

## **Runoff Reduction in Bennett Creek, MD**

Many communities consider urban parks and golf courses to be “green space,” but these areas can have a damaging effect on streams and habitat. Potomac Conservancy—working with Frederick County Department of Public Works, Ducks Unlimited, and Natural Resources Conservation Service—is enhancing two wetlands and buffering streams with native grasses and trees on Worthington Manor Golf Course in the Bennett Creek watershed. The goal is to reduce nutrient loads to Bennett Creek and create a model for how to manage golf courses for water quality and wildlife habitat as well as course play and aesthetics. This effort, combined with this past spring’s buffer plantings, will help to buffer nearly a mile of streams in the Bennett Creek watershed from urban and agricultural runoff and create 13 acres of forest.

These projects are possible because of the cooperation of dedicated landowners and the assistance of our local partners. The Conservancy’s projects in the Bennett Creek watershed are funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust.