

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM

**TREES FOR TRIBS – Project Application**

**I. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and/or PO Box #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area code)

**II. PROJECT LOCATION**

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Project Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and/or Physical Location: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Ownership Type (circle one):    Federal            State            Public            Private

Stream Name (Or name of nearest downstream): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please include a map with the location of the proposed project area clearly indicated (e.g. a screenshot from Mapquest, Google Earth, etc. with the project area boundary drawn in)**

**III. PROPOSED STREAM BUFFER PROJECT AREA**

Please describe the project area: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Length of project along the stream (in feet): \_\_\_\_\_ Average width of project (in feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Area of proposed planting (in square feet): \_\_\_\_\_

What is the current cover in the project area?    Trees            Shrubs            Grasses            Bare            Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are the streambanks eroding?    Yes            No

If yes, please describe (height and angle of eroding bank if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any invasive plant species present?    Yes            No            Unknown

If yes, what species: \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. PROPOSED PLANTING PROJECT

Species, plant number and dates will be determined with the help of the Stream Buffer Coordinator.

If you only need plant material and **do not need** assistance with your planting and, please check here:

Briefly describe how you plan to plant the plants, including other partners involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe how you plan to maintain the plants, including other partners involved: \_\_\_\_\_

**You are encouraged to include the following with your application:**

- o Photos of the proposed project area (including stream bank and existing vegetation)
- o A more detailed description of the site, proposed planting event and maintenance plan
- o Specific plant requests, including the number of plants and species preferences

#### V. RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

**In accepting plants, landowners and partners agree to the following conditions:**

1. 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.
2. 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.**
3. Recipients are required to recruit and organize an adequate number of volunteers to assist on the day of the planting.
4. **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”).
5. 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.
6. Recipients shall coordinate with the Riparian Buffer Coordinator in regards to returning containers, tree tubes, and stakes.
7. The Riparian Buffer Coordinator shall be granted access to project site to periodically inspect and monitor plant material
8. 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 above.

**Landowner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: NYSDEC, Hudson River Estuary Program  
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