

# Signatory Programs Template

## State of Delaware- Delaware Forest Service & Department of Natural Resources

### Community Trees

- [Urban and Community Forestry](#) – Federally Funded – Provides assistance to help municipalities, nonprofit groups, community associations, and homeowners to plant and care for their trees.
- [Tree for Every Delawarean Initiative](#) (TEDI) – State Funded - TEDI is a statewide tree planting program aiming to plant 1 million trees by 2030, through education, grants, and tree giveaways.

### Riparian Forest Buffers

- [Buffer Incentive Program](#) – Federally Funded, as funding is available - Incentive program for implementation of forest buffer and grass buffers in Delaware's Chesapeake Bay watershed, including site prep, materials, installation, and incentives to landowners based on acreage placed into protection for 5 years.
- [Delaware Community Conservation Assistance Program](#) (DeCAP) – Federally Funded, as funding is available - Program targeted at community and landowner-level implementation of backyard best management practices, including but not limited to tree plantings and riparian tree buffers, in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### Forest Conservation

- [Forestland Preservation Program](#) - (1 Million for Fiscal Year 2025)- The Forestland Preservation Program protects working forest through perpetual conservation easements, these easements allow forest management activities, including timber harvests.
- [Stewardship Program](#) – ( Federally funded / Timber Harvest Revenue for Fiscal Year 2025) – The Stewardship Program offers multiple tax incentive programs to keep properties in active forest management. It also offers a small state cost share program when timber revenues allows for it.

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## Federal Government

### Community Trees

- [USFS Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) (\$\$ for Fiscal Year 2025) is dedicated to growing and maintaining urban and community trees, forests and green spaces.

### Riparian Forest Buffers

- [FSA Conservation Reserve Program](#) (\$33.7 million for Fiscal Year 2024) is a voluntary program that encourages agricultural producers to convert highly erodible and other environmentally sensitive acres to vegetative cover, such as native trees and riparian buffers

### Forest Conservation

- [USFS Forest Legacy Program](#) (\$0 for Fiscal Year 2025) is a conservation program administered by the Forest Service in partnership with state agencies to encourage the protection of privately owned forest lands through conservation easements or land purchases.
- [NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (\$51.8 million for Fiscal Year 2024) helps forest landowners integrate conservation into working lands.
- [NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (\$20 million for Fiscal Year 2024) is the largest working lands conservation program in the United States that helps producers enhance natural resources and improve their business operations.

# Signatory Statutory Authorities Template (Appendix)

State of Delaware

- [State Forestry](#) (Title 3, Chapter 10)
- [Delaware Agricultural Land Preservation Act](#) (Title 3, Chapter 9, Subchapter V)

# Signatory Statutory Authorities Example

## **Federal Government**

- [Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978](#) (16 U.S.C. Chapter 41)
- [Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018](#) (Public Law 115-334)