

Available Funding Sources for the Restoration of Wetlands & Waterways

Program & Funding Source	Description of Funding Offered	Availability/Restrictions	Contact Information
American Forests: Global Re-leaf	<p>This is a national nonprofit conservation organization. It educates people about the opportunities to enhance the environment through trees and forest. They receive donations for the purpose of planting trees and reforesting public lands or public assisted projects on private lands.</p> <p>http://www.americanforests.org/global_releaf/grants/</p>	<p>Reimbursable funding usually ranges from \$500-\$30,000 for plantable areas of approximately 20 acres or more. Because of competition for the cost-share grants most successful proposals are in the .25-.50 cent range per seedling. Contact an GRF special projects forester to best be served if you are interested in participating.</p>	<p>American Forests: Global Re-Leaf PO Box 2000 Washington, DC 20013 202-955-4500</p>
Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program -National Wildlife Federation (NWF)	<p>Designed to encourage people to garden for wildlife, they offer application forms and information kits describing the needs of wildlife.</p> <p>http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/</p>	<p>They offer technical support only.</p>	<p>National Wildlife Federation 8925 Leesburg Pike Vienna, VA 22184 703-790-4434</p>
Bayscapes -Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay -US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)	<p>The program advocates environmentally-sound management for the bay region. For example they encourage a low input formula for yard care. Their goal is to protect vital soil and water resources.</p> <p>http://www.acb-online.org/project.cfm?vid=85</p>	<p>They offer technical support only.</p>	<p>Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay 6600 York Road, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21212. 410-377-6270 or US Fish & Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401 410-573-4500</p>
Buffer Incentive Program (BIP) -MD Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)	<p>The Buffer Incentive Program to encourage the planting and maintenance of streamside forested buffers around the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Serves as an incentive for planting buffers on private land and to help defray the landowner's costs of establishing and maintaining them.</p> <p>http://www.bcfb.sailorsite.net/IncentivePrograms/AgriculturalLand/AgriculturalLandBufIncenProg.htm</p>	<p>Any landowner of at least one acre and not more than fifty acres which is a crop field, pasture field; open or bare ground, or earlier successional vegetation is eligible for participation. Additionally, the property must meet criteria for location near a stream or wetland.</p>	<p>DNR Forest Service: Central Region– 410-836-4551 Eastern Region– 410-543-6745 Southern Region- 301-464-3065 Western Region- 301-777-2137</p>
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	<p>Program provides payments above normal rental rates for establishing riparian forest buffers, retiring highly</p>	<p>To be eligible, farms must be cropland that is planted two of the five most recent crop years. Enrolled lands</p>	<p>MD Farm Service Agency 8335 Guilford Rd., Ste. E Columbia, MD 21046 410-381-4550</p>

<p>(CREP)</p> <p>-MD Farm Service Agency</p>	<p>erodible lands, and restoring wetlands.</p> <p>http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crep.htm</p>	<p>will receive a per acre rental rate, plus a 70% bonus if planted as a streamside buffer, or 50% for retiring erodible lands or restoring wetlands. Up to 87.5% of the installation costs of conservation practices are eligible for reimbursement up to \$600 per acre, but not exceed 50% of the land value. Payments will be made yearly for the life of the contract. A fifteen year contract is required.</p>	
<p>Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)</p> <p>-Farm Service Agency (FSA) -Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</p>	<p>Farmers are paid to take highly erodible and other environmentally sensitive farmland out of production for 10-15 years.</p> <p>http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm</p>	<p>Farms must be in commodity crops two of the last five years. CRP also pays for 25% of costs of wetlands restoration, streamside buffers and similar areas may be enrolled under continuous sign-up.</p>	<p>MD Farm Service Agency 8335 Guilford Rd., Ste. E Columbia, MD 21046 410-381-4550</p>
<p>Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)</p> <p>-Dept. of Natural Resources</p>	<p>EQIP is a program for farmers who face serious threats to soil, water and other related natural resources. They may pay up to 75% of the costs of certain conservation practices such as grassed waterways and filter strips. In addition, incentive payments may be made to encourage the landowner to perform land management practices such as nutrient management..</p> <p>http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/</p>	<p>This is a voluntary program and eligibility is limited to individuals engaged in livestock or agricultural production. The total cost-share and incentive payments are limited to \$100,00 per person per year and up to \$50,000 over the length to the contract. Contracts last from 5 to 10 years.</p>	<p>DNR, Conservation Service Office 339 Busch's Frontage Rd. Suite 301, Annapolis, MD 21401</p>
<p>Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)/ Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP)</p> <p>-U. S. Forest Service -MD Dept. of Natural Resources- Forest Service</p>	<p>This program helps landowners protect or enhance their forest lands and associated wetlands. This program helps landowners protect or enhance their forest lands and associated wetlands.</p> <p>http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/milo.html</p>	<p>Available to landowners who own five or more acres of forest land or non-forest land that can be planted to trees. The maximum amount a landowner may receive in a year is \$10,000 Available to landowners who own five or more acres of forest land or non-forest land that can be planted to trees. The maximum amount a landowner may receive in a year is \$10,000.</p>	<p>DNR Forest Service: Central Region- 410-836-4551 Eastern Region- 410-543-6745 Southern Region- 301-464-3065 Western Region- 301-777-2137</p>
<p>Forestry Incentive Program (FIP)</p> <p>MD Dept. of</p>	<p>Forest maintenance and reforestation activities are supported through this program. FIP has several natural resource benefits</p>	<p>Landowner must own between 10 and 1,000 acres of private/non-industrial forest land to be eligible along with land that is</p>	<p>DNR Forest Service: Central Region- 410-836-4551 Eastern Region-</p>

