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We are looking for sites to plant riverside trees in Suffolk & north Essex.

Tree planting along Rivers in Suffolk & north Essex 2024-5

We have some funding for native tree planting along rivers in Suffolk (including parts of Essex within the River Stour catchment) for 2024-5 and wish to target those lengths of rivers which are likely to benefit from additional trees and/or scrub.

Planting native tree species along a river can significantly improve water quality through stabilising the riverbank and reducing sedimentation. Trees also provide much needed shade which helps to keep rivers cool and improve the habitat for fish and terrestrial wildlife. Shading also helps to control the growth of excessive emergent vegetation which can choke the channel slowing the flow and causing siltation.

If you are interested, we would like to walk your stretch of river and discuss options with you. If appropriate we will come up with some sympathetic planting proposals for your approval. The funding will cover the material cost of trees and protection and planting costs. The timescales for planting will need to be between November 2024 and March 2025 so we would aim to walk each site and draw up any plans during summer and early autumn 2024.

The work will be managed and carried out by Naomi Boyle and James Carr from the Environment Agency and Penny Hemphill of Hemphill Ecology. We have worked together for a number of years on similar projects around the county.

If you are interested in being part of the project or wish to find out more, please reply by email to: hemphillecology@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will take up the opportunity to enhance our Suffolk and north Essex rivers.