

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE 30 MAY 1996  
PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICIES COMMITTEE 6 JUNE 1996  
SUBJECT: ANGUS MILLENNIUM FOREST**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES**

**Abstract: There is considerable scope for forestry planting on Angus Council land in each of the seven Burghs. The opportunity of funding from Millennium Forest for Scotland would make this an attractive proposition. Authority is therefore sought to make an application to fund the Angus Millennium Forest.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that :

- i. the scope for forestry planting on Council land be noted.
- ii. the Director of Planning, Transport & Economic Development be authorised to make an application to the Millenium Forest for Scotland for the "Angus Millenium Forest", in consultation with the Director of Recreation Services and report back when the outcome of the application is known.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The proposed Angus Millennium Forest has been substantially based upon work carried out in respect of investigations to establish an Urban Forestry Rolling Programme on Angus District Council land.
- 2.2 In March 1993, Angus District Council approved the principle of establishing an Urban Forestry Rolling Programme; extended the temporary employment of a member of staff in the Parks & Recreation Service for 12 weeks to undertake preliminary research and investigations; and requested that a further report be submitted regarding the scope for and funding requirements of a programme. (Minute 125/93) Investigations have been completed jointly between the staff of Planning and Recreation Services.
- 2.3 With the opportunity of Millennium funding it is proposed that the programme be known as the Angus Millennium Forest with seven component Burgh Millennium Forests.

**3 MILLENNIUM FOREST FOR SCOTLAND**

- 3.1 In October 1995 the Millennium Commission announced support of nearly £6 million towards the first phase of the Millennium Forest for Scotland. It is anticipated that the Commission will provide support for subsequent phases of the initiative, up to a total of £50 million. The remaining project costs will come from fundraising,

sponsorship, grants and other sources. Shortly after the announcement of funding, the Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust was created to act as the contracting body with overall responsibility for delivering the project.

- 3.2 The Millennium Forest for Scotland aims to promote restoration of native woodlands as an important part of our natural heritage and bring them back into long-term sustainable management for public benefit by:
- encouraging and supporting practical work designed to extend the cover of native trees and improve the stewardship of native and other woods.
  - re-establishing social, cultural and economic links between communities and their local woodlands, thereby promoting an interest in and commitment to the sustainable management of native woodlands in the long term.
- 3.3 Millennium Forest for Scotland will provide funding for up to 50% of the total cost of successful project applications. The remaining cost can include other sources of external funding such as the Forestry Authority's woodland Grant Scheme and Community Woodland Supplement.

#### **4 ANGUS MILLENNIUM FOREST**

- 4.1 The sifting exercise partially completed for the six burghs within Angus District by end March 1996 has been completed and extended to also include Monifieth. Those sites where forestry potential exists are listed in Appendix A. The areas likely to be suitable for planting/management for each site have also been estimated. It should be noted that existing site uses and landscaping considerations have been taken account of in the estimate although detailed site layouts have not been prepared. To be eligible for Millennium Forest for Scotland funding, sites must satisfy the minimum requirements of the Forestry Authority's Woodland Grant Scheme. This means that, in general, woodlands should be a minimum of 0.25 ha in area and woodland in character. As a result sites where woodland areas would be less than 0.25 ha or only suitable for specimen planting have been excluded.
- 4.2 As can be seen from the Angus summary statistics, on Council owned land there is likely to be scope for around 191 hectares of forestry planting and almost 68 hectares of woodland which would benefit from management. Plans showing the location of all sites listed is available for inspection by Members.
- 4.3 Exploratory discussions have been held with the Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust and it is considered that the eligibility criteria for Millennium funding can be satisfied.
- 4.4 With funding from Millennium Forest for Scotland and other sources (see para 3.3) Angus Council's contribution may be in the region of 10-20% of the total project cost spread over 4 or 5 years. A proportion of the cost is likely to be in the form of staff time.

## **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications on the Council as a direct result of the preparation of a bid to the Millennium Forest for Scotland, and a successful bid does not commit the Council to undertake the project.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Director of Law & Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **7 CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 The landholding of the Angus Council represents a currently under-utilised resource. Undertaken sensitively, forestry can significantly improve the quality of the environment within each of the seven Burghs as well as benefiting nature conservation and providing an environmental education resource.
- 7.2 Furthermore, the opportunity of Millennium funding together with already available grants from the Forestry Authority is likely to make the Angus Millennium Forest an attractive proposition.

