



**If you have a stream on
your land, you can make
a significant impact on
cleaner water in your
backyard and beyond.**

Learn more about the benefits of streamside
buffers at dcnr.pa.gov/BufferMyStream.

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YOUR LAND. YOUR LEGACY. YOUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

Protect them all by planting
a streamside buffer.

A streamside buffer featuring trees and shrubs is a natural solution for cleaner water and healthier land — and now, free assistance and funding opportunities are available for good stewards like you!



Love your stream? Don't leave it unprotected.

Planting a streamside buffer to protect your land shows your neighbors that you are a good steward of your land and how much you value your community. Streamside buffers are trees and shrubs deliberately planted along any size of waterway. These buffers deliver significant value to all Pennsylvanians, so free assistance is being made available to property owners like you.

THE BENEFITS OF STREAMSIDE BUFFERS



Reduced erosion: Tree roots hold streambanks in place.



Improved habitats: Streamside buffers create better natural conditions for wildlife in the water and on land, including pollinators.



Enriched landscape: Buffers add shade, privacy and value protection for your property.



Cleaner water: Trees and shrubs filter pollution.

How do I plant a streamside buffer?

We want to help you plant your buffer! We can recommend an approach that is customized for you and your property—and we can help find funding and support to plant your streamside buffer.

Contact our stream buffer experts at dcnr.pa.gov/BufferMyStream, ra-nrstreambuffers@pa.gov, or 717-705-2820 to arrange a visit.

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Without a streamside buffer, heavy rainfall can cause pollution to run off into your waterway—and even erode streambanks.



As the streamside buffer matures, its ability to filter out pollution increases.

Many streamside buffers occur naturally. But landowners can have installations customized to meet their own property needs for cleaner water and soil erosion control.