

South Branch Patapsco Residential Planting Kathleen Court, Sykesville

Three residential tree plantings were completed in the South Branch Patapsco Reservoir watershed in Fall 2018. The plantings were established to address inadequate stream buffer. The benefits of creating these buffers are numerous; trees along the stream provide habitat, filter runoff, and regulate stream temperature by providing shade.

Initially, Resource Management staff met with interested landowners and determined the potential planting areas, native plant species, and the landowner's ultimate vision for his/her property. This planting, completed in 2018, resulted in the reforestation of **0.23 acres** of private property and a 30 foot wide (on average) forested stream buffer that spans approximately **240 linear feet** of the stream. A total of **35 trees** were planted.



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