Natural Resources	<p>including: reduced wind and soil erosion and enhanced water quality and wildlife habitat as well as helping to assure future timber supplies.</p> <p>http://www.bcfb.sailorsite.net/IncentivePrograms/ForestedLandForestryIncenProg.htm</p>	<p>suitable for reforestation or improved forest management and have land that is capable of producing marketable timber crops and meets minimum productivity standards. The program covers up to 65% of the costs of planning trees and related practices and an annual cost-share payment limit of \$10,000 per person. Agreements are from 10 years and up.</p>	<p>410-543-6745 Southern Region- 301-464-3065 Western Region- 301-777-2137 or local NRCS</p>
<p>Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)</p> <p>-US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)</p>	<p>This is a \$40 million competitive grant program for state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies and tribes. It establishes or supplements existing landowner incentive programs that provide technical and financial assistance for the protection, restoration and management of habitat to benefit at risk species such as federally listed endangered or threatened species as well as proposed or candidate species.</p> <p>http://fa.r9.fws.gov/lip/lip.html</p>	<p>Must be an existing landowner. It establishes of supplements existing landowner.</p>	<p>US Fish & Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office 177 Admiral Cochrane Dr. Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 573-4500</p>
<p>MD Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share Program (MACS)</p> <p>-MD Dept. of Agriculture -Soil Conservation District</p>	<p>Can provide up to 87.5% of the cost to install eligible Best Management Practices to protect water quality. These include riparian buffers, stream crossings, and 27 others.</p> <p>http://www.mda.state.md.us/resource/mawqcs10.htm</p>	<p>Available to any agricultural producer. Funding provided per farm or per project, and vary according to local costs and the type of activity.</p>	<p>Local Soil Conservation District office</p>
<p>MD Environmental Trust (MET)</p>	<p>MET protects Maryland's natural environment such as farmland, forests, wildlife habitat, waterfront, significant natural areas, historic sites and properties with scenic features. MET operates four programs: Conservation Easements, Local Land Trust Assistance, Rural Historic Village Protection and Keep Maryland Beautiful.</p> <p>http://www.dnr.state.md.us/met/aboutmet.html</p>	<p>The program can provide for permanent protection of significant natural resources and can create income, estate and property tax benefits for the landowner with out detriment to rights of ownership, occupancy, or privacy. Minimum size of 25 acres but, exceptions are made.</p>	<p>MD Environmental Trust 100 Community Place Crownsville, MD 21032 410-514-7900</p>
Maryland	Maryland Forest Conservation	Eligibility is based on county	Local town planning,

<p>Forest Conservation Act Program (FCA)</p> <p>-local government</p>	<p>Program requires identification of existing forest stands, protection of the most desirable forest stands and establishment of areas where new forest stands can be planted. In some cases where reforestation/a forestation is not feasible on the property that is being developed, payment into a fee-in lieu fund is allowed.</p> <p>http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/healthreport/act.html</p>	<p>requirements. Funding and technical assistance for landowners wishing to conduct reforestation/ a forestation projects on their properties may be available through the fee-in-lieu funds. Maintenance agreement and long-term protection agreement may be required.</p>	<p>public works or government offices</p>
<p>MD Nontidal Wetlands Program</p> <p>-MD Dept. of the Environment</p>	<p>This program is responsible for regulating impacts to nontidal wetlands, and for providing funding and technical assistance to landowners interested in creating, restoring, and enhancing nontidal wetlands.</p>	<p>The Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Division will provide technical assistance for avoiding and minimizing impacts to nontidal wetlands. The program can provide up to 100% for wetland enhancement, restoration, and creation.</p>	<p>MDE Nontidal Wetlands & Waterways Division 1800 Washington Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21230 410-537-3768</p>
<p>Native Warm Season Grass Project</p> <p>-Dept. of Natural Resources</p>	<p>Provides special no-till planting drills and limited amounts of free native grass/meadow seed. This projects goal is to create and maintain wildlife habitat and improve water quality in high production agricultural landscape by planting field borders.</p> <p>http://www.bcfb.sailorsite.net/IncentivePrograms/AgriculturalLand/AgriculturalLandNatWarmSeaGrasProj.htm</p>	<p>Seeds are available on first come/first served basis. For establishing native grass meadows, landowners can borrow no-till drills from the state. DNR can provide technical assistance.</p>	<p>DNR Wildlife Heritage Division: Central Region- 410-260-8556 Eastern Region- 410-827-8612 Southern Region- 410-260-8549 Western Region- 301-777-2136</p>
<p>Non-structural Shore Erosion Control</p> <p>-MD Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)</p>	<p>The owner of any property abutting a body of water in Maryland may file an application requesting assistance in the design, construction, management, and financing of a stream bank or shoreline erosion control project.</p> <p>http://www.bcfb.sailorsite.net/IncentivePrograms/StreamAndFloodplainLand/StreamFloodPlainLandNonStructShoreErosConProg.htm</p>	<p>Financial assistance for non-structural projects is awarded to private property owners in the form of loans using State special funds. For projects on public financial assistance as matching-grants may be available. Open enrollment.</p>	<p>DNR Forest Service Shore Erosion Control Tawes State Office Bldg., E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401 410-260-8522</p>
<p>Partners for Fish and Wildlife</p> <p>- US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)</p>	<p>This program concentrates on restoring cleared and drained or otherwise degraded freshwater and saltwater wetlands, streamside areas, and the habitats of fish, neotropical migratory songbirds, and threatened species. A majority of these projects involve wetland restoration</p>	<p>Any size private land will be considered for inclusion, provided the project meets the goals and guidelines of the program. Cost sharing by the landowner increases chances of selection, and enrollment is open.</p>	<p>US Fish & Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office 177 Admiral Cochrane Dr. Annapolis, MD 21401 410-573-4500</p>

