

**Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD)/Loudoun County  
Non-Agricultural Stream Buffer Planting Project**

***What is it?***

A voluntary program to help fund the cost of planting streamside vegetative buffers on non-agricultural land.

***Who is eligible?***

Owners of non-agricultural riparian land within Loudoun County located adjacent to perennial streams and water bodies that flow year-round. This includes private land, commercial/industrial properties, or Home Owners Association property.

***How much funding is available?***

A total of \$35,000 (up to \$7,000 per acre for the cost of labor and materials for new plantings).

***How does the reimbursement work?***

Landowners will be reimbursed after planting, following the submission of receipts and a copy of the recorded Declaration of Restrictions to preserve the planting area and a site inspection by LSWCD or County staff. A follow-up site inspection will occur at one year to evaluate the planting success criteria (75% survival with uniform distribution). Additional planting may be required to achieve the success criteria.

***What do I have to plant?***

1) 260 native deciduous trees/acre (150 Canopy/110 Understory), 3-gallon, planted 13 ft. on center.

**OR**

2) 450 native deciduous tublings/acre (250 Canopy/200 Understory – with tree tubes, stapled mats, and stakes), planted 10 ft. on center.

**PLUS**

3) **Optional Evergreens**: Up to 25% of the canopy trees may be evergreen species.

4) **Optional Shrubs**: 80, one-gallon, native shrubs (border planting – one shrub every five feet).

The planting area shall be a minimum of 35 feet wide and a maximum of 100 feet wide and shall include a minimum of three different species per category (canopy and understory) selected from the approved plant list, or otherwise approved.

***How do I apply?***

Applications are due to the LSWCD by March 15, 2017. Approved projects are required to be planted in Spring 2017 (between the project approval date and May 1st).

***Where can I buy plants?***

Any landscape or nursery business and the Virginia Department of Forestry.

***Who do I contact for more information or to apply?***

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