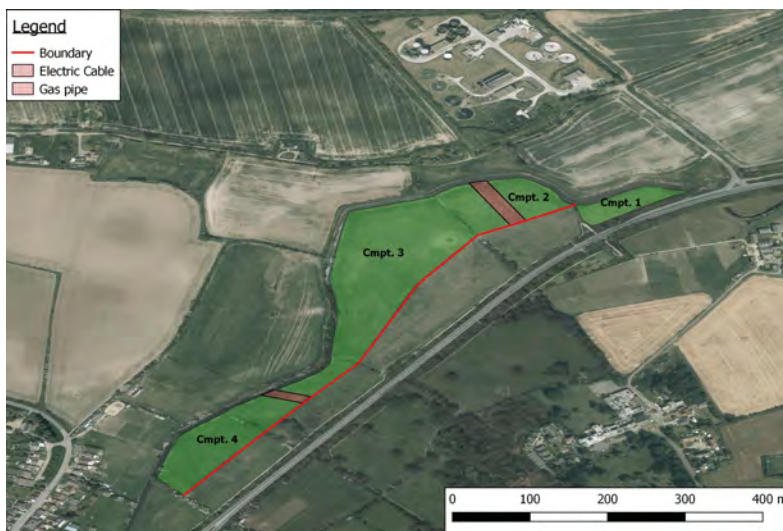


## BGO's 2023 Tenure in Trees Program Plants Roots in

# Essex, England

The Essex Forest Initiative will take place across the country throughout the year of 2023. The project will have several areas of focus, including, the creation of wet woodland on river floodplains, habitat creation and connectivity across agricultural land, and parkland creation.



Essex is currently a region with very few connected forest habitats due to its agricultural and urban development. In comparison to other nations, it has significantly lower forest cover so the ecological benefits of creating and connecting woodlands as well as improving the ecology of each planting site are exceptional and will be the primary focus of this project.

The Essex Forest Initiative also intends to connect people with nature through the planting of trees. Community volunteer support will be encouraged during both the planting and maintenance stages of the sites and the educational aspect of the many benefits of being near to and understanding trees will be central to the legacy of this initiative.

Throughout the project 100,000 trees will be planted with densities ranging from 1600-2500 trees per hectare. Over 25 different varieties of trees will be planted including Alder, Dogwood, Oak and many others which will help to create diverse coverage across the region. **#TeamBGO** has contributed 1,500 trees to the project, and we are excited to see the benefits the development will have throughout Essex.