

Lagrange Chapter #592 Pheasants Forever

- Was formed 10 years ago to enhance wildlife habitat and increase pheasant population
- Applied for and received two 319 non point source grants for habitat development to prevent sedimentation
- 75% Cost Share for:
 - Warm Season Grass Plantings
 - Tree Plantings
 - Wetland Construction
- During 2006 Pheasants Forever planted:
 - 111.3 acres of warm & cool season grasses
 - 10.9 acres of trees
- Total acres planted in the last six years:
 - 625.3 acres of grass
 - 25.9 acres of trees
 - 5 wetland constructed

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Pheasants Forever is a national non-profit conservation organization founded in 1982 in response to the continuing decline of the ring-necked pheasant population.

Pheasants Forever is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant and other upland wildlife populations through habitat improvement, public awareness and education, and land management that benefits farmers and wildlife alike.



Pheasants Forever Board Members taking a moment to pose for the camera at the 2006 Banquet.

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Planting Trees & Shrubs for Wildlife Habitat



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Reasons to Plant Trees & Shrubs

- Reforestation of open land
- Rehabilitation of severely eroded soils
- Production of timber
- Fence posts
- Christmas Trees
- Improvement of wildlife habitat
- Windbreaks for fields and homes
- Reduce noise levels
- Screen unsightly views
- Enhance aesthetic value of property



Pheasants Forever will plant approximately 20 acres and 10,000 trees in 2007 using a tractor and tree planter purchased with monies raised from banquets, membership dues and donations.

Successful tree & shrub plantings:

- Must be well planned
- Must be properly established
- Must be managed properly

Planting trees for improvement of wildlife habitat:

Rows of trees & shrubs planted along edges of fields help protect wildlife from predators. Trees and shrubs provide substantial cover especially in the cold winter months. They will then provide nesting habitats and a variety of palatable fruits and other food in the warmer seasons. The following are good examples of different trees that will provide a quality habitat for wildlife:

- Hardwood trees such as Walnuts & Oaks
- Evergreens such as Pine, Norway Spruce and Northern White Cedar
- Wildlife Shrubs, such as Hazelnut, High-bush Cranberry, gray and red Osier Dogwood

Proper care and management are key to successful plantings. Trees & shrubs must be protected from:

- **Grazing**– Livestock can be destructive to all ages of forest plantings
- **Fire** – Disked or mowed fire lanes should be maintained around all plantings.
- **Competing Weeds & Brush** – can cause deformities and may suppress and kill the trees and shrubs. Excessive weed growth also competes for soil moisture which is also critical to good growth.
- **Rodents and Insects** – Rabbits can cut off tree seedlings and field mice can girdle older plantings at ground level. Tree plantings should be inspected for insect damage.



Properly planned tree plantings can provide wildlife habitat, wind breaks and noise reduction.