

# Beadle

# Conservation District

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The Beadle Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are requesting interest for a Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) initiative through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This targeted approach will assist in improving farmstead/livestock protection and reducing soil erosion across the landscape through Windbreak and Shelterbelt Renovations. Cost share would be available to assist with completion of renovation practices such as thinning/removal of trees and shrubs, machine/hand planting of new trees, weed control and mulching (tree fabric).

If you have a windbreak or shelterbelt that would benefit from a renovation or have any questions regarding this initiative, please call Robin Viestenz with Beadle Conservation District (605) 936-8384 or Brady Johnson with NRCS (605) 352-2998 x3.



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# Tree Site Preparation

In South Dakota's harsh climate, proper site preparation is essential for good survival in your tree planting. Since weeds and grasses compete with trees for sunlight and soil moisture, they must be eliminated or controlled so trees can get an early 'jump' in height growth.

Summer fallowing is necessary on all sites which are in grass or alfalfa. The site should be prepared by July 1st of the year prior to planting. Subsoiling is recommended to break up the clay pan. For the rest of the summer, grass and weeds should be controlled through the use of tillage or chemicals. Sites can be left rough over winter and then disked before planting the trees in the spring. Summer fallowing allows additional weed control before the trees are planted.

Tree planting sites which are presently in annual crops or in crop stubble should be prepared, worked into a seedbed, either the fall or spring before planting.

The more your site is like a garden, the better your trees will thrive.

**GOOD SITE PREPARATION IS ESSENTIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL TREE PLANTING!**

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2-3ft \$4; 3-4ft \$5; 4-5ft \$6

Chokecherry, Common 3-4ft
Cottonwood, Male Cottonless 3-4ft
Honeylocust, Thornless 3-4ft
Maple, Silver 3-4ft
Poplar, Lombardy 2-3ft
Walnut, Black 3-4 ft
Willow, Golden 4-5 ft

## Potted Conifers

#400 pot \$15.00

Black Hills Spruce
Ponderosa Pine
Rocky Mountain Juniper
Eastern Red Cedar
Colorado Blue Spruce

Seedlings are \$2.25 each, or \$48.00 for one bundle of 25 of the same species.  
**MINIMUM ORDER OF 25 TOTAL WITH NO LESS THAN 5 OF ONE KIND.**

Payment MUST accompany the order.

All seedlings are 12" -20", except shade tree pack. Spring Delivery.

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

**No Guarantees of availability After That Date**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Date Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT PAID**  
**(PLEASE INCLUDE 6.5% SALES TAX)**

<b>Tree packs \$50.00</b> (25 trees/pack; 5 of each species)
<b>Fast Pack-</b> Nirebark, Freeman Maple, Male Cottonwood, Redosier Dogwood, Laurel Leaf Willow
<b>Grandma's Jam Pack-</b> Nanking Cherry, Riverbank Grape, Chokecherry, Mongolian Cherry, American Black Currant
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<b>Tree packs</b> (10 trees/pack; 2 of each species)
<b>Fruit &amp; Nut Pack-\$30.00</b> Golden Currant Hazelnut, Juneberry, Apricot, Black Walnut
<b>Shade Tree Pack \$40.00</b> - (all trees are 2-4ft tall) Little Leaf Linden, Hackberry, Silver Maple, Manchurian Ash, Bur Oak

## Flowering Crabapple

5 – 6 Foot \$50.00

Prairie Fire
Royal Raindrop

## Apples

4 – 5 Foot \$40.00

Cortland
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Sweet 16
Honeycrisp
Haralred

## Shrubs

Almond, Russian 'Regal'
Black Chokeberry 'McKenzie'
Buffaloberry
Caragana
Cherry, Nanking
Cherry, Sand
Chokecherry
Chokecherry, Schubert
Cotoneaster, 'Centennial'
Cotoneaster, Peking
Cranberry, Highbush
Currant, Golden
Dogwood, Redosier
Dogwood, Roughleaf
Elderberry, Common
Gooseberry
Honeysuckle, Freedom
Honeysuckle, Hawkeye
Indigo, False
Juneberry
Lilac, Common
Lilac, Villosa
Lilac, White
Ninebark, Common
Plum, American
Plum, bounty
Plum, 'Prairie Red'
Rose, Hansen Hedge
Silverberry
Sumac, Skunkbush
Sumac, Smooth
Viburnum, Nannyberry
Willow, Sandbar

## Medium Trees

Apricot
Cherry, Pin
Chokecherry, Amur
Crabapple, 'Midwest' Manchurian
Crabapple, Red Splendor
Crabapple, Siberian
Hawthorn, 'Homestead'
Hawthorn, Roundleaf
Maple, Amur
Maple, Tartarian
Mulberry
Olive, Russian
Pear, Harbin 'McDermand'
Willow, Laurel

## Conifers

Eastern Red Cedar
Rocky Mountain Juniper
Austrian Pine
Ponderosa Pine
Scotch Pine
Black Hills Spruce
Colorado Blue Spruce
Norway Spruce
Meyers Spruce

