

Growing Native 2006 Partners & Sponsors

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 <p>Potomac Watershed Partnership</p>	<p>The Potomac Watershed Partnership (PWP) is a \$1.2 million, five-year model program launched by the U.S. Forest Service to promote large-scale watershed restoration in support of the goals and objectives of the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement. Its mission is to create a collaborative effort among federal, state, and local partners to restore the health of the land and waters of the Potomac River Basin, thereby enhancing the quality of life and overall health of the Chesapeake Bay.</p> <p>PWP is composed of the following seven partners:</p>
	<p>Each year, the Potomac Conservancy coordinates <i>Growing Native</i> on behalf of PWP. Since 1993, the Potomac Conservancy has been protecting the health, beauty, and enjoyment of the Potomac River and its tributaries.</p>
	<p>The Forest Service is the largest public land manager in the watershed. Working through its State and Private Forestry (S&PF) programs, the agency also offers technical assistance to partners and brings experience in regional coordination and outreach. Together, the Forest Service brings skills in stream and riparian restoration, upland forest management, urban forestry, and fire risk prevention.</p>
	<p>The Virginia Department of Forestry is the lead state agency in charge of creating and restoring riparian forest buffers, with a focus on the Shenandoah Valley watershed. In addition to providing technical expertise, landowner assistance, financial support, and outreach, the department aims to improve wildlife habitat, water quality, livable communities, and public awareness.</p>



The Maryland Forest Service is dedicated to creating riparian buffers through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and other programs. With special focus on the Monocacy, Antietam and Catoctin watersheds, the department provides technical and financial assistance, landowner guidance, outreach with a focus on reducing forest fragmentation and fire risk through community assistance and works to enhance wildlife habitat and improve water quality.



Ducks Unlimited has a long history of working with local, state, and federal conservation partners to restore habitat in the greater Potomac River watershed. Through its Chesapeake Stewardship Initiative, DU provides landowner outreach, site evaluation, technical and financial assistance for wetland and riparian parcels, wetland restoration through CREP.



The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is committed to the protection, enhancement, and restoration of riparian buffers throughout the Potomac River watershed in Pennsylvania. Harnessing the strength of a collaborative partnership between Federal, State, and local agencies, conservation organizations and private individuals, the department is providing technical expertise, financial assistance, and educational outreach to reestablish natural stream corridors, improve water quality and quantity in our streams, and foster sustainable aquatic and wildlife communities.



The mission of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests is to care for the land and serve the people who enjoy the natural resources in these forests, which span the entire western part of Virginia and the eastern part of West Virginia. The Forests are the largest publicly owned land base for recreation in the eastern United States.