

Appendix F: Munsee-Delaware First Nations Reforestation Project

77,000 trees have been planted on 'idle agricultural lands' near London, Ontario and carbon credits associated with the trees' climate change mitigation benefits have been sold to a major corporation to offset its corporate gas emissions impacts. The land is on the Munsee-Delaware Nation and the buyer of the carbon credits is the TD Bank.

It's the first carbon forest to be developed on First Nations land in Ontario and the first time a comprehensive guide has been used that accounts for the greenhouse gas value of the trees. The Munsee-Delaware Nation has launched Munsee Tree Corp. to handle the project and hopes to expand to other areas. The trees planted at Munsee-Delaware are a fast-growing hybrid poplar developed by researchers at the University of Guelph. Tree Canada, a not-for-profit corporation, has calculated the 77,000 poplar trees will sequester 20,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide. The plan is to grow the trees for 31 years and then harvest them for biofuel production. Planting the trees has employed 42 youth. For the TD Bank, the project will help it to meet its commitment made in 2008 to have carbon-neutral business operations, said Karen Clarke-Whistler, chief environment officer for TD.

Location: Munsee-Delaware Nation, ON Canada

Project Type: Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD)

Proposed Start Date: July 21, 2010

Forest/Land Cover Type: hybrid poplar trees planted on 48 ha

Tenure and Use Rights: Communities/farmers under some kind of collective or customary tenure

Additional Project Lifecycle Information: <http://www.lfpress.com/news/london/2010/07/21/14785441.html>

Partners: Southern First Nations Secretariat (SFNS), Tree Canada and TD Bank Financial Group

Confirmed Buyers/Investors: TD Bank

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