



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.