



Enhance Your Land with **FREE** County Reforestation

Sustainability & Forest Management
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*Trees planted through this program on private land incur **no cost** to landowners. Funding was generated using Baltimore County stormwater remediation fees through the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).*



*For many of our native forest species, such as red oak or swamp white oak, one two-foot diameter tree can intercept as much as **8,000 gallons** of stormwater per year!*

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www.baltimorecountymd.gov/forestsandtrees

Baltimore County's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) is interested in working with Baltimore County citizens to **plant rural lands**. Reforestation projects include **free** planting design, site preparation, the installation of County-purchased trees, tree shelters and a three-year maintenance period.

Reforestation Benefits

Trees provide many benefits to home and land owners, such as increasing property value, reducing mowing expenses, improving groundwater quality and purifying the air. Additionally, trees perform a **vital ecosystem and economic function** – they intercept stormwater. When precipitation falls and rests on tree leaves, it can either evaporate back into the atmosphere, be absorbed by the tree or infiltrate into the soil. These functions help decrease runoff and reduce the amount of nutrients and sediment flowing into nearby storm drains, rivers and streams, all of which eventually enter the Bay. Trees help improve the health of the Bay and protect stormwater infrastructure.

How Does the Program Work?

Trees are planted and maintained by County-selected contractors for the first three years after planting. The maintenance period includes seasonal mowing, vine and invasive species suppression and stake and shelter upkeep. Maintenance may also include watering during times of heavy drought and the application of pesticides, herbicides and/or rodenticides when needed. To ensure the long-term survival of the reforestation project, the County will develop the planting plan and will also conduct maintenance and replacement plantings, as needed, after the three-year maintenance period.

The County is especially interested in planting reforestations of **one acre or larger**. Larger areas will take priority; however, landowners can still request areas smaller than one acre to be evaluated for feasibility of planting. However, if you don't qualify for this reforestation program, you can still enhance your property by purchasing native trees and tree shelters at the County's bi-annual Big Trees sales. More information can be found online at: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/bigtrees.

How to Get Started

Contact EPS today by e-mailing coberholtzer@baltimorecountymd.gov or by calling 410-887-5684! If interested, we will schedule a visit to your property for a site assessment to determine feasibility of planting. Unless requested, homeowners do not need to be present during the scheduled site assessment. If conditions are deemed favorable to ensure tree survival, EPS will develop a planting plan and initiate the planting.