



Habitat Restoration Project 2007  
- Cobourg Brook: Baltimore, Ontario -

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## Hie Property Riparian Planting

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The Hie property is an agricultural property that has over one kilometer of the east branch of Cobourg Brook flowing through it. The landowner has maintained riparian buffers throughout his property and follows the agricultural best management practices on his land. However, there were some areas that had been identified on a previous site visit, where the buffers were in need of some vegetative diversity. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, two OFAH staff and a crew of Ontario Stewardship Rangers (OSR's) were on hand to plant to aforementioned areas (figure 1). The areas where the plants were going to be placed had previously been marked with flagging tape, which indicated the species that was to be planted there. The team put in a total of 28 hours, planting 120 native shrubs over 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> (figure 2). The riparian planting aims to enhance bank stabilization, enhance the riparian buffer, improve water quality, increase the vegetative diversity and improve wildlife habitat.



Figure 1: OSR's assessing the riparian planting site on the Hie property



**Figure 2:** One of the many dogwoods planted in the riparian zone along Cobourg Brook