

# REPLANTING ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

ONE TREE AT A TIME

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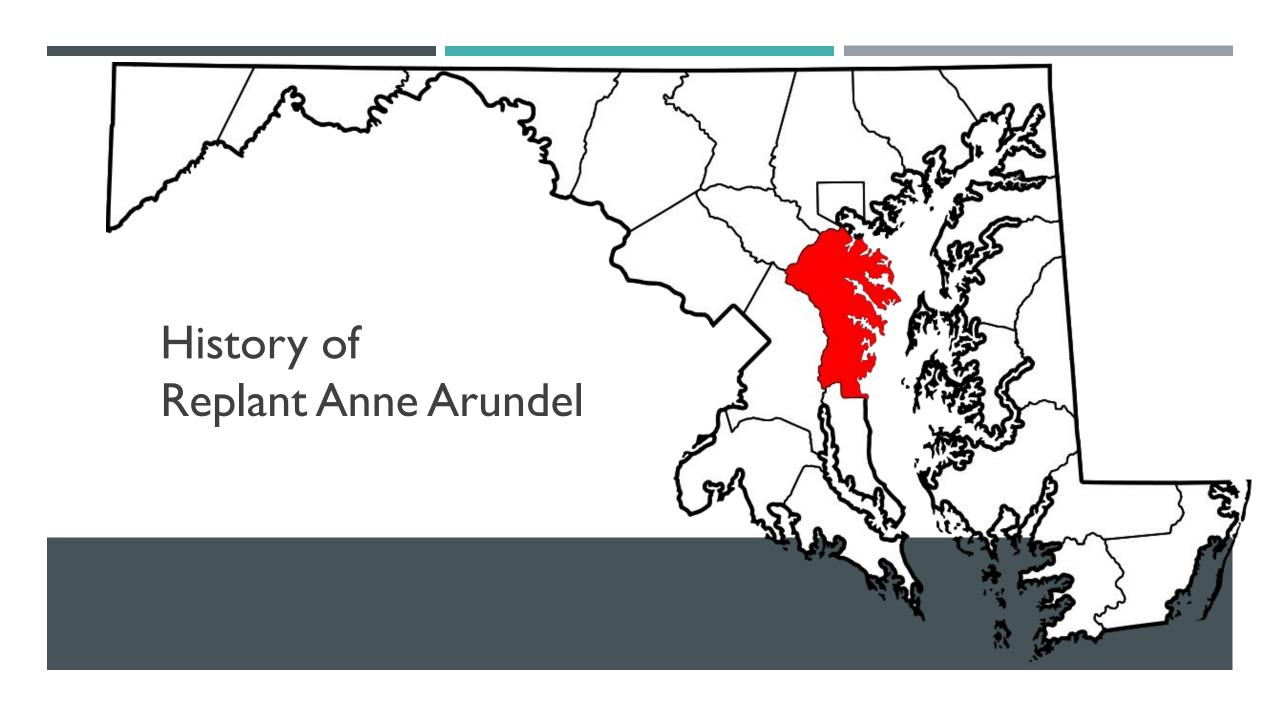
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#### Today's Agenda

- History of Replant Anne Arundel
- Program Overview
- Summary of Replant 2020
- Goals for Replant 2021
- Call to Action: How to Become a Tree Trooper!
- Breakout with Q&A

