

NEW!
One-time
\$1,000/Acre
Signing Bonus
for
Streamside
Forest
Buffers



Maryland's Conservation Buffer Initiative

Applications Accepted Through March 10, 2023

Now in its third year, Maryland's Conservation Buffer Initiative is a pilot program that offers attractive incentive payments, easy sign-up and more management options for farmers who want to plant streamside buffers on their farms to improve the health of local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2023

Additional incentives for planting riparian forest buffers are available this year. These payments are on top of the \$4,000 or \$4,500 per acre offered for installation. To encourage more tree planting, the new incentives include:

- A one-time bonus payment of \$1,000/acre to install forest buffers.
- Up to \$330/acre/year to help cover costs associated with maintaining forest buffer viability and health for the first 5 years of the contract.

Buffer Payment Rates			
Buffer Type	Adjacent Land Use	Payment for New Establishment (Per Acre)	Payment for Existing (Per Acre)
Grass	Pasture	\$1,500-\$2,500	None
Trees	Pasture	\$4,500	None
Grass	Cropland	\$1,000-\$2,000	\$500
Trees	Cropland	\$4,000	None

Download your application from the website at:

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