



Hudson Estuary Trees for Tribs

Replanting the Streams of the Hudson Valley

The Hudson Estuary Trees for Tribs initiative is dedicated to the protection and restoration of streamside, or riparian, buffers. The initiative is in its fourth year and is conducted through the NYSDEC's Hudson River Estuary Program through a partnership with the New York State Water Resources Institute at Cornell University.



Installing a tree tube during a Trees for Tribs buffer planting project

Streamside buffers are an important aspect of maintaining healthy streams and protecting water quality. Healthy buffers, composed of trees, shrubs and grasses help to:

- Reduce pollution entering waterways by slowing down and filtering stormwater runoff
- Reduce flooding and erosion by stabilizing stream banks and absorbing high velocity flows
- Serve as an important role for wildlife as a shoreline transition zone and travel corridor

How does the program work?

Trees for Tribs offers free native trees and shrubs for qualifying projects in the Hudson River Estuary watershed. The program staff may also provide:

- Plant selection
- Planting design
- Site preparation, including pre-digging planting holes
- Project installation
- Other technical information

What are some of the program's accomplishments?

- Planted more than 60,000 feet of stream buffers
- Planted over 22,000 native trees, shrubs, and grasses
- Completed over 180 projects with the help of 2,900 volunteers and 150 project partners



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