

Invested in Partnership

Developing landowner partnerships is the foundation for successful environmental restoration. We are committed to working with landowners to achieve mutual objectives on our projects. Through this investment, both landowners and the environment realize benefits.



Restoring the Natural Systems of our State.



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Partnering with Landowners for Environmental Restoration

WHY PARTNER WITH US?



Owners of property with streams or wetlands that meet certain criteria may be eligible to participate on a restoration project. If lands qualify, here are ways that owners can gain by partnering with us:

- Income for the protective easement put on the land
- Addressing conservation interests of the landowner
- Continued ownership of their property or, if desired, income from the sale of that property

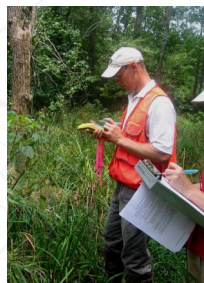


Tree Growth after 5 years

HOW DOES IT WORK?

We inform landowners of the work that is being completed so that there is an understanding of the process and no surprises. Here are the steps in the restoration process:

SITE ASSESSMENT—Once a site has been identified, landowners are consulted for approval to assess the site. If approved, site assessment occurs to determine if the criteria for restoration are met.



PROPERTY AGREEMENTS—For sites that meet restoration criteria, agreements are then reached with the landowner over the area to be restored, special conditions, and the compensation given to the landowner for the restrictive easement on the land.

RESTORATION—Site restoration plans are then developed and implemented. This can include earth moving, vegetation planting, and installation of fencing if needed. (2-6 months)

MONITORING—During the growing season, vegetation is assessed for viability and density. The presence of nuisance plants is also examined to see if corrective actions are needed. (at least 5 years)

STEWARDSHIP—After the monitoring, we develop agreements for long-term stewardship so that the restoration investment is maintained and not disturbed.

WHAT LAND RIGHTS WILL I HAVE?

Though rights may vary somewhat, the conservation easement agreement will place protections on the land. The protections allow the landowner to maintain ownership of the property. Uses of the land, however, such as those for agriculture, development, or timber harvesting, are not permitted. Also, livestock, if present, are not allowed to access the protective easement area to prevent them from grazing vegetation.

Landowners retain the right for passive access to the land which typically includes hunting, fishing, and hiking.



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