

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.

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.

Signatory Programs

District of Columbia

Community Trees

- Urban Forestry Division (UFD) Annual Budget \$25 Million

<https://trees.dc.gov/pages/tree-services>

DDOT's Urban Forestry Division (UFD) is the primary steward of Washington DC's urban forest and has a mission of keeping this resource healthy, safe, & growing.

Signatory Statutory Authorities (Appendix)

District of Columbia

- The [DDOT Establishment Act](#) Assigns the Following Duties to UFD, Stating “The Operations Administration Shall:”
 - Maintain a Tree inventory System
 - Perform Routine Tree Maintenance
 - Review transportation related construction plans to ensure the provision of adequate rights-of-way for tree planting
 - Plant and maintain trees on public space and on District-owned land, including parks and school property
 - Remove and trim trees citywide
 - Review construction plans for the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Department of General Services, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and other District agencies to ensure the tree canopy is protected
- Additionally, UFD administers the Urban Forest Preservation Act of 2002 (UFPA), effective June 12, 2003 (D.C. Law 14-309; D.C. Official Code § 8-651.01 *et seq.*) The UFPA regulates the removal and protection of mature trees citywide.

<https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/26-113>

Signatory Programs Example

Federal Government

Community Trees

- [USFS Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) (\$293,000 for Fiscal Year 2025) The District of Columbia receives annual core funding from the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program. This is critical to supporting the priorities of our State Forest Action Plan including capacity building and partnership development.

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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.

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 Programs NY

Community Trees

- [Urban and Community Forestry Grant](#) (\$10 million statewide) State grant program for community tree inventories and management plans and support initiative to plant 25 million by 2033

Riparian Forest Buffers

- Upper Susquehanna Coalition's [Water Quality Program](#), [Trees for Tributaries](#), and Forestry Steward Program (\$580,000 multiple state and federal funding sources) The USC Water Quality Program's goal is to increase implementation of riparian forest buffers, wetlands, grazing, stream corridor rehabilitation and afforestation projects

Forest Conservation

- [DEC Establishing Large Forest \(ELF\)](#) and [Regenerate NY](#) Forestry Programs (\$9.5 million statewide) State Grant Programs for encouraging and financially assisting private landowners in establishing large forests upon unforested or deforested lands, improving the health of existing forests, and restoring forests.
- [Climate Resilient Farming Grant Track 4: Agricultural Forestry Management](#) (\$2 million statewide) Supports healthy productive forests as well as afforestation on currently unforested lands on farms both for the purpose of carbon sequestration and to promote sustainable and resilient agriculture and forestry.

Signatory Statutory Authorities NY

SECTION 480-A Taxation of forest land Real Property Tax (RPT) CHAPTER 50-A, ARTICLE 4, TITLE 2 | [NY State Senate](#)

ARTICLE 53 Tree Conservation and Urban Forestry Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B | [NY State Senate](#)

TITLE 13 Susquehanna River Basin Compact Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B, ARTICLE 21 | [NY State Senate](#)

ARTICLE 58 Implementation of the "clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 " Environmental Conservation (ENV) CHAPTER 43-B | [NY State Senate](#)

Signatory Programs

VA. Department of Forestry

Community Trees

- [Virginia Trees for Clean Water](#). (\$1,100,000 for FY25). Establishment of long-term, sustained canopy cover to improve water quality throughout the state through community plantings, tree giveaways, and riparian buffer plantings
- [Urban and Community Forestry Grants](#). (\$425,000 FY26). Promotes the protection and enhancement of urban and community forest ecosystems, tree planting, and the care of trees in cities, towns, and communities
- [Throwing Shade VA](#). (\$300,000 FY25). Partnership between DOF and retail nurseries to offer discounts on eligible native trees and shrubs

Riparian Forest Buffers

- [Riparian Forests for Landowners](#). (\$1,000,000 FY25). Zero-cost riparian buffer establishment program for private landowners wishing to establish a buffer on their property. Program covers site preparation, tree planting and one year of maintenance following planting
- Riparian Forest Buffer Tax Credit. State income tax credit for landowners who retain a buffer during a timber harvest.

Signatory Programs

VA. Department of Forestry

Forest Conservation

- Office of working lands preservation. Work with public agencies and private groups to slow the loss of valuable working landscapes in Virginia through education, technical assistance, and accepting open-space easements.
- Forest Legacy. (\$20,000,000 FY25). Partnership between DOF and USDA Forest Service to conserve forestland under threat of conversion to other land uses. Qualifying properties must be within identified Legacy Areas.
- Purchase of development rights program. (\$437,500 FY25, distro. To participating counties with PDR programs). Partnership between DOF and participating localities. DOF equally distributes the funding allocated to the Virginia Farmland and Forestland Preservation Fund to localities that can provide matching funds for the purchase of open-space easements.

Signatory Programs

VA. Department of Forestry

Best Management Practices (Verbal Update during meeting)

- Best Management Practices for water quality; provides technical assistance to on-site inspection to ensure implementation of BMP's during harvests
- Logger Best Management Practice Cost Share, provides financial and technical assistance to loggers to implements BMP's during and after timber harvests

Signatory Statutory Authorities

VA. Department of Forestry

Community Trees

- [Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund](#)
- [Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978](#)
- [Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund](#)

Riparian Forest Buffers

- [Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund](#)

Forest Conservation

- [Code of Virginia 10.1. Conservation, Chapter 11 - Forest Resources & The Department of Forestry](#)
- [Code of Virginia 10.1. Conservation, Chapter 17 Open-Space Land Act](#)
- [Code of Virginia 10.1. Conservation, Chapter 11 - Forest Resources & The Department of Forestry](#)

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Pennsylvania

Community Trees

- Community Conservation Partnerships Program- Community and Watershed Forestry Grants; Urban and Community Forestry (\$1,000,000.00). Grant program funds community engagement, street tree planting, urban forest planning, planting, and tree care in communities and other publicly accessible spaces throughout the Commonwealth.

Riparian Forest Buffers

- Community Conservation Partnerships Program- Community and Watershed Forestry Grants; Riparian Forest Buffers (\$1,000,000.00). Grant program funds outreach, implementation, and post-planting establishment/stewardship of riparian forest buffer plantings across PA.

Forest Conservation

- Community Conservation Partnerships Program—land conservation program provides grant funding to conservation partners for conservation easements and fee simple acquisition. Bureau of Forestry also acquires forest land directly. Funding averages several million total.

Signatory Statutory Authorities

Pennsylvania

- [PA Act 18 of 1995](#). Conservation and Natural Resources Act. Provides DCNR the authority for grantmaking, outreach and technical assistance, and land acquisition
- [HB 374 of 2019](#). Keystone Tree Fund Restricted Account
- [Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code](#). Provide the authority to municipalities to enact local ordinances.
- [PA Clean and Green Act 319](#). Provides tax incentive for forest and ag land uses.

Signatory Statutory Authorities (Appendix)

PA Clean and Green Act 319. Provides tax incentive for forest and ag land uses.

https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pago/en/pda/documents/plants_land_water/farmland/clean/documents/COPY%20OF%20THE%20ACT%20-%20Current%20through%20Act%2089%20of%202016%20-%20Effective%20072016.pdf

Signatory Programs

Maryland (verbal update during the meeting)

- 5 million trees program- planting programs, everything from the tree coupon, to backyard buffers, to major supported programs like healthy forest healthy waters that the alliance supports.
- Forest Conservation act- for conserving forests during development on acquisitions and easements

Signatory Programs

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

Federal Government

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