WILLOW STAKING
RULES OF THUMB

- Review the site, plant 2’ apart
- Remove no more than 1/3rd of individual shrub/tree for conservation
- Use rebar or similar to pre-dig the hole approximately 24” deep (proximity to groundwater is key)
- Use straight stakes, 1”- 3” diameter (larger diameter cuttings have more stored energy for survival)
- Cut the top flat and the bottom at an angle to help with placement; buds should be pointing up (3-4 buds above ground with a majority of stake underground)
- Remove leaves and stems from the stake before planting
- Conduct in October-February, after a good rain event saturates the soil & the willows are dormant

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