## **NOTE**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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**ANGUS MILLENNIUM FOREST**
**ANGUS SUMMARY**

<b>Burgh</b>	<b>Suitable Forestry</b>	
	<b>Planting (ha)</b>	<b>Management (ha)</b>
Arbroath	39.6	18.85
Brechin	9.71	4.25
Carnoustie	9.8	6.61
Forfar	99.61	8.04
Kirriemuir	7.3	3.4
Monifieth	7.7	5.3
Montrose	17.45	21.45
<b>TOTAL ANGUS</b>	<b>191.17</b>	<b>67.9</b>

ARBROATH MILLENNIUM FOREST

Site No	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments
			Planting (ha)	Management (ha)	
1	West Links	10	3	0	
2	Elliot Industrial Estate	1.75	1.4	0	
3	Elliot Industrial Estate NW Boundary	1.5	0.25	1.25	
4	Hospitalfield Housing Estate	0.7	0.7	0	
5	Hospitalfield Rd/School Rd	0.6	0.4	0.2	
6	Hospitalfield Pk/Arbriol Rd West	1.3	0.7	0.6	
7	Bloomfield House & Park	1.6	0.7	0	
8	Arbriol Place Playground & Arbriol Rd Park	1.2	1.0	0.2	
9	West or Cricket Common	3.0	1.8	0	
10	Low and High Commons	5.0	2.0	0	
11	Rosemount Park	0.7	0.5	0	
12	Keptie Pond Related Land Areas	4.0	1.5	0	
13	McDonald Park	2.7	1.3	0	
14	Keptie Hills, & Arbroath High School	17.00	3.0	1.2	
15	Wester Cemetery	8.4	1.0	0	
16	Proposed Cemetery Extension & BMX Track	2.0	0.8	0.4	
17	Hercules Den Playing Fields	17.4	3.5	1.0	
18	East Kirkton Houses Estate Park	1.8	1.0	0	
19	Dens of St Vigeans	2.1	1.3	0.8	
20	Brothock Valley NW Side	10.5	4.5	2.5	
21	Brothock Valley SW Side	1.7	0.75	0	
22	Brothock Valley SE Section	5.0	1.00	2.4	
23	Brothock Valley/Wardykes Housing NE	2.0	0.3	0	

Site No	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments
			Planting (ha)	Management (ha)	
24	Eastern Cemetery	7.8	0.8	0	
25	Hayshead or Carnegie Park	10	0.3	0	
26	Seaton Park	2.0	0.75	0	
27	Springfield Park	9.0	2.0	0	
28	Hayshead PS	1.4	0.3	0	
29	Arbroath Academy	3.6	0.5	0	
30	School Playing Fields	4.0	0.75	0	
31	Inverbrothock PS	1.8	0.5	0	
32	Kirkton Industrial Estate Woodland	9.3	1.0	8.3	
33	Geordies Burn/Elliott Industrial Estate	0.3	0.3	0	
<b>Arbroath Totals</b>			39.6	18.85	

## BRECHIN MILLENNIUM FOREST

Site No.	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments
			Planting (ha)	Management (ha)	
1.	Inch Park & Ladeside	4.23	2.00	0.8	
2.	Den of Leuchland	0.51	0.3	0.1	
3.	Disused Railway Nature Trail	3.55	1.00	1.7	
4.	Wards Park	2.42	1.0	0	
5.	Brechin Public Park	7.37	1.5	0.5	
6.	Brechin Den	2.00	0.8	0.45	
7.	Brechin Cemetery Nursery	0.86	0.46	0.4	
8.	Brechin High School	4.7	1.6	0.3	
9.	Cookston Road	1.05	1.05	0	
<b>BRECHIN TOTALS</b>			9.71	4.25	



