Tree Planting

Trees can provide more than just shade. Trees are planted for a number of reasons including aesthetic purposes, increased property value, and habitat restoration. The shade from trees planted next to a house can reduce summer cooling costs by up to 40 percent.

Many homeowners plant trees because trees are a way to beautify property. A well treed lot can be sold for 20 to 40 percent more than a bare lot. Trees are not only important aesthetically, but are also important for habitat restoration. Many species depend on trees for a place to live and feed. As part of habitat restoration, trees act as a buffer. Trees and other vegetation filter out pollutants before the pollutants can reach a nearby body of water.

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Tips for Planting Trees

- Determine the location and purpose for planting the tree. This will aid you in deciding the species of tree to plant.

- If planting for aesthetic purposes, choose species that bloom throughout the year or have interesting foliage or bark.

- When restoring habitat, plant native tree species.

Where To Get Help for tree planting

- Step-by-Step Tree Planting Tips; **http://www.phillywatersheds.org/tree-planting-tips**

- Native Trees and Shrubs; **http://dnr.maryland.gov/criticalarea/Pages/default.aspx**

- Pesticide Alternatives: **http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/**