

Tree Planting Project

In 2019, an interesting idea was introduced by Tim Holzkamm: maybe it's time to start planting the next generation of tall pines around the Bad Medicine lakeshore. The beautiful white and red pines we all know and love are aging and it will take time to replace them so let's start now.

The plan was to make it possible for Bad Medicine residents to purchase bare-root , red or white pine transplants at reasonable cost and they would come with a cage to maximize the chances of survival to maturity and eventually the amazing giants we know so well.

The wheels started turning during the early winter of 2020. The plan was for a pilot project of 100-200 trees to test things out. Cost per tree-cage unit was estimated at about \$10.00 relying on volunteer assistance with the cages, loading and/or delivery. Trees were from the state nursery at Badura and could be pre-ordered from Becker County Soil & Water.

As the trees were about to be ordered, the pandemic hit. The state nursery closed down. And we put the plans on hold.

This is still a great project and we will hope it is more possible in 2021. We'll keep you posted.