## CARNOUSTIE MILLENNIUM FOREST

Site No.	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments
			Planting (ha)	Management (ha)	
1.	Ravensby Road	0.7	0.5	0	
2.	Laundry Park	2.0	1.0	0	
3.	Pitiskelly Park & Ind. Estate	6.7	1.0	2.36	
4.	Lochend	6.82	1.0	0	
5.	Carnoustie H.S	9.4	2.0	0.6	
6.	Carnoustie House Grounds & Woodland Caravan Park	8.69	2.0	3.5	
7.	Lochty Burn	1.05	0.7	0.15	
8.	Carlogie Rd Playing fields	2.66	0.8	0	
9.	Carlogie Primary School	2.2	0.3	0	
10.	Chapman Drive Park	1.69	0.5	0	
<b>CARNOUSTIE TOTALS</b>			<b>9.8</b>	<b>6.61</b>	

## FORFAR MILLENNIUM FOREST

Site No.	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments Management (ha)
			Planting (ha)		
1.	Balmashanner Hill	4.15	2.0	2.0	
2.	Langlands Park	1.73	1.2	0	
3.	Boyle Park	1.17	0.5	0	
4.	Langlands PS, Glamis Rd	1.77	0.25	0	
5.	Steel Park	2.0	0.3	0	
6.	Reid Park	5.67	3.5	0	
7.	Beechhill, Lour Road	4.66	3.96	0.6	
8.	Newmonthill Cemetry	4.76	0	0.5	
9.	Lordburn Park, Arbroath Road	0.79	0.25	0	
10.	'New Park' Montrose Rd	2.3	1.0	0	
11.	Lochhead Tip	80.00	80.00	0	
12.	Whitehills Playing fields	1.99	0.35	0	
13.	Marketmuir, John St.	1.88	0.3	0	
14.	Forfar Academy	11.74	2.00	0.4	
15.	Guthrie Park	2.4	0	1.54	
16.	Myre Park	1.36	0.5	0	
17.	Forfar Loch Country Park	45.21	2.0	3.0	
18.	Orchardbank Industrial Estate	1.5	1.5	0	
<b>FORFAR TOTALS</b>			<b>99.61</b>	<b>8.04</b>	

## KIRRIEMUIR MILLENNIUM FOREST

Site No.	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments
			Planting (ha)	Management (ha)	
1.	Martin Park	3.2	0.4	0	
2.	Websters High School	5.0	1.0	0.9	
3.	The Commonty, Bellies Brae	0.97	0.4	0	
4.	The Den	5.0	1.5	2.0	
5.	Kirriemuir Cemetary & Hill of Kirriemuir	9.86	3.0	0.5	
6.	Northmuir Primary School	2.4	1.0	0	
<b>KIRRIEMUIR TOTALS</b>			7.3	3.4	

## MONIFIETH MILLENNIUM FOREST

Site No.	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments
			Planting (ha)	Management (ha)	
1.	Monifieth High School	8.3	1.0	0	
2.	Dighty Den	9.8	2.5	4.0	
3.	Grange Rd Primary School	3.1	0.6	0.2	
4.	Ashludie Park & satellites	4.5	1.8	0.9	
5.	Seaview Primary School	3.5	0.3	0.1	
6.	Monifieth Seafront	15.5	1.5	0.1	
<b>MONIFIETH TOTALS</b>			7.7	5.3	

MONTROSE MILLENNIUM FOREST					
Site No.	Site Name	Area (ha)	Suitable for Forestry		Comments
			Planting (ha)	Management (ha)	
1.	Ferryden	2.5	0.8	0	
2.	Marine Avenue	4.14	1.25	0	
3.	Caravan Park, South Links	4.35	0.35	0.4	
4.	East Links	17.7	3.0	0	
5.	The Curly & Cycle Track	6.15	2.0	0	
6.	Lochside Primary School & Medicinewell Park	2.7	0.75	0	
7.	St Christophers Travelling People's Site	2.0	0.75	0.75	
8.	Sleepyhillock Cemetery	7.9	1.8	4.0	
9.	Borrowfield Park & School	4.52	1.0	0.3	
10.	Broomfield	26.37	2.5	0	
11.	Dubton	0.37	0.25	0	
12.	Hillside	22.0	3.0	16.0	
<b>MONTROSE, FERRYDEN &amp; HILLSIDE TOTALS</b>			<b>17.45</b>	<b>21.45</b>	

