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As a part of the **North Dakota Forest Service's forest stewardship program**, the **forest restoration initiative (FRI)** offers management support to landowners for maintaining and improving forestlands and windbreaks. The program provides a management plan free of charge.

Private landowners also may be eligible for the **forest stewardship tax law** program, which offers excellent tax incentives to landowners for conserving forest resources.

For more information on having a plan written for your property, the FRI or the forest stewardship tax law, please contact:

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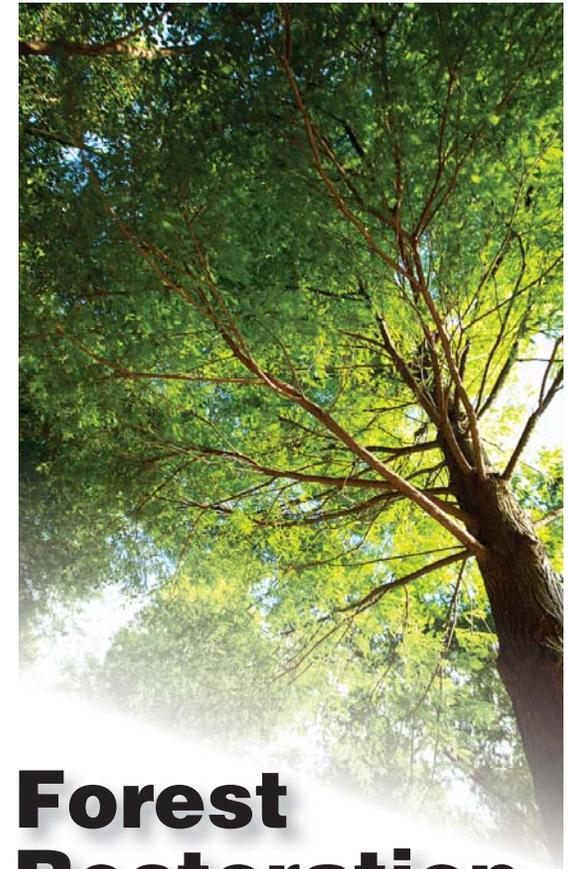
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# Forest Restoration Initiative

Conserves and enhances forestland to protect the ecological and economic benefits of forests for present and future generations.



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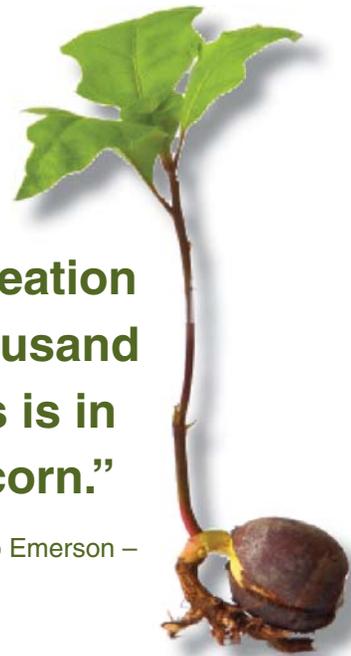
The North Dakota forest restoration initiative is aligned with the state forest stewardship program to address new and historical forest health issues in North Dakota's public and private forests.

## FRI Main Objectives

- Conduct forest health surveys and long-term monitoring of impacted trees and forests
- Implement forest restoration practices to restore riparian forests
- Provide educational outreach to landowners and managers
- Award forest restoration grants to affected communities, landowners and land managers

**“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.”**

– Ralph Waldo Emerson –



## The Importance of Forest Restoration

Natural forests, riparian (streamside) forests and rural tree plantings cover 4.4 percent of North Dakota's land area.

Even though the state's forests are not large, they provide goods and services to thousands of people in North Dakota and the entire northern Great Plains region.

Forests improve air, soil and water quality; provide habitat for wildlife; offer recreational opportunities; protect people and structures from floods; and generate numerous forest products.

The forest restoration initiative will help solve forest health problems on private and public lands by providing technical, educational and financial help to landowners and managers.

