

Craters & Freighters' Commitment to Sustainability: Reforestation and Beyond

Craters & Freighters embraces sustainable shipping with measurable environmental impacts, restoring habitats and reducing emissions.

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-- At <u>Craters & Freighters</u>, sustainability
is not just a responsibility but a core
component of its mission. The
company demonstrates its
commitment to environmental
stewardship through responsible
shipping and packaging practices, with
a goal of positively impacting the
environment. As global awareness of
environmental conservation grows,
Craters & Freighters takes pride in its



Craters & Freighters teamed up with the Arbor Day Foundation in 2023 to drive reforestation goals.

active role in sustainability initiatives that benefit both the company and the planet.

2023 REFORESTATION IMPACT: A SNAPSHOT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



There's never been a more important time for this work and we're happy to collaborate with partners like Craters and Freighters to help support our world's most critical ecosystems."

Dan Lambe, Chief Executive, Arbor Day Foundation

One of Craters & Freighters' most significant efforts is its dedication to reforestation. Trees are essential to the planet's ecosystem, providing vital services such as carbon sequestration, air and water filtration, and habitats for wildlife. Understanding this, Craters & Freighters partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the USDA Forest Service under the Good Neighbor Authority to restore Michigan's state and national forests.

In 2023, the Craters & Freighters team successfully planted 10,000 red and jack pine trees across 11 acres of forest

land—an area heavily logged in the late 1800s. These trees were chosen for their role in rebuilding native forest ecosystems, benefiting the environment and local wildlife. Key environmental impacts achieved in 2023 include:

- Avoiding 356,671 gallons of water runoff By enhancing the land's ability to absorb water, tree replanting helps prevent soil erosion and water pollution, protecting local water sources.
- Removing 9.84 tons of air pollution Trees play a crucial role in purifying the air. Through photosynthesis, they absorb pollutants and release oxygen, resulting in cleaner air.
- Sequestering or avoiding 1,165 metric tons of CO The newly planted trees will continue to sequester carbon over the next 40 years, reducing greenhouse gases and contributing to climate change mitigation.

Supporting Wildlife and Biodiversity

Beyond environmental benefits, reforestation supports the restoration of natural habitats crucial to local wildlife. Specifically, this project aids the recovery of the Kirtland's warbler, a bird species that depends on young jack pine forests for nesting. The reforestation efforts help ensure a safe environment for these warblers to thrive.

The project also has broader implications for Michigan's forests, benefiting various species such as deer, turkey, and grouse. By restoring natural habitats, Craters & Freighters aims to ensure that Michigan's forests continue to support diverse wildlife for generations to come.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REFORESTATION

Reforestation plays a central role in Craters & Freighters' sustainability strategy due to the significant positive impact forests have on global ecosystems:

- Carbon Sequestration Trees efficiently remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, storing it as biomass and helping to offset human-generated greenhouse gas emissions.
- Water Filtration and Retention Forests regulate the water cycle by soaking up rainfall and releasing it slowly into rivers and lakes, preventing flooding and maintaining water quality.
- Air Purification Beyond carbon, trees absorb pollutants like nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide, protecting human health and environmental integrity.
- Wildlife Habitat Forests support over 80% of the Earth's terrestrial species, offering essential habitats that prevent wildlife from becoming endangered or extinct.

LOOKING AHEAD: A GREENER FUTURE FOR CRATERS & FREIGHTERS

The 2023 reforestation project marks the beginning of Craters & Freighters' commitment to long-term sustainability. The company is dedicated to expanding environmental responsibility across all business areas. Whether through reforestation, sustainable shipping practices, or reducing its carbon footprint, Craters & Freighters is continuously seeking ways to minimize environmental impact while maximizing positive contributions to the planet.

Craters & Freighters remains committed to partnering with local and national organizations,

ensuring its efforts leave a lasting, positive environmental impact.

ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS IN SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is a collective effort, and each tree planted, habitat restored, and ton of carbon sequestered contributes to a healthier planet. Craters & Freighters remains committed to championing initiatives that support environmental preservation and future generations.

Stay tuned for updates on Craters & Freighters' reforestation and sustainability initiatives as the company contributes to meaningful progress—one tree at a time.

ABOUT CRATERS AND FREIGHTERS

Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Golden, Colorado, Craters & Freighters is a national leader in specialty freight solutions. Expanding through franchising since 1991, the company offers full-service logistics, providing custom crating, packaging, and shipping for residential and commercial clients worldwide.

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