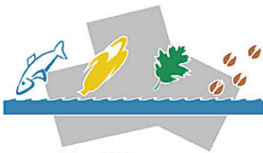


# Natural Connections Program

## Native Trees From Seed Project

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Healthy plant and wildlife populations require healthy habitats. The goal of the native trees from seed program is to help community partners produce native trees from local seed to use in projects throughout Brant County.

How Far should the seed fall from the tree? Brant's native woody plant species have evolved over millennia to be specially adapted to local climate and sites - a process of Natural Selection. This means that Seed Source Matters - to the success of any planting project! The Native Trees from seed program ensures that we are using the stock and species that are adapted to the project. Choose Brant's Natural Selections.

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From the right and proceeding clockwise, tree seeds are collected in fall of 2005 from around Brant County. Some tree seeds were planted in direct seed beds while others are stratified in a fridge for planting in a greenhouse. In March public and high school students along with adult volunteers plant the seeds. Pauline Johnson High School students and Tim Horton Onondaga Farm staff grow the trees from these seeds in their green houses. In April, 1 year old trees were planted on Earth Day by Brant County school children at King William Park and Tim Horton Onondaga Farms. In May the young trees were moved outside to grow until planting in 2007.

