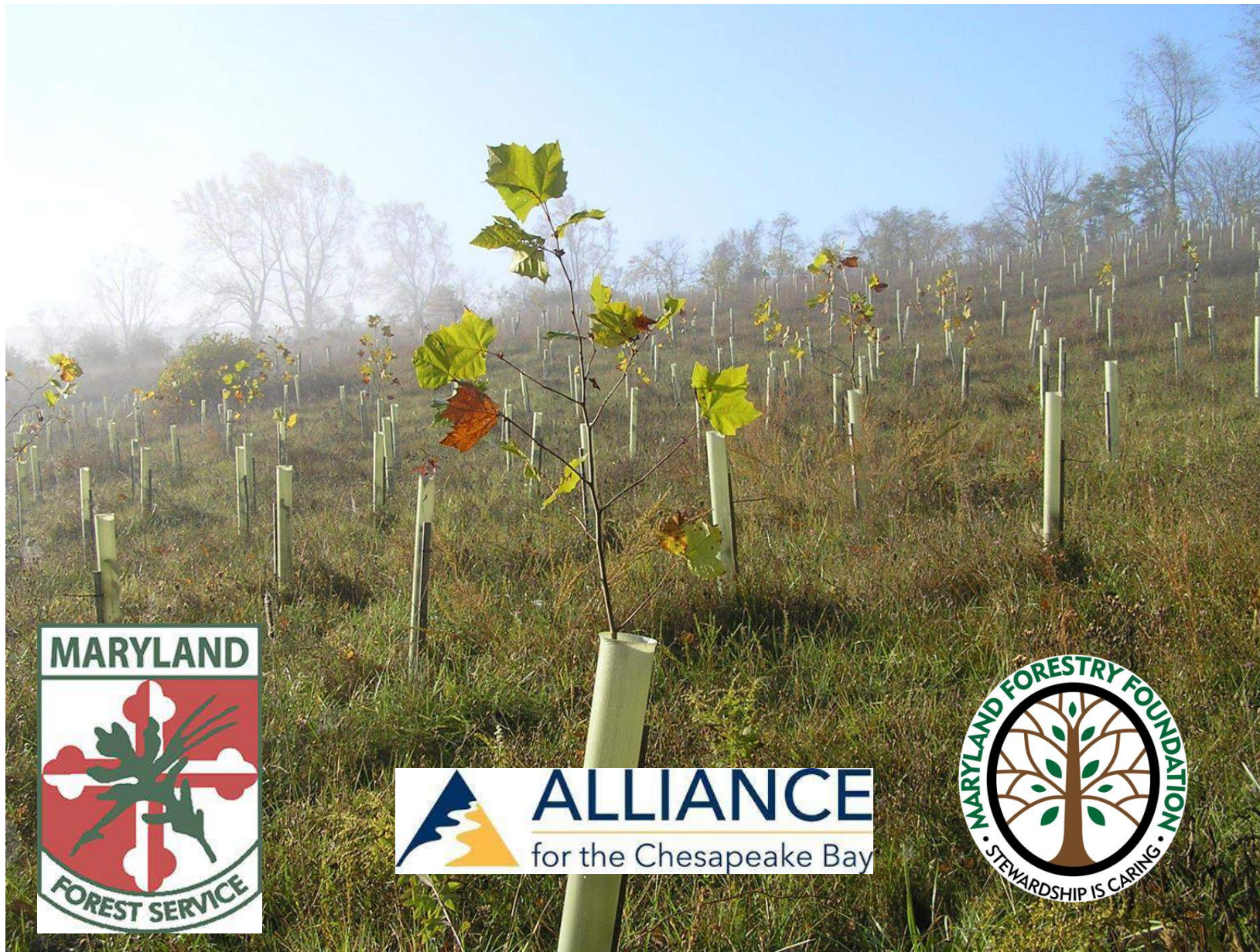


Healthy Forests Healthy Waters



Healthy Forests Healthy Waters

- Turnkey Reforestation program
- 3 years of maintenance
- 15 year landowner agreement (no easement)



Chesapeake and Coastal Bays Trust Fund



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Healthy Forests Healthy Waters (HFHW)

Overview

Woods on your land provide you a myriad of benefits. The Healthy Forests Healthy Waters (HFHW) program offers private landowners in Maryland a cost-free opportunity to establish new woodland cover on their property.

