Enhanced Tree Planting Opportunity

The Situation
The State Soil Conservation Committee through the Soil Conservation District Assistance Program is assisting the Soil Conservation Districts with the Outdoor Heritage Tree Planting Assistance Program.

Extension Response
In an effort to meet the technical assistance needs. The Soil Conservation District staff are developing tree planting plans addressing resource concerns being identified by the landowners. Tree planting designs are following the technical specifications drawn out in the USDA-NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Impacts
As administered through the NDSU Extension Service, Soil Conservation Districts have developed 561 tree planting applications resulting in over 1,948,679 feet of trees planted and fabric applied in 2016.

The Soil Conservation District Assistance Program funding provided by the Legislative Assembly assists soil conservation districts in helping landowners reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance tree plantings, grazing lands and wildlife habitat.

Feedback
Soil Conservation Districts are working hard to get landowners signed up, plans developed and approved.

Public Value Statement
The planning, installation and checkout of conservation practices by participating soil conservation districts has had a significant impact on North Dakota’s natural resources.

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