Manitoba Forestry Association – Sandilands Forest Discovery Centre (SFDC)

Project Overview

Forests provide a wide range of values from clean air and water to wildlife habitat to wood products; they also provide equally important recreational and educational opportunities. As part of SFI Inc.’s commitment to enhancing these opportunities, the Manitoba Forestry Association (MFA) will receive $5,000 to repair and improve three interpretive educational trails in the Sandilands Forest Discovery Centre (SFDC) forest. While this project will allow MFA to complete much needed safety improvements following natural disturbance events, it will also update the interpretive and educational content associated with the trails. A new trail guide will also be published discussing fire ecology, resource management and the role SFI plays in sustainable forestry. Additionally the new trail system will be utilized in the Manitoba Envirothon, an annual hands-on environmental education competition for high school students, designed to encourage team work, problem-solving skills, and public speaking skills while fostering an appreciation of environmental issues.

Supporting the SFI Standard

The project will support many aspects of the SFI 2010-2014 Standard including Objective 5: Management of visual quality and recreational benefits; Objective 6: Protection of special sites; Objective 16: Training and education; and Objective 17: Community Involvement in the Practice of Sustainable Forestry.

Project Partners

Project partners include: LumberOne Building Products Ltd., Pineland Forest Nursery, and Agassiz Chainsaw Sculptors & Timberme.