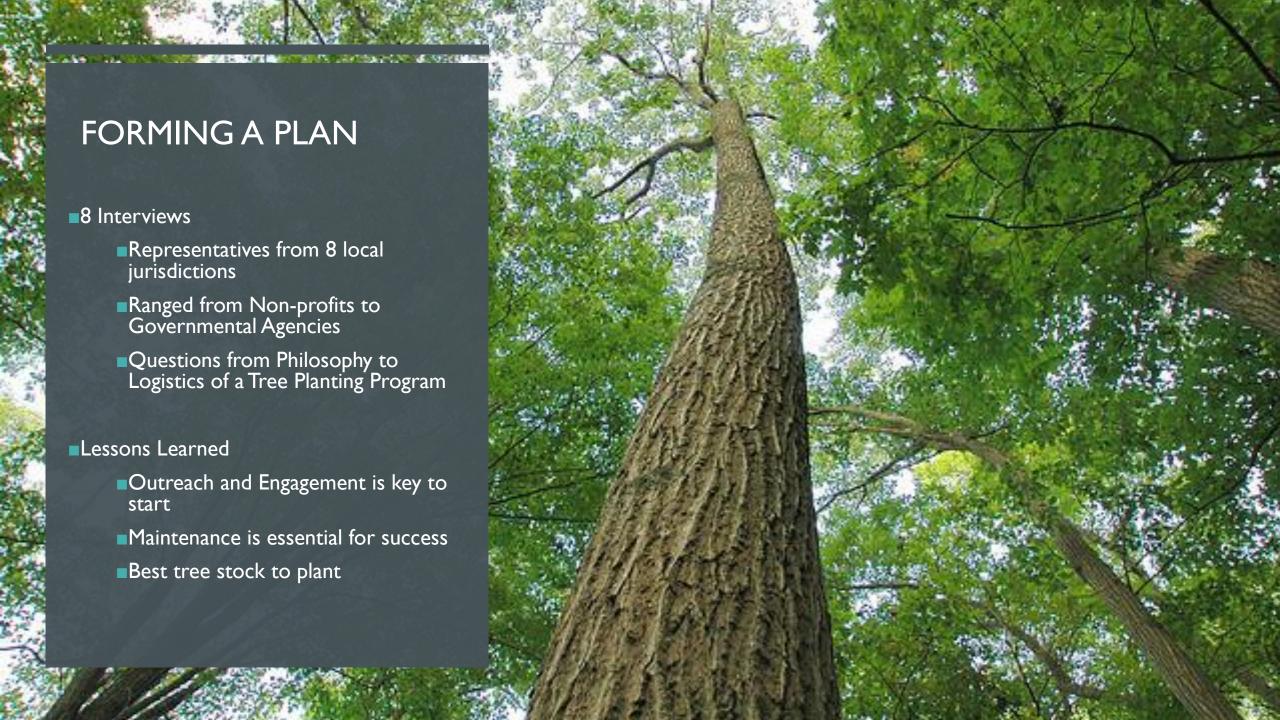




#### **REPLANT ANNE ARUNDEL?**

- ■AAC has **lost 2,500 acres** of forest from 2013-2017, which is the **highest rate** per county **in MD**
- AAC commissioned a canopy study that helped to inform a strategy to
  - ■Reduce canopy loss
  - ■Plant trees
- AAC contracted with WSA in 2020 "to plant trees" as part of a pilot program, "Replant Anne Arundel"





# INTEGRATING REPLANT ANNE ARUNDEL INTO WSA PROGRAMS

- Tree Options for Existing WSA Programs
  - Canopies for Clean Water Communities
  - RiverWise: Trees for Congregational Grounds
  - Steward Impact/Capstone Projects
- Tree Options for the General Public
  - Backyard Buffers
  - Groves of Gratitude

\*\*\*Priority is given to under-represented communities and target communities. Targeting is based on the Anne Arundel County GIS Tree Canopy Data and WSA diversity, equity and inclusion goals.



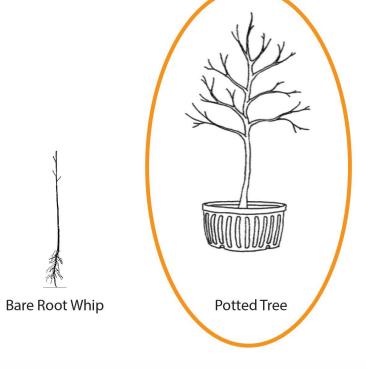


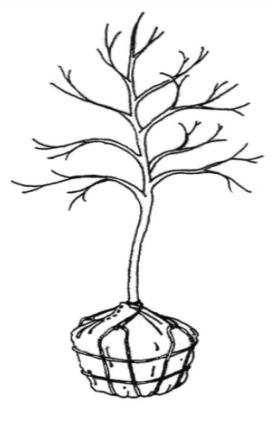
Program Overview

#### PROPOSED TREE STOCK

- "Goldilocks" Trees
  - 5 Gallon, .5-1" Caliper, 6' (Above Deer Browse Line)
  - Instant Gratification
  - Easier for Volunteers to Plant
  - Stormwater Credits
  - Survivability