This turnkey tree planting program is administered by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland Forestry Foundation with technical support provided by the Maryland Forest Service (MDFS). MDFS staff work with participating landowners to develop personalized tree planting plans that match landowner goals and site conditions. The tree planting is implemented by experienced natural resources service providers. Additionally, natural resources providers return during the growing season to mow the site and maintain the new trees for three years after the planting. All work will be administered under the guidance and oversight of MDFS and Alliance staff.

HFHW is funded by a Maryland Chesapeake and Coastal Bays Trust Fund grant, so there are no costs incurred by participating landowners nor restrictive easements. Increasing woodland cover in Maryland benefits all Marylanders.

Eligible Projects

- typically one or more acres
- privately owned open land (no understory planting)

Expectation of Landowners

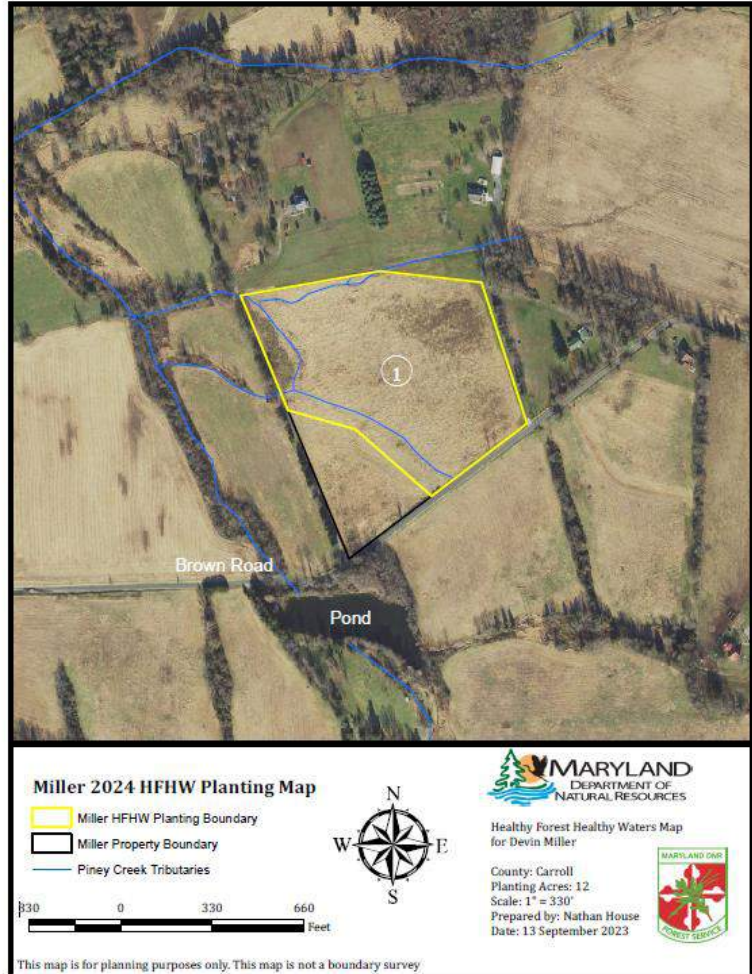
- agree to keep the trees for at least 10 years. No restrictive easement is required
- take over responsibility for maintaining the trees after the 3rd growing season until they become established

Benefits to Landowners

- Increased wildlife habitat
- More privacy
- Aesthetics
- Cleaner air and water



Healthy Forests Healthy Waters



HEALTHY FORESTS HEALTHY WATERS PLANTING PLAN

Devin and Lauren Miller
870 Quiet Meadow Court
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410)259-0174

Property Location: 209 Brown Rd. Taneytown, MD. 0.2 miles west of the Brown Rd. and Bert Koontz Rd. intersection, on the north side of Brown Rd.

Carroll County ADC Map Book Map #2, Block F11
Lat/Long: N 39.680261, W 77.138051
Tax Map 10 Parcel 209

Sub-watershed # 02140303 Upper Monocacy River
Middle Potomac River

on

12 acre HFWW Planting
1702 linear feet of buffer

prepared by

Nathan House, Watershed Forester
410-848-9290

06 December 2022











Healthy Forests Healthy Waters

HFHW	# projects	acres	Grant Yr
T1	9	59	2015
T2	27	64	2016
T3	40	140	2018
T4	31	115	2019
T5	33	177	2020
T6	37	208	2021
T7	56	282	2022
T8	31	143	2023
T9	42	232	2024
	306	1420	

HFHW	# projects	Acres	Year
T10	42	339	2025 (fall 2024*)
Waitlist	26	108	???