	http://partners.fws.gov/What_we_do/overview.html		
Private Stewardship Grants Program -US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)	This program provides \$10 million in federal grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups who are engaged in conservation efforts that benefit at risk species. http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html	Projects must be voluntary conservation efforts and take place on private or Native lands. A minimum of 10% of the cost of the project must be provided by non-federal sources.	US Fish & Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office 177 Admiral Cochrane Dr. Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 573-4500
Small Creeks & Estuaries Reserve Program -MD Dept. of the Environment (MDE)	This program offers financial assistance to local governments for restoration measures that provide water quality and habitat benefits in streams and estuaries.	This program provides cost-share funds to counties and incorporated municipalities. Up to 50% of assessment, approved design and construction costs may be funded. There is open enrollment for this program.	MDE Water Management Administration 1800 Washington Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21230 (410) 537-3728
Tree-Mendous Maryland -MD Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)	This is a community based public land planting program sponsored by the MD Community Forest Council of DNR. Trees are planted for both beautification and enhancing wildlife. http://www.bcfb.sailorsite.net/IncentivePrograms/OpenNonForestedLand/OpenNonForestedLandTreeMendousMd.htm	Communities are offered to become a Maryland PLANT Community (People Loving and Nurturing Trees). Then, they work with urban forestry personnel to achieve recognition for trees planting and car activities. The cost is .25 cents per tree.	DNR, Forest Service, Urban & Community Forestry Tawes State Office Building E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401 410-260-8510
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) -Farm Service Agency (FSA) -US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) -Local Soil Conservation Districts (SCD)	Provides funds to secure conservation easements and provide cost share assistance for wetland restoration. http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/	Land owner must have owned the land at least one year prior to enrolling in the program. Funding offered through payments for permanent easements, 30 year easements, or 10 year restoration cost-share agreements. Continuous sign-up.	Local Soil Conservation District office
Wild Acres -MD Dept of Natural Resources	http://www.bcfb.sailorsite.net/IncentivePrograms/SuburbanAndUrbanLand/SuburbanUrbanLandWildAcres.htm		DNR, Forest Service, Shore Erosion Control, Tawes State Office Building E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401 410-260-8522

<p>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WIHP)</p> <p>-MD Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)</p>	<p>This program can be used to restore aquatic habitat, adjacent streambanks and uplands as part of developing or improving wildlife habitat on their property. WIHP helps the voluntary landowner to develop a plan for doing this.</p> <p>http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/</p>	<p>At least one acre must be designated for wildlife habitat improvement. Agreements are normally 5-10 years. In the agreement the landowner agrees to install and maintain WHIP practices and NRCS agrees to provide technical assistance and pay up to 75% of the costs for installing.</p>	<p>MD Natural Resource Conservation Service 339 Busch's Frontage Rd. Ste. 301 Annapolis, MD 21401 140757-086</p>
<p>Woodland Incentive Program (WIP)</p> <p>-MD Dept. of Natural Resources</p>	<p>This program provides cost-share and technical assistance to private, non-industrial woodland owners for managing their woodlands, including forested wetlands.</p> <p>http://www.bcfb.sailorsite.net/IncentivePrograms/ForestedLand/ForestLandWoodlandIncProg.htm</p>	<p>The program pays up to 50% of eligible practices and is available to owners of at least 10 forest acres but not more than 500 acres for the potential of being harvested. Funds may not exceed \$5,000 per year.</p>	<p>DNR Forest Service: Central Region- 410-836-4551 Eastern Region- 410-543-6745 Southern Region- 301-464-3065 Western Region- 301-777-2137</p>