

Why Become a Partner?

The Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership is a collaborative effort of national, regional, state and local agencies, conservation organizations, outdoors enthusiasts, businesses, and citizens committed to improving Pennsylvania's communities, economy, and ecology by planting 10 million trees throughout the Commonwealth

FREE TREES: Prior to every spring and fall season you will get a link to request free native trees for your projects.

Priority areas include:

- Trees along and upland of streams (particularly along agricultural properties known as <u>"riparian buffers")</u>
- <u>Urban and suburban</u> (including focused street tree plantings within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed)
- Mine land landscapes via the recommendations from the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative Forestry Reclamation Approach. Contact us for more info on this specialized work.
- <u>Chesapeake Bay Watershed</u>
 - Our priority focus is the bottom 5 counties of PA: Franklin, Adams, Lancaster, Cumberland and York counties. However, we do work outside of this region throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed and then also provide support through our Keystone partnership outside of the watershed in Western and Eastern Pennsylvania. Our advisory workgroup will continue to help us define priority work areas and that may fluctuate throughout the life of the campaign.
 - Partners in and out of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed may request trees. If there is high demand in a season, trees in the areas above will be given priority. If you are a partner outside the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and we provide trees for your project, we would like you to invite your legislatures and representatives to your plantings! We want to advocate, with you, across the Commonwealth for clean water!
 - If you are interested in getting free trees for a giveaway at an event, instead of a planting, please submit a request to <u>keystonetrees@cbf.org</u> with info on the date of the giveaway, # of trees needed, and how information will be collected on where the trees are being planted.

Tree Shelters & Stakes: Currently all tree planting projects that we provide trees for will received free tree shelters and stakes which is recommended as part of maintenance/survival for most planting areas.

Keystone 10 Million Trees Swag: Sweatshirt, Hat, Reflective Vest, Stickers

Online Partner Toolkit: Logos, Customized Press Releases & Marketing Materials which can all be downloaded for your use <u>http://www.tenmilliontrees.org/partners/internal/share.html</u>

▶ It is important refer to our <u>logo use policy</u> when accessing the above toolkit

Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership group on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/144612362902333/

Work Groups: Advisory, Messaging, Planting (part of DCNR Riparian Buffer Work Group), Grower-Supply

Access and invitation to work groups, their notes and insight (invitations may be limited to maintain smaller groups and focused work).



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Track the Trees: https://gis.cbf.org/K10Reporting/ - Why log your trees?

We would like your organization to track all trees you plant in our GIS Tree Tracker; Yes! Even the ones we don't give you.

Why? If you are a partner we would like to count all trees being planted by your organization throughout Pennsylvania! This includes trees that are not supplied by the partnership.

Any trees provided to Keystone 10 Million Trees Partners are expected to be logged in the GIS Tree Tracker within a month of the tree planting. When logging the trees in the GIS Tree Tracker, all partners will have the option to report their tree counts to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) via the PracticeKeeper integration. The Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership recognizes that trees provided to partners may not be the sole funding source for that planting and partners have the option to recognize all funding sources within their reporting for transparency and accuracy. Partners have the option to log trees that are not provided by the Keystone 10 Million Trees partnership. This option allows partners to count their tree planting work towards the shared goals of the Keystone 10

Million Trees Partnership. If they so choose, partners may report the funding source.

The GIS tree tracker will integrate with Practicekeeper to increase reporting to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in order to improve reporting towards the Chesapeake Bay Blueprint goals. With Assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) all trees counts submitted through the GIS Tree Tracker-Practicekeeper process will be checked for accuracy and duplication. Each member will have an opportunity to select whether they will be submitting their tree count to PA DEP on their own or through the GIS tree tracker-Practicekeeper process. For trees not provided by the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership, partners will have the option to log trees towards the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership count as well as to Practicekeeper.

- As our GIS Tree Tracker improves, you'll have access to create downloadable reports of your tree plantings, species, locations to share with your organizations.
- You can submit your tree planting event early and request to find volunteers which will be shown on our website planting map: <u>http://www.tenmilliontrees.org/get-</u> <u>involved/planting-events.html</u>
- NOAA Weather Updates are also being integrated over Winter 2019/2020 so you can get real time alerts about potential flooding in your planting areas to assist with maintenance tracking.

How Do I become a Partner?

Complete the survey below in order to request to become a Keystone 10 Million Trees Partner.

PARTNER APPLICATION SURVEY: http://www.tenmilliontrees.org/partners/internal/partner-application.html

Once you submit to be a partner, and are approved, you will be notified and be included on future emails that include tree requests for spring and fall seasons, partner meetings and workshops, and updates on our progress and partnership.

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