Woodland Stewardship Networks



Figure 1.1: Location of Forest Stands

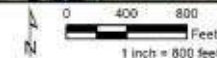


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Forest Patch #178: Stand Map

 Forest Stands

2008 Orthophotography



Prepared by Geographic Information Services,
Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection & Sustainability

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FOREST HEALTH ASSESSMENT

for Forest Patch 178

A 341-acre Forested Block Owned by Multiple Landowners in the
Butler-Glyndon area of Baltimore County



Forestry for the Bay
Craig Highfield, Program Manager
Mar-Len Environmental, Inc.
Leonard Wrabel, Consulting Forester

In cooperation with the Baltimore County Department of
Environmental Protection & Sustainability



February 2012



Woodland Stewardship Networks

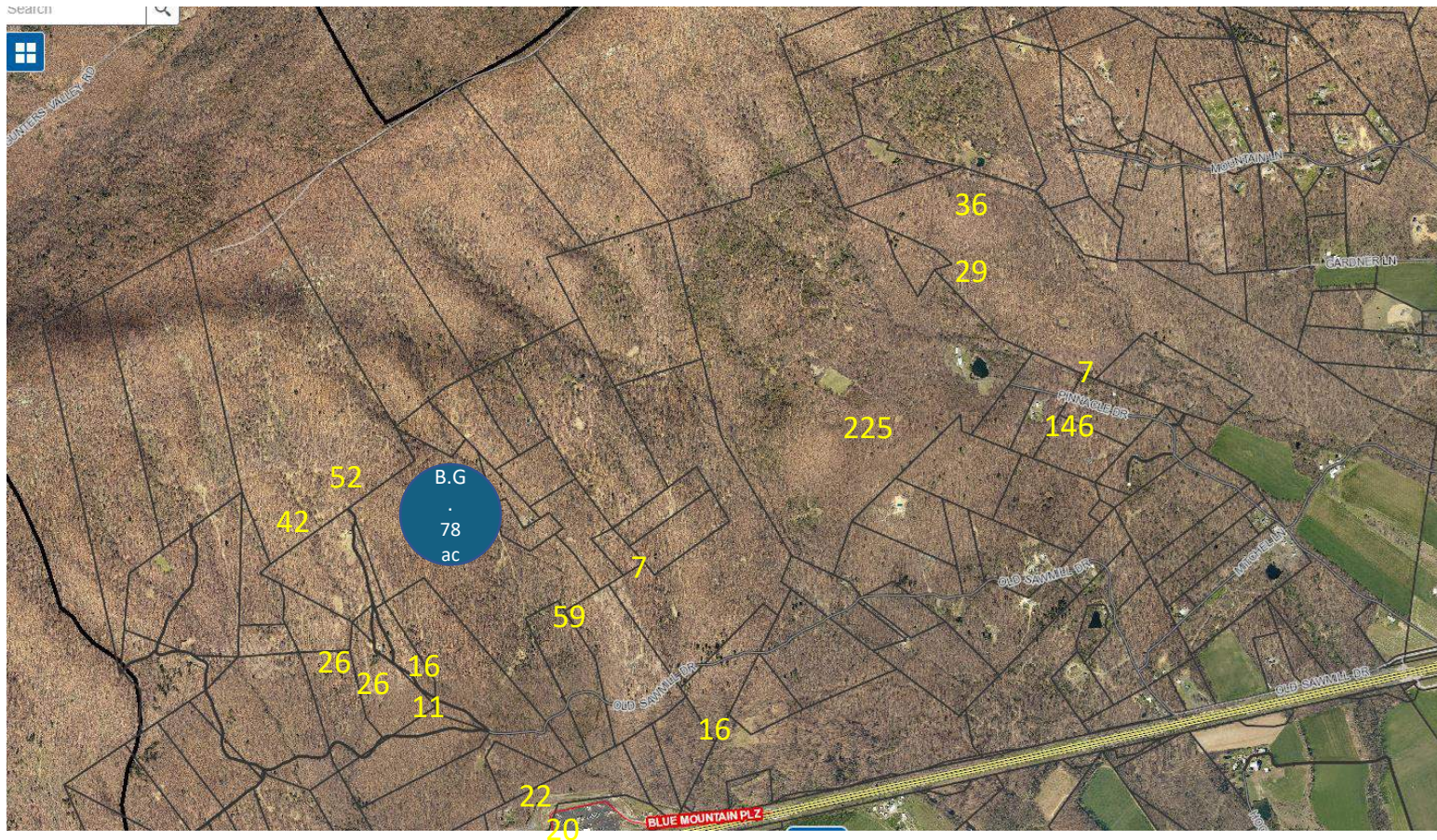
- Nearby or connected landowners get Forest Management Plans *at the same time, using the same forester*
- Members of the “Network” conduct management *at the same time, using the same contractor*
- Don’t need to pool resources or work across property lines, just need to coordinate timing to increase efficiency
- Incentivize actions from the plans

