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# [partner name] joins statewide partnership to plant

# 10 million trees, clean up Pennsylvania waters

HARRISBURG [partner location] – The [partner name] is joining an ambitious statewide effort to plant 10 million trees throughout Pennsylvania by the end of 2025.

The Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership, coordinated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, brings together a broad array of agencies, conservation groups, outdoors enthusiasts, businesses, and individuals to address a critical threat to Pennsylvania communities: polluted water.

Roughly 40,000 miles of Pennsylvania’s rivers and streams are impaired by polluted runoff and the legacy of coal mining, including the [local waterway]

Trees are a key part of the solution. They filter and absorb polluted runoff from the land, stabilize streambanks, improve soil quality, reduce flooding, and provide habitat for wildlife.

[A good spot to post what, where and when of any scheduled tree plantings.]

“Trees, especially when alongside streams and streets, are one of the most cost-effective ways to restore and protect stream health, help keep nutrients and soils on the land, and cleanse drinking water sources,” said Harry Campbell, CBF Executive Director in Pennsylvania. “More trees benefit our farmers, our communities, and our health and welfare.”

[quote from partner executive director/president/etc. about importance of trees, why they joined, etc.]

The partnership will help achieve Pennsylvania’s commitment to reduce pollution in local streams and rivers. The Commonwealth’s Clean Water Blueprint calls for planting 95,000 acres of forest in the Bay watershed by the end of 2025.

“Clean rivers and streams are essential to our wellbeing,” said Brenda Sieglitz, CBF Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership Manager. “By working together to plant 10 million trees, we can ensure our waterways are a vibrant part of our communities for years to come.”

Find out about local projects and get involved by [partner website, email or other method to get more info/volunteer]. To learn more about the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership visit [www.TenMillionTrees.org](http://www.TenMillionTrees.org).

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