



ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY: TREE CANOPY INITIATIVES

Chesapeake Bay Forestry Workgroup Meeting

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Key Actions that the Alliance is addressing from the Tree Canopy Work Plan:

- Implement grant programs to assist communities with tree canopy actions.

Trees for Tomorrow (PA), Richmond Urban Tree Canopy Initiative (VA)

- Develop and pilot social marketing and other innovative outreach methods to broaden community engagement in urban tree canopy implementation.

Trees for Tomorrow (PA)

Provide guidance, training, and technical assistance to help local governments and partners develop robust urban tree canopy implementation programs.

Harrisburg Urban Tree Canopy Maintenance Plan (PA)



Trees for Tomorrow (2013 –)

Objective: Utilize public planting events as a tool to engage community members and inspire personal action and get more trees in the ground.

Action: Offer financial and technical assistance to municipalities, watershed organizations, and civic organizations to assist with maintenance and tree plantings.

Location(s): Franklin, Dauphin, and Cumberland County, PA.



Trees for Tomorrow (2013 –)

- Wilson College riparian buffer planting (2014).
- Borough of Chambersburg social marketing campaign and Street Tree Grant Program (2014-2015).



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Trees for Tomorrow Partnership with Senator Alloway

- Fall 2015 in Franklin County.
- First formal application process for Trees for Tomorrow.
- Six projects for a total of 1,121 trees planted.



Trees for Tomorrow (2016)

- Expand program to include Dauphin and Cumberland Counties.
- Prioritize projects that are riparian forest buffers, increase urban tree canopy, or support tree maintenance.
- Applications due April 30th
- Contact Shannon Sylte (ssylte@allianceforthebay.org) with questions.





Richmond Urban Tree Initiative (2015 -)

Objective: Address tree deserts in the fringe areas of the city of Richmond that are highly urbanized and have high impervious cover.

Action: Offer financial and technical assistance to municipalities, citizen groups, educational institutions, business associations, and private citizens to plant and maintain urban trees.





Richmond Urban Tree Initiative (2015)

- Partnership with the Virginia Department of Forestry to leverage the Trees for Clean Water Program.
- Location: Richmond Regional PDC service area (Richmond City, Goochland, Powhatan Hanover, New Kent, Charles City, Henrico, Chesterfield, and the Town of Ashland).
- Ten projects. 922 trees planted in Fall 2015.





Richmond Urban Tree Initiative (2016)

- Location: Church Hill, Scotts Addition, and Manchester neighborhoods.
- Projects proposed by the neighborhood community and business associations.
- Contact Nissa Dean (ndean@allianceforthebay.org) with questions.



Harrisburg Urban Tree Maintenance Plan (2015-2016)

Objective: Support the city of Harrisburg to develop a robust urban tree canopy plan.

Action: Develop a 5 year urban street tree maintenance plan for the city.

- Nearly 1,000 standing dead trees or trees in poor health as of 2013 inventory.



Harrisburg Urban Tree Maintenance Plan (2015-2016)

Goal: Remove standing dead trees and maintain existing street trees.

Five pronged approach to the Plan:

- Community meetings
- Educational opportunities and materials
- Urban tree utilization program
- Tree-cost share program
- Green jobs training program



Harrisburg Street Tree Maintenance Survey

Please take the time to fill out the following survey on street tree care concerns and solutions to help inform the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the City of Harrisburg's urban tree maintenance plan. Thank you for your valuable support!

Rank from 1 – 6 your key concerns and from 1 – 5 potential solutions regarding street tree maintenance in Harrisburg, with 1 being the most important and 5 the least important. If you do not consider any of the options as a concern or viable solution, please make note in the space for additional comments

Concerns		Solutions	
	I don't know who is responsible for removing or caring for the street trees next to my property.		Offer a cost-share program to help pay for all aspects of street tree care, including removing dead trees and stumps, tree pruning, and crown maintenance
	I can't afford to pay a tree service to care for or remove the street trees next to my property.		Offer educational opportunities and materials. Resources may include a fact sheet about responsibility for street trees, instructions on how to maintain street trees, where to find technical and financial support for tree care, and opportunities to engage on tree-related issues in your community.
	I think trees are a nuisance because of the time and cost associated with their care.		Create a green jobs training program for local youth (ages 16 - 24) that offers life skills training, environmental education, and employment opportunities that include care of street trees.
	I do not know who to ask when I have questions about the health of my street trees		Implement an urban wood utilization program run by Harrisburg to remove and re-purpose dead or dying trees for use in public works projects.
	I know trees are important for my community, but I don't have the resources or information I need to convince my neighbors to feel the same way.		Hold regular local community meetings, co-hosted by city staff and neighborhood community leaders, on current city efforts regarding street trees.
	I know trees are important for my community, but street tree health and care is a low priority issue to me relative to other greening efforts for my community (e.g., community gardens, community composting, a healthy local food movement, etc.).		

Please use the space below to provide some additional comments: