

ANTIETAM CREEK WATERSHED ALLIANCE

TREES TO BENEFIT THE ANTIETAM AND CONOCOCHIEGUE CREEKS

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$89,754.00

NUMBER OF TREES

205



PROJECT SUMMARY

The Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance (ACWA) engages citizens in environmental stewardship practices to promote and protect the Antietam and Conococheague watersheds in Washington County, Maryland. In 2019, several ACWA members participated in the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Tree Steward Training Program and have since coordinated numerous urban tree plantings and maintenance events, with the majority of these occurring within the City of Hagerstown. For this project, ACWA assists other municipalities and institutions within the Antietam & Conococheague watersheds that do not have established programs in place to facilitate urban tree planting projects.

Similar to their tree planting projects within the City of Hagerstown, in this expanded effort, ACWA would also include educational outreach to these new communities receiving urban trees. Informative door hangers will be updated and distributed to neighbors of new street trees. Temporary educational signage would accompany new tree sites prior to planting and remain for a few weeks after tree installation. ACWA Tree Stewards are also able to provide community audiences presentations on the benefits of trees and their care, as well distribute educational coloring pages to encourage youth engagement.

To prepare for this grant application, our Tree Steward leaders identified four project sites which are in Boonsboro, the Hagerstown Community College, Maugansville and Williamsport. All sites plan to have fall '22 plantings, with both Boonsboro and Williamsport having an additional planting in the spring of '23.

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