B&B Tree

#### Resilient Tree Species List

- MODFACs
- Industry Input
- Availability







#### Resilient Tree Species List

			Understory Trees					
Latin Name	Common Name	Mature Height	Mature Spread	Sun Requirements	Moisture Requirements	Soil Type	Notes	Notes
Amelanchier canadensis	Serviceberry	25'-30'	15'-20'	Full sun to Full shade	Moist to Wet	Clay, Loam, Sand	A r-May bloom, white t owers; red-gold fall lue; edible berries	
Amelanchier laevis	Allegheny Servicebe	ry 15'-40'	15'-40'	Full sun to Full shade	Moist to Wet	Loam, Sand	Apr bloom, white flowers;	
Cornus florida 'Appalachian Spring'	Flowering Dogwoo	15'-25'	15'-20'	Full sun to Part shade	Dry to Moist	Loam	A r-May bloom, white fl wers; tolerates clay at d blackwalnuts; high wildlife value	
Crataegus viridis	Green Hawthorn	20'-35'	20'-35'	Part shade to Full shade	Moist to Wet	Clay, Loam	A r-May bloom, white all color purple to searlet; winter interest terates drought and cay soil; fruits edible to the total training and the search total training and the search and the s	
Hamamelis virginiana	American Witch-Ha	əl 15'-30'	15'-20'	Full sun to Full shade	Dry to Moist	Clay, Loam, Sand	Sept-Dec bloom, y llow flowers; winter in erest; wide variety of medicinal uses	
llex opaca	American Holly	15'-50'	18'-40'	Full sun to Full shade	Moist	Clay, Loam	M y-Jun bloom, white cream flowers; vergreen; birds eat rries and love trees shelter; red berries and spiky leaves	



# AAC Funding of Replant Anne Arundel Does NOT Cover:

- Invasives Removal
- Maintenance

### **Credit Targets**

#### **Stormwater Credits**

- Urban Tree Canopy Expansion
- Future Street Tree Credits

#### Awareness/Engagement Trees

- Backyard Buffers
- Restoration Plantings







#### GETTING TREES INTO THE GROUND

- Tree Troopers
  - An Action Group of Stewards & Community Volunteers
  - Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Tree Steward Training
    - Tree Biology & Identification
    - Siting Trees in the Landscape (Proper Installation)
  - WSA Training
    - Community Outreach & Engagement
    - Plant Ordering & Delivery Protocols
    - Tree Reporting & Monitoring Protocols
- Contractors

#### Role of a Tree Trooper

- Tree Trooper Training: Weekly Zoom Sessions, from 6-7:30pm (March 31 - April 28, 2021)
- Tree Project Development and Application (April 1-August 1, 2021)
- Community Engagement and Education (anytime!)
- Tree Installations (September 15-November 15, 2021)
- Tree Tracking and Maintenance



#### CLEAN WATER GROWS ON TREES!

#### TREE PROJECT INSTALLATION OPTIONS

Planting Option 1: Volunteer Planted

Copay Per Tree: \$20

Copay Covers:

Tree Material, Deer Protection, Stakes, Mulch

Tree Trooper Responsibilities:

Project Development

Community Engagement

Installation Coordination

Community Responsibilities:

Site Preparation, Digging of Holes, Planting, Mulching, Installation of Deer Protection, Site Clean Up

Additional Option 1 Add On: Contractor Dug Holes

Additional Copay Per Tree: \$10

Copay Covers:

Contractor Pre-digging the holes for your Installation

Planting Option 2: Contractor Planted

Copay Per Tree: \$40

Copay Covers:

Tree Material, Deer Protection, Stakes, Mulch, Contractor Installation

Tree Trooper Responsibilities:

Project Development

Community Engagement

Installation Coordination

Community Responsibilities:

Site Preparation

### Property Owner Agreements

- How long they will keep the trees
- Maintenance
- Inspection cycle





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# Summary of Replant 2020

## 2020 Overview

- 4,803 Trees
  - 2,454 (DNR Backyard Buffers)
  - 2,349 (County Funded)
- 304 Residents Engaged
- 204 Projects Installed



## **Backyard Buffers**

- 2,454 trees planted
- Size: Bare Root Seedlings
- 4 Bundle options
   Shrub
   Small Tree
   Wet Canopy
   Dry Canopy
- 79 residents engaged

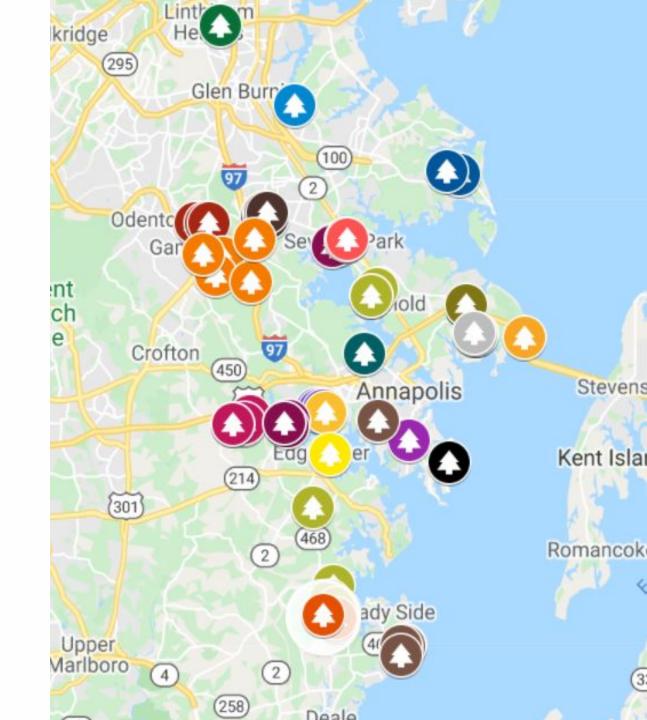
\*DNR Funded



#### Tree Trooper Program

- I,175 trees planted
- Size: "Goldilocks", 4-6ft tall
- 28 Projects

  - North County: 253 trees Mid County: 265 trees Annapolis area: 413 trees South County: 244 trees
- 65 Residents Applied
- 44 Tree Troopers Trained



#### Tree Troopers & Engagement

- 128 residents engaged
  - 2 Clean Water Communities: Glen Isle (Riva) and Columbia Beach (Shady Side)
  - 6 Congregations
    - Woods Memorial (Severna Park)
    - Empowering Believers (Glen Burnie)
    - St. Andrews By the Bay (Annapolis)
    - Kol Shalom (Annapolis)
    - St. Philip Neri (Linthicum Heights)
    - Our Lady of the Chesapeake (Pasadena)
  - Sandy Point State Park
  - Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary
  - Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library
  - 17 Residential Communities



## Restoration Plantings:

#### 750 Trees

- Stored over summer by the Providence Center
  - I Gallon Seedlings
- Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary (Lothian)
  - **600**
- Residence (Davidsonville)
  150



#### Groves of Gratitude

- 424 trees planted
- Size: 2-4 ft tall
- Single Tree options
- 4 Grove options
  Food
  Pollinator

  - Screening Shade
- 97 residents engaged
- Center for Help





Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy

# GROVES OF GRATITUDE

Planting trees today to ensure a better tomorrow for all





Goals for 2021





#### 2021 GOALS

**4**,750 Trees

- ■2,550 Bare root seedlings BYB
- ■1,700 Tree Trooper trees
- ■500 Groves of Gratitude trees

•50 New Tree Troopers, while engaging existing Tree Troopers in maintenance and monitoring

I,500+ residents engaged

Greater engagement of Norther and Western County and underrepresented communities.

Call to Action:
Become a Tree Trooper!



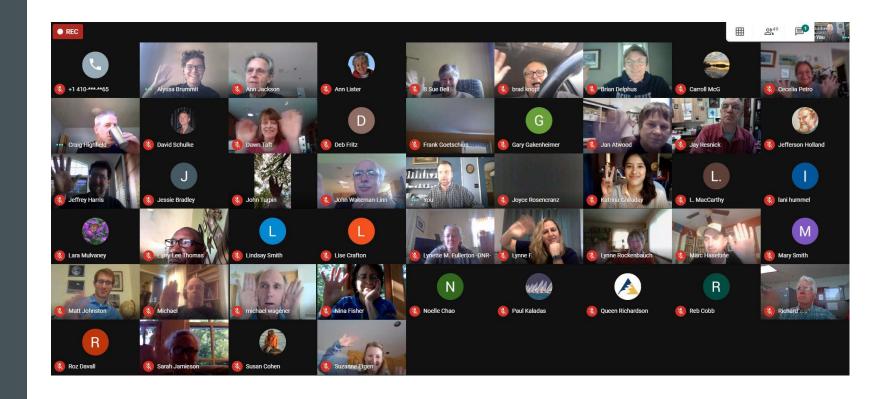


#### 2021 Overview

- Backyard Buffers Spring 2021
- Tree Troopers
  - An Action Group of Stewards & Community Volunteers
  - Alliance Tree Steward & WSA Tree Trooper Training
    - Online course, Wednesdays from 6pm-7:30pm: March 31st, April 7th, April 14th, April 21st, April 28th
      - Tree Biology & Identification
      - Siting Trees in the Landscape (Proper Installation)
      - Tree Outreach & Community Engagement
      - Plant Ordering & Delivery Protocols
      - Tree Reporting, Monitoring & Maintenance Protocols
    - Project proposals due: May 30<sup>th</sup>
    - Site visits and project finalizations: throughout the summer
    - Installations: Fall 2021 (October November)
- Groves of Gratitude Fall 2021

#### Next Steps:

- Visit aawsa.org/replant for more information.
- If you are interested in becoming a tree trooper, email Grae at cont-abrummitt@aacps.org
- Tree Trooper Training:
   Wednesdays from
   6pm-7:30pm: March 31st,
   April 7th, April 14th , April 21st, April 28th



Q&A: Break out rooms

Room I: Josh Clark and Karen Royer (Tree Trooper), focus on planting at institutions (congregations, schools, parks)

Room 2: Grae Brummitt and Ann Jackson (Tree Trooper), focus on residential plantings