres of the project site; and
- Conducted three slide show presentations to 100 Conservancy members, Eagles Mere Lions Club, and the general public.

Project Value and Match

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| Grant Award | \$20,000 |
| Cash Contributions | \$20,000 |
| In-kind Contributions | <u>\$ 1,805</u> |
| Total Project Value | \$41,805 |

Project Partnerships

Eagles Mere Conservancy volunteers – tree planting

Forest Explorers – invasive control

