



Financial gains for new trees in the right places

# Funding for New Woodland Creation

Woodlands for Water aims to create new woodlands to improve water quality and biodiversity, and increase flood and drought resilience.

To support the creation of these woodlands, funding is available through the Forestry Commission's flagship 'England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) grant', which provides greater financial incentives for tree planting and management, including along rivers and watercourses.

Norfolk Rivers Trust (NRT) has dedicated advisors who are able to provide free site visits, advice and support to landowners applying to the EWCO.

## What is EWCO?



*Woodland creation on non-productive land could benefit your local area and be financially rewarding.*

EWCO is a generous grant scheme which offers premium payments for woodland creation:

- **Capital Costs Covered** - up to 100% (max. £10,200 per hectare).
- **Annual Maintenance Grant** - £400 per hectare, per annum, for 15 years.
- **Additional stackable payments - up to an extra £12,700 per hectare** for targeted areas, incentivising "right trees in the right places".

## Who is eligible for EWCO?



- EWCO is available to landowners, land managers and public bodies.
- A minimum project size of 1 hectare - which can be made up of smaller blocks of 0.1 ha or more.
- For 5 ha or more, you can also apply for a 'Woodland Creation Planning Grant' prior to EWCO, contributing to designing your new woodland.

## How Norfolk Rivers Trust can help

Norfolk Rivers Trust (NRT) has dedicated advisors who can help scope woodland creation opportunities\*. Free of charge, we can:



- Visit your site, and advise tenants, farmers and landowners in accessing grant schemes for your tree-planting projects.
- Provide maps of your land, highlighting any extra EWCO funding options available (up to an additional £12,700 per ha).
- Support throughout the full EWCO application process, advising on alternative grants if this is not suitable.
- Create an application for the Woodland Creation Planning Grant (WCPG) with no obligation to plant. From this, you would receive £1,500 and a woodland plan that can be used for future applications.

## Why plant woodlands?



- Trees provide many benefits throughout the catchment, such as: improving soil health; building resilience to drought and severe weather; and reducing erosion and flooding risk.
- Riparian woodlands (along watercourses) provide further, crucial benefits that boost biodiversity, keep our rivers cool, and help reduce harmful runoff from roads and agricultural land entering rivers.
- Other income streams can be made available through creating woodland, such as generating carbon and timber.

*\* NRT can currently offer these services across the Bure, Glaven, Stiffkey, Wensum, Heacham, Lark, Gaywood and Wissey river catchments.*



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