

 **“** To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees. **— Theodore Roosevelt**

Maryland Farmers and Landowners:

Get paid to

Plant Trees



Check out our Directory of Tree Planting Incentive Programs

We understand that farmers want to keep farmland in production. But if you own cropland next to a stream, or even just a few acres of marginal crop or pastureland that you would like to convert to forestland for agronomic, environmental, or wildlife benefits, please check out our full range of attractive tree planting incentive programs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trees benefit farmland...

- Trees provide shade for farm animals.
- Trees shelter crops from harsh winds and rain.
- Trees provide habitat for game and wildlife.

Why we need trees...

- When planted as a buffer next to streams, trees filter pollutants from the land and keep the water cool for fish and aquatic animals.
- Trees filter the air and absorb carbon from the atmosphere to help reduce the effects of climate change.
- Trees add beauty and color to the landscape and can provide a stunning frame for your property.

TREE PLANTING INCENTIVE PROGRAMS



Maryland's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

CREP is a federal-state partnership program that pays farmers and rural landowners attractive land rental rates to take environmentally sensitive cropland and pastureland out of production for 10 to 15 years and install best management practices to protect local streams and create wildlife habitat. Farmers who plant riparian forest buffers next to streams *qualify for a one-time BONUS PAYMENT of \$1,000/acre.*

This program is a good investment for landowners looking to supplement farm earnings with a steady, dependable income stream. *Free technical help and up to 100% cost-share are available through local soil conservation districts to install the buffer.*

Programs continued...



