



Habitat Restoration Project 2008

- Cobourg Brook: Cobourg, Ontario -

Holmes Property Shrub Planting and Live Staking

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The Holmes shrub planting and live staking restoration day took place on October 20th, 2008. Two staff from the OFAH planted 400 live staked shrubs along the bank of the Cobourg Brook on the Holmes property (figure 1). The Holmes property has been a site of previous restoration projects including a logjam removal in 2006 and other riparian plantings in 2008. Subsequent work was carried out including LUNKER installation and boulder placement within the stream following this live staking planting. Live staking is a planting method used in the fall, usually just before the frost when the shrubs go dormant (figure 2). This gives the plants the best chance of survival over the winter and for them to have first spring growth in their new site.



Figure 1: Live stake shrubs freshly picked and ready to go into the ground along the stream bank on the Holmes property.



Figure 2: OFAH staff planting live red osier dogwood shrub along stream bank to create stabilization and shading.



Figure 3: OFAH staff live staking of dogwood along Cobourg Brook.