Do you love
your woods?
Then don't
leave them
alone!

Join the Woodland Stewardship Network being formed by your neighbors to gain access to technical and financial resources that will help you manage your forested property.



B.G. Network, Cumberland Co



820 acres Total

Benefits of Stewardship Networks

Expected Results

- More landowners with Forest Management Plans
- More landowners actively managing
- Better landscape: healthier forests, more habitat connectivity*

*Hopefully

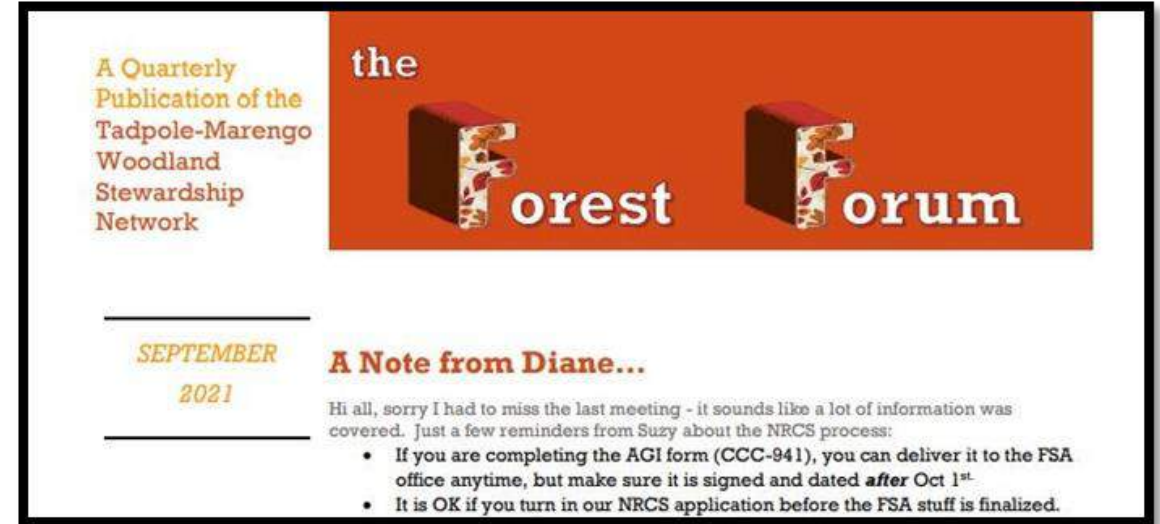


Conservation Voucher used to begin invasive plant treatments. Clinton Co PA

Benefits of Stewardship Networks

Unexpected Results

- Built-in mentorship
- Self-sufficient organization of landowners
- High efficiency for conservation orgs & agencies
- Powerful tool for recruiting landowners to “path to stewardship”



Current Status

- **2012 – 2013 – Balt Co.– Harry Hughes Agroecology grant**
- **2017 – 2020 Pilot WSN; NFWF Central Apps**
- **2018 – 2021 Expansion WSN; NFWF Central Apps**
- **2019 – 2022 Blue Ridge VA; NFWF 2019 Central Apps**
- **2021 – 2024 PA Wilds & Western MD; USFS LSR**
- **2024 - Shenandoah Valley, VA - USFS LSR**
- **2024 – Eastern Shore, MD – Chesapeake WILD – Applied**

Results

- **19 Networks in PA, MD, VA**
- **76 landowners**
- **11,423 acres**