## Large Trees

Ash, Green
Ash, Manchurian
Aspen, Quaking
Catalpa, Northern
Cherry, Black
Cottonwood, Hybrid Male (cottonless)
Cottonwood, Native
Hackberry
Hackberry, 'Oahe'
Hickory, Bitternut
Hickory, Shagbark
Honeylocust, Thornless
Kentucky Coffee Tree
Linden, American
Linden, Littleleaf
Maple, Silver
Oak, Bur
Oak, Swamp White
Poplar, White
Walnut, Black
Willow, Golden
Willow, Peachleaf

## Dale Demonstration Farm Takes Shape

New grazing infrastructure and management practices are beginning to improve soil health at the Dale Demonstration Farm just south of Huron. Ducks Unlimited is transitioning the property, owned by Wetlands America Trust, into a long-term soil health demonstration site, in partnership with the Beadle Conservation District (BCD) and the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The site, in the heart of the James River Valley, will provide an opportunity for local agricultural producers to see, first-hand, how soil health practices work in an environment with both high-quality cropland soils and high densities of shallow wetlands.

The goal is to promote the adoption of regenerative agriculture practices and diversity, while improving farmer profitability. DU recently secured a \$200,000 Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant, which will help meet that goal by increasing producer outreach.

“This grant will help bring farmers and ranchers to the site to understand how these practices can work local,” said DU Agronomist Brian Chatham. “We can follow-up with on-site technical assistance on their farms and ranches throughout South Dakota. We will offer cost-share to help producers implement new practices.”

This fall, DU will restore wetlands on site, which will be protected with user-friendly perpetual conservation easements that allow appropriate agricultural use. Over time, BCD will assume ownership of the property and bring local expertise to demonstrations. DU is raising funds in order to transfer ownership of this tract to BCD. A management board, consisting of representatives from DU, BCD and NRCS, will oversee all activities on the farm. To expand collaboration, the board will develop an advisory committee of conservation-minded partners to help maximize the potential use of the site for education and data collection.

“We’re excited about this partnership,” says DU Manager of Conservation Programs, Bruce Toay, “Beadle Conservation District already has great experience providing outreach and education about grazing systems and grassland management with the nearby Cain Creek site. We hope that demonstrating farming practices that improve soil health on the Demo Farm will provide a great complement to that success.”

## A Note from the Board -

The Board wants to wish all of a happy fall. May this fall be safe and very productive for all of you whether you are in the country or in town.

With a heavy heart I must report Craig Rearick has resigned from the board. We miss him but wish him and Judy the best. He added an insight that we needed to help the board see through the issues that we have and will deal with. Again good luck and God's speed to you and yours Craig.

2020 has been a very stressful year for all of us. At this time the office is not open except by appointment only but that doesn't mean they are shut down. Please if you have a question or would like to discuss the conservation issues you are having please call the office (605-352-2998 ext.3). Planning for next year and the future still needs to be done. They can answer questions about cost share programs, varieties what will work on your soil, and give you some options. Are you curious about planting trees or converting some not very productive farm ground to grass, give the office a call. They are there to help!

As harvest starts and goes on into the late fall this community doesn't need any accidents. Slow down, eat a meal, get some sleep, and just be safe out there. First and foremost safety first. Many depend on you.

Good luck with your fall harvest.

Franny



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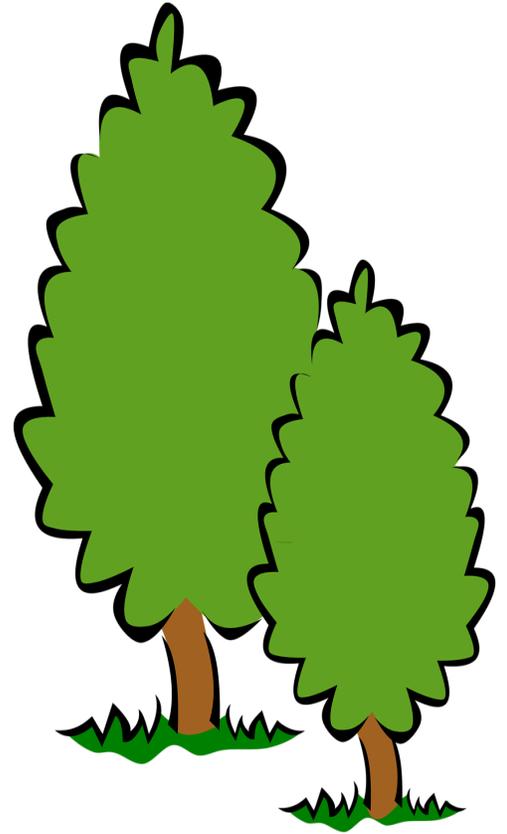
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**NEW EMPLOYEE—Elise Reid, Soil Conservationist**



I'm Elise, I grew up in Spearfish, SD where I spent much of my childhood riding horses, hiking, biking, and water skiing. I went to the College of Saint Benedict in Minnesota for undergraduate, where I ran cross country and track, as well as double majoring in biology and Hispanic Studies. My Master's is in Agronomy, specializing in organic vegetable production, which I received from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. One of my favorite past times is traveling, I lived in Spain for four months in undergrad and after my M.S. I hiked for one month in New Zealand (my photo is from a lavender field there). I was lucky enough to spend five months of my M.S. program in Norway where I learned about urban agriculture and agroecology. I am excited to join the NRCS as a Soil Conservationist in Huron and for all of the learning opportunities here!



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