

Bid Notice- Forestry Services

The Clayton County Conservation Board is accepting bids for contracted forestry services including: Timber stand improvement (TSI), Machine Planting, Hand Planting, pre-emerge spraying. Contractors must be insured and provide proof of same. Contractors must show proof of pesticide applicator license (if bidding corresponding work). Work shall proceed on the timeline outlined withing the forestry stewardship plan that accompanies each property.

Bid date: April 11, 2026 (5:00pm)

Bid Opening: April 14, 2026 (8:30am)

Bid Opening Location: 29862 Osborne Road, Elkader,
Iowa 52043

Phone: 563-245-1516

Email: CCCB@claytoncountya.gov

Interested parties may bid all or some of the work depending on their specialty.
Work must be completed to the satisfaction of the Conservation Board to be paid.
The Clayton County Conservation Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Phone: _____

Contractor Address: _____

Contractor Email: _____

Call Dave Asche, District Forester, with plan questions: 563-880-0507

See Plan and Map attached for each project.

Project Name: Osborne Machine Plant (4 acres)

Bid Amount: _____

*Includes Site Prep

Completion Date By: _____

Contractor Signature: _____

DATE: _____

This bid accepted and approved the _____ day of the _____ month, 2026.

Chairman Signature: _____

(Office Use Only) Date Completed: _____

Tree Planting Plan

Date: 6/9/2024

Osborne Buffalo Pen
Clayton County Conservation

Phone# - 563-245-1516

Location: Section 9, Cox Creek Twp. Clayton County

Project Acres: 4

Landowner's Goals: To establish a tree planting for the purpose of controlling soil erosion, improving water quality, producing quality hardwood timber and wildlife habitat.

Description of the Area: The current ground cover is grass. The main soil found in the planting area is Caneek Channeled.

Site Preparation: The planting site should be mowed in September. Give the weeds time to grow back 2 to 4 inches and broadcast spray it with Roundup at a rate of 2qts. /Acre.

Planting: Use a spacing of 10 feet between the rows and 5 feet between the tree seedlings and 4 between the shrub species. I would recommend a minimum of 200 five-foot-tall tree pro tubes and fiberglass stakes or wire cages. These should be scattered throughout the planting installed mostly on oaks, hickory, pecan and coffee tree. Make sure the tree rows are planted on the contour to avoid unnecessary erosion and seedling mortality. The planting includes:

Bottomland bur oak – 400	Kentucky coffee tree – 300
Swamp white oak – 600	Black cherry - 50
Red oak – 200	River birch – 200
Pin oak - 100	Sycamore – 50
Chinkapin oak - 200	Silver maple – 200
Shellbark hickory - 200	Bald Cypress - 100
Northern Pecan - 200	Arrowwood - 125
Serviceberry - 125	Button bush - 125
Silky dogwood - 125	Red osier dogwood - 125

I would recommend planting the 5 shrub species in 5 rows running along the western side of the planting. The first row along the grass field to the west being red osier, then arrowwood, then silky dogwood, then buttonbush and finally serviceberry. The sycamore, silver maple, river birch should go closest to the river. Farthest from the river and on the best soils, plant the red oak, chinkapin oak, shellbark hickory and northern pecan. Everything else would work in the middle.

Weed Control: Year 1 - Immediately after the trees have been planted, 2 qts/acre Princep and 3 qts/acre of Pendulum should be sprayed in 4 foot wide bands directly over the trees. This chemical is a pre-emergent and must be applied before weeds germinate. Broadleaf weeds and annual grasses will likely appear in mid-summer after the spring applied herbicides wear off. Late season weeds are generally not a major concern as long as the planting is sprayed the following spring. Mowing between the rows is highly recommended.

Year 2 and 3 - 1/2 oz./acre of Oust, 2 qts./acre of Princep and 3 qts./acre of Pendulum . These applications should be done in the spring after the snow melts and when the trees are still dormant.

These chemicals if applied at the wrong time or incorrect rates can severely hurt or even kill the young trees. Be sure to have someone experienced with Oust do the spraying. It is against the law to use any herbicide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, insure the label is understood before use.

Mowing between the rows is recommended and would be very beneficial.

Weed control is one of the most important steps in your planting. The planting will more than likely fail if good weed control is not done. Competing vegetation must be controlled until the seedlings become well established which usually takes about 4 growing seasons.

Plan Prepared by:

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Tree Planting Contractors in N.E. Iowa

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Brown Forestry & Sawmill	1814 337 th St.	Decorah	IA	52101	(563) 380-1199
Shane Pinter	16267 Yankee Ave.	Cresco	IA	52136	(563) 380-4145



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