



2008 Backyard Buffer Program, MD

Maryland landowners in Frederick County, Washington County, and the Bennett Creek watershed whose property adjoins a stream, swale, or wet area are encouraged to complete a brief application for the Backyard Buffer program by March 31, 2008. The program provides 25 free native trees and shrubs for landowner planting and stewardship. Also included are fact sheets on tree planting techniques, typical planting arrangement, proper tree maintenance, native plant species suitable for streamside plantings, and additional information for those who wish to learn more. Participants can also help complete the cycle and "pay back" the cost of the "buffer-in-a-bag" by returning the bag in the fall filled with select, sorted acorns or black walnuts that will be used to grow new seedlings as part of the Growing Native program.

Trees will be available for pickup on April 19. Landowners who live in Frederick County or the Bennett Creek watershed should contact [Aaron Cook](#) or 301-791-4010. Landowners in Washington County should contact [Emilie Cooper](#).