

HEDGEROW BUDGET CATEGORIES FOR CONSIDERATION

ACTIVITIES	Comments
Labor: Meetings/Planning	Typically landowner time with technical assistance providers, but could involve staff on large operations.
Labor: Hand site preparation	Number of hours needed will depend on existing site conditions & level of preparation needed. Costs can be reduced by involving friends & family.
Labor: Operating tractor/machinery	May not be needed, but can expedite site prep depending on site conditions
Labor: Picking up materials/supplies	If vehicles of sufficient capacity are available, can be less expensive to use personal labor & vehicles to pick up vs. delivery costs.
Labor: Installing irrigation system	Time to install depends on complexity of irrigation system; however, some systems with components slightly more time-consuming to assemble may save money later in durability & performance benefits.
Labor: Planting	Time to plant will vary based on soil type & site prep. Costs can be reduced by involving friends & family.
Labor: Mulching	Hours needed to apply mulch can depend on ease of access to deliver mulch pile(s) as close as possible to planting site. Costs can be reduced by involving friends & family
Labor: Plant protectors/fencing	May not be needed depending on site conditions & potential for animals to browse. Costs can be reduced by involving friends & family.
Labor: Monitoring/Maintenance	Ongoing time required, will reduce/change over time. Depending on hedgerow size, may be easily accommodated as part of usual operations.

SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	Comments
Equipment rental	Might include tractors, backhoes, sod cutters, etc. Many landowners take advantage of on-site equipment to expedite some prep work.
Fuel for equipment	Remember to include refuel costs for rented equipment or personal equipment.
Compost + delivery	Not always needed for soil building activities, but plan for this if soils are deemed too poor in organic matter to sustain a healthy, drought-tolerant hedgerow.
Irrigation supplies	May be able to incorporate existing irrigation supplies, but likely will need a new drip system or series of hoses, plus timers, dedicated to 2-3 summers of hedgerow irrigation.
Plant protectors/fencing	Plant-protection devices can often be borrowed/repurposed from other planting projects that no longer need them. Donate yours when no longer needed to reduce waste.
Mulch &/or mulch delivery	Mulch itself may be free or have nominal cost from arborists, but sometimes requires delivery fee. Sometimes mulch is not available in sufficient quantities for free or arborists cannot deliver to remote areas, even with delivery fee.
Mileage for picking up supplies/materials	Remember to include this cost if doing DIY pick-ups instead of deliveries.
Hand tools (shovels, picks, wheelbarrows, buckets, cultivators, planting bars, weeding tools)	Most landowners have the tools necessary, but if gathering family & friends to help (& thus more tools are needed) or if in need of specialty tools such as planting bars, Scot's broom weed-wrenches, etc., inquire with your local WSU Extension, conservation district, or USDA NRCS office.
Plants	See separate sample budgets for plants. Costs can be reduced by using smaller sizes; relying on bare-root stock, plugs, and live stakes where possible; using more plants that spread by rhizomes to fill in the space without purchasing additional plants.