

Faster Forests



Minimizing the land footprint of our oil sands projects is important to us

The Faster Forests program give forests a head start in the areas we are ready to reclaim because we plant trees as well as grasses in these areas. We believe this will restore forests more quickly.

This program is now testing the planting of spruce, poplar and aspen. But we see a lot of potential in Faster Forests and are going to expand this program in the future. This will include planting other types of vegetation to make the new forests suitable for wildlife. We're also planning to work with the region's Aboriginal peoples to identify the plants that may have traditional uses.

We believe this program will create work opportunities for local contractors and suppliers, reduce our footprint and significantly change how quickly the forests grow again. Faster Forests is an exciting future.

How and why we started the program

The University of Alberta is half-way through a 10 year study on minimizing the wellsite footprint in our industry. This study is funded by several members of industry. ConocoPhillips Canada's Surmont project is one of the study sites.

We're implementing the practices they've recommended after the first five years of the study.

This is one of several ways we are working to minimize our footprint.