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Clean Water Through The Backyard Buffers Program

The Opequon Creek Project Team, in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and the West Virginia Department of Forestry present the “Backyard Buffers” program. This program is designed to assist homeowners who have a stream or other waterway on or adjacent to their property to create a streamside buffer of native trees and shrubs. A streamside buffer can create habitat for wildlife, reduce peak water temperatures, and reduce the amount of sediment, fertilizer, and toxic materials that enter our waterways. Deep-rooted trees and shrubs can also stabilize streambanks, protecting them from erosion.

Backyard Buffers Application
Please take a minute to fill out the following information. We will contact you as soon as possible.

Name

Address

City/State Zip

County

Phone

Email

Best time to reach you?

Length of stream you wish to buffer (in feet)

Length of stream on the property

Stream name or name of closest named water body

Please detach form, place stamp and mail to the address on the other side.

What's In The Bag?

The Backyard Buffers program provides a free “buffer in a bag” to help get homeowners started in buffering their streamside. The bag includes twenty-five native tree and shrub bare-root seedlings, 1 to 2 feet in height, of various species that are well suited to streamside conditions. Also included are fact sheets on tree planting techniques, typical planting arrangement, proper tree maintenance, native plant species suitable for streamside plantings, and additional information for those who wish to learn more.



How Do I Get Involved?

If you are a homeowner and have a stream or other waterway on or adjacent to your property, and are interested in creating a streamside buffer, complete the attached application form, detach it from the brochure, and return it to the address on the back with a first-class postage stamp. The bags will be available for pickup at the Art Berkeley Earth Day Festival at War Memorial Park on April 17, 2010 in time for the spring planting season.



Backyard Buffers Can Make A Difference

Were you aware that water from your property ultimately drains into the Opequon Creek, the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay? The Backyard Buffers program is designed to help homeowners protect a natural resource that needs our help. Plant native trees and shrubs along your waterway and become a part of the solution.

For further information on the Backyard Buffers program, fill out and return the attached application or contact;

Opequon Creek Project Team at 304-262-7496 or 304-267-6657

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