

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Perth County and the Rotary Club of Stratford Celebrate Spring with Community Roadside Tree Planting**

PERTH COUNTY, ON – On Saturday, April 18, Perth County, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Stratford, completed an exciting roadside tree planting initiative. The project saw 189 new trees planted along a 4km portion of Perth Road 112 between Stratford and Harmony. County Staff, alongside over 60 volunteers from Rotary Club of Stratford and other community organizations took part in the event. The initiative contributes to Perth County’s ongoing efforts to enhance roadside safety, biodiversity, and climate resilience.

“Environmental stewardship is a priority for Perth County,” said Dean Trentowsky, Warden of Perth County. “Projects like this enhance our landscape, leaving a lasting legacy for future generations. We’re grateful to have had this opportunity to work together in partnership with to the Rotary Club of Stratford and all the volunteers who made this initiative possible. The continued partnership with the local staff at Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) is also greatly appreciated. I also wish to express thanks and appreciation to the local landowners on Perth Road 112 for their co-operation and collaboration on this project”

“Our vision at the Rotary Club is to bring people together to create lasting change in our communities,” said Brent Shackleton, a member of the Rotary Club of Stratford. “This tree planting project is a great example of that in action. We appreciate the partnership with Perth County and the strong community support behind this project.”

County staff, in partnership with the Upper Thames Conservation Authority (UTRCA), developed a planting plan that considered tree species, local land features, utilities, and drainage. For the safety of both the participants and the travelling public, a temporary closure of Perth Road 112 was in place to accommodate the large number of volunteers and materials. 5 different species of trees were planted along the roadside including: Sugar Maple, Basswood, Red Maple, Bur Oak, and Hackberry.

**About Perth County:**

Perth County is a vibrant upper-tier municipality located in Southwestern, Ontario and is home to a regional population of 81,565 residents. This rural region is comprised of 4 lower-tier member municipalities. To find out more information about our services, visit: [www.perthcounty.ca](http://www.perthcounty.ca) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [X](#).

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Photo: 1: Roadside tree planting along a portion of Perth Road 112.