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**DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2003 Minneapolis Ave. Gladstone, MI 49837**

BEST SELECTION DEADLINE: April 2nd, 2010

**PICK-UP DATE: Friday, April 23rd, 2010 - 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 24th, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
U.P. State Fairgrounds, Barn #10**

Name: _____

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Consider the following items to plan your planting:

- 1) ***Select the location and site for your spring planting.*** Consult your county conservation district for planting consideration if needed.
- 2) ***Consider the purpose of your planting:*** i.e. future timber, wildlife cover or food, erosion control, etc. This information will help you determine the proper spacing between plants and between rows.
- 3) ***Obtain site information:*** Soil type, exposure (south facing, north facing, etc.) and slope. This will help you decide on the species of trees or shrubs best suited to the location and site.
- 4) ***Identify and review planting method:*** Will you be hand planting with a shovel, using a mechanical planter, or planting transplants with a power posthole digger, etc.?
- 5) ***Plan for and scout for pests and special problems prior to planting.*** What type(s) of weeds are present? Are rabbits, deer, mice or certain insects likely to be a problem? Tree shelters (or protectors) increase survival significantly and reduce damage by rodents and deer.
- 6) ***Maintenance of your planting:*** Weed control will probably be needed for a minimum of 3 years after planting if competition is severe. Scout plantings regularly for insect, weed, animal and disease problems.
- 7) ***Follow label closely when applying pesticides.*** Remember besides causing mechanical damage to the trees, mowing is not considered an effective weed control for forest or conservation plantings.