



PWP Grants Fund Innovative Grow-out Stations, PA

Potomac Conservancy recently collaborated with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation of Natural Resources, and Franklin County Conservation District to issue five PWP grant awards totaling nearly \$8,000 to groups interested in establishing and enhancing grow-out stations in Pennsylvania. Grant award recipients include Tayamentasachta, Greencastle-Antrim School District's Center for Environmental Studies, Chambersburg Area High School, Wilson College, Antietam Watershed Association, and James Buchanan High School.

A number of the grantees propose to experiment with pots, borders, and tree tubes of various materials, sizes, and shapes to determine the most effective ways to establish and manage grow-out stations for conservation. Others will be experimenting with different establishment techniques such as direct seeding, native tree and shrub cuttings, and more. Cutting blocks will be established by the Antietam Watershed Association to serve as parent plants that are accessible by volunteers to harvest and plant in nearby riparian areas. The harvest would essentially be a pruning - not wholesale removal of the plant.

The results of these innovative grow-out stations will be shared with partners throughout the watershed. For more information about PWP's signature project, visit Growing Native, www.growingnative.org.