

## Planting for Change Application Form

The Planting for Change (P4C) program involves planting a living laboratory on your school grounds in order to study the effect of climate change on the growth of different tree species. ACER's growing P4C schoolyard network allows students to learn how to plant trees, measure and record scientific data. Students will plant 15 trees and 45 shrubs in a designated site on your school property on a planting day and will measure and record data for each tree on an annual basis. The data will be collected, analyzed, and posted on ACER's website. Your school's P4C data may be viewed at any time on ACER's website and you may compare your data with other P4C schools' data.

I would like our school (**School Name**) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in P4C.

- I acknowledge that this program involves planting trees and shrubs in a designated site located on our school grounds.\*
- I acknowledge that ACER will provide trees and shrubs for our planting day and that some materials and equipment such as soil and mulch must be provided by our school.
- I understand that this program involves long-term monitoring of trees on our property.
- I acknowledge that ACER team members will be present on school grounds in order to aid in the planting of trees and shrubs on our planting day.
- I have read the "Steps and Responsibilities" document: <http://goo.gl/BRChC>

**Teacher/Green Spark's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Enrollment and Grades:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one of the below boxes:**

- I would like ACER to apply for funding on behalf of our school for the P4C program and have received permission from our school board to plant trees in our school yard.
- Our school presently has sufficient funding for the P4C program and has received permission from our school board to plant trees in our school yard.

By signing this form, you agree that you have read and understood all of the above and that all above statements are true.

**Teacher's/Green Spark's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Notes:**

**1. Locates:** You must obtain a "Locate" for the planting day to find the underground pipes and wires and to ensure you're planting in a safe location. Locates expire after 30 days, so book your Locate closer to the planting date. Contact Ontario One Call for a free Locate: 1-800-400-2255 or submit an online locate request at [www.on1call.com](http://www.on1call.com).

**2. On-going Maintenance:** Establish a "No Mow Zone" for your site with your grounds people as young trees/shrubs are lost by mowing over or around the new plantings. The area can be totally mulched.

Please send this form to [office@acer-acre.ca](mailto:office@acer-acre.ca).