

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM

“TREES FOR TRIBS” INITIATIVE – Project Application

I. CONTACT INFORMATION:

Your Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
Organization (if applicable): _____ E-mail Address: _____
Street Address and/or PO Box #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
(Area code)

II. PROJECT LOCATION/IDENTIFICATION:

Landowner/Project Name: _____ Project Date: _____
(requested dates are not guaranteed)
Street Address and/or Physical Location: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____
Municipality: _____ Land Ownership Type: Federal State Public Private
Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
Stream Name: _____
(Or name of nearest downstream)

Waterbody associated with project (circle one): Stream Lake or Pond Wetland River
Average width of stream in feet: _____
(water's edge to water's edge)
Adjacent land use: Forest Herbaceous/shrub Crops Grass Pasture Paved Other: _____
Is buffer permanently protected (circle one)? Yes No Unknown

Please include a site map with your Application (e.g. a printout or screenshot from Yahoo Maps, Mapquest, Google Earth, Local Live, Bing Maps)

III. EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER CHARACTERISTICS:

Buffer Type: _____% Forest _____% Trees/shrubs _____% Grasses _____% Fencing only _____% Other: _____
Are the streambanks eroding? Yes or No If yes, describe the severity: _____
Are there any invasive plant species present? Yes or No or Unknown If yes, what species: _____
First (Left) Side: Length of stream buffer in feet: _____ Average width of stream buffer in feet: _____
(left bank when facing downstream)
Second (Right) Side: Length of stream buffer in feet: _____ Average width of stream buffer in feet: _____
(right bank when facing downstream)
Was this stream buffer previously planted as part of a buffer project? Yes or No If yes, when: _____

IV. PROPOSED RIPARIAN BUFFER PROJECT AREA:

Briefly describe the project in which plants would be used, including partners and organizations involved in the project: _____

If you only need plant material and/or supplies and **do not need** assistance with your planting and, please check box to right:

Is the project enrolled in CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)? _____

First (Left) Side: Length of stream buffer to be planted, in feet: _____ Avg. width of stream buffer to be planted, in feet: _____
(left bank when facing downstream)

Second (Right) Side: Length of stream buffer to be planted, in feet: _____ Avg. width of stream buffer to be planted, in feet: _____
(right bank when facing downstream)

V. ESTIMATING HOW MANY PLANTS TO REQUEST: (Assistance is available in determining plant totals, see contact info below.)

First Side length _____ x First Side width _____ = First Side Square Feet (SF) _____

Second Side length _____ x Second Side width _____ = Second Side Square Feet (SF) _____

First Side SF _____ + Second Side SF _____ = Total SF _____

Trees: 40% of total, 15'x15' spacing (1 tree per 225 SF) Total SF _____ x .60 = Tree SF _____ /225 SF = Total # of trees _____

Shrubs: 60% of total, 10'x10' spacing (1 shrub per 100 SF) Total SF _____ x .40 = Shrub SF _____ /100 SF = Total # of shrubs _____

Species composition and pick-up or delivery will be determined with the help of the Riparian Buffer Coordinator.
We suggest 10 volunteers per every 100 plants for a 2-3 hour time commitment to install all the plants and materials

VI. RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

In accepting plants, all recipients agree to the following conditions:

1. Prior to site preparation, recipient will contact **Dig Safely New York** (www.digsafelynewyork.com) at **1-800-962-7962** to verify the presence of any underground utilities within the planned project location.
2. Plants are offered to organizations/individuals for riparian buffer projects in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed and are to be used for the proposed project only.
3. Recipients agree to provide the Estuary Program with site information on where plants are used. Recipients will provide a **fully completed** application for each project where trees and shrubs will be used. **Failure to provide this information will result in your being invoiced for plants.**
4. Recipients are required to recruit and organize an adequate number of volunteers to assist on the day of the planting.
5. Recipients are responsible for maintenance of the plants and materials.
 - o Landowner and/or Applicant shall not cut, remove, mow or otherwise disturb vegetation, including but not limited to trees and shrubs, planted or naturally growing in the project area, unless deemed necessary by the Riparian Buffer Coordinator.
 - o During times of drought, Landowner and/or Applicant shall water newly planted trees and shrubs as needed.
 - o Tree shelters shall be properly installed and maintained per manufacturer's guidelines and monitored at least twice annually (early spring before growth spurt and early summer).
 - o Tubes shall be removed at an appropriate time (generally when tree diameter is approximately 1.5").
6. Yearly water quality and plant material monitoring may be a required component of buffer project. The Riparian Buffer Coordinator will discuss this component with you.
7. Recipients shall coordinate with the Riparian Buffer Coordinator in regards to returning containers, tree tubes, and stakes.
8. The Riparian Buffer Coordinator shall be granted access to project site to periodically inspect and monitor plant material
9. It is strongly encouraged that participants contact adjacent landowners to discuss the proposed planting project, prior to site prep.

Signature below indicates acceptance of the conditions listed on this sheet.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return to: NYS DEC, Hudson River Estuary Program
Attn: Beth Roessler, Riparian Buffer Coordinator
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New Paltz, NY 12561

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