



Healthy Forests Healthy Waters (HFHW)

Overview

Woods on your land provide you a myriad of benefits. The Healthy Forests Healthy Waters (**HFHW**) program offers private landowners in Maryland a cost-free opportunity to establish new woodland cover on their property.



This turnkey tree planting program is administered by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland Forestry Foundation with technical support provided by the Maryland Forest Service (MDFS). MDFS staff work with participating landowners to develop personalized tree planting plans that match landowner goals and site conditions. The tree planting is implemented by experienced natural resources service providers. Additionally, natural resources providers return during the growing season to mow the site and maintain the new trees for three years after the planting. All work will be administered under the guidance and oversight of MDFS and Alliance staff.

HFHW is funded by a Maryland Chesapeake and Coastal Bays Trust Fund grant, so there are no costs incurred by participating landowners nor restrictive easements. Increasing woodland cover in Maryland benefits all Marylanders.

Eligible Projects

- typically one or more acres
- privately owned open land (no understory planting)

Expectation of Landowners

- agree to keep the trees for at least 10 years. No restrictive easement is required
- take over responsibility for maintaining the trees after the 3rd growing season until they become established

Benefits to Landowners

- Increased wildlife habitat
- More privacy
- Aesthetics
- Cleaner air and water



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