

Additional Resources



USFS Climate Change Pressures in the 21st Century:
<http://tinyurl.com/2r5zxp4>

USFS Climate Change Tree and Bird Atlas:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/nrs/atlas/>



UMD Climate Analogues:
<https://fitzlab.shinyapps.io/cityapp/>

5th National US Climate Assessment:
<https://nca2023.globalchange.gov/chapter/front-matter/>



U.S. Global Change Research Program
National Climate Assessment



CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

Climate Change Response Framework:
<https://forestadaptation.org/>



Helping Your Woodland Adapt:
<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/helping-your-woodland-adapt-changing-climate/>



Maryland Climate Change Program and Plan:
<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/air/ClimateChange/Pages/index>

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While you pick up your trees on April 6th, come out to the “Climate Change Adaptation” workshop at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center (7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Keedysville, MD) 9am-12pm Presented by the Maryland Forest Service in partnership with:

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Agenda includes:

- 9:00 – 9:40 "Climate Change, Rethinking Your Yard" (Dusty Graham, Washington County Master Gardener)
- 9:45 – 10:35 "Climate Change and Ecological Resiliency in Appalachian Streams" (Dr. Nathaniel Hitt, USGS)
- 10:40 – 11:20 "Insect Pests in a Changing Climate" (Kenton Sumpter, Entomologist for Maryland Department of Agriculture)
- 11:25 – 12 "The Urban Forests of Frederick, Maryland in a Changing Climate" (Jenny Wiloughby, Sustainability Manager)

Workshop participants will receive:

- BYB bag of 30 seedlings
- Reused tree shelters (limited number)
- Expert advice on tree planting



Registration ends April 1, 2024 Pickup April 6

<https://tinyurl.com/wy8tjg5>

Two ways to register!

1. Scan the QR code or type the URL to access the online registration form.
2. Email Robert Schwartz, BYB coordinator, at robertr.schwartz@maryland.gov



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Creating a Landscape That Will Make a Difference



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What are buffers? How are they affected by climate change?

In short, buffers are trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses along streams and wetlands. Their roots stabilize streambanks, reduce erosion, and help slow floodwaters after a storm. The shade provided by trees cools water temperatures for coldwater species like trout to thrive. The cover and food that trees produce creates wildlife habitat and migration corridors that are becoming more important as climate change stressors increase. Climate change has exacerbated forest health threats and stressors and will continue to do so for some time. While all forests face these issues, buffer forests are particularly impacted. Increased precipitation overall but with fewer, heavier storm events will cause more flooding and sedimentation. Increased temperatures help pests overwinter. The potential effects go on.



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Plant Profiles



Maryland DNR Nursery

Cherrybark Oak (*Quercus pagoda*)
 Max height: 100'
 Light: Part shade to full sun
 A large fast growing shade tree in the red oak family. Grows best in moist well-drained soil. The acorns are a good food source for wildlife.



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Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)
 Max height: 8'
 Light: Shade to full sun
 Dense growth provides excellent cover and soil stabilization. Browsed by deer. Berries have exceptional nutritional value for deer and most game birds. As a spice, they are tasty to humans as well.



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Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
 Max height: 30'
 Light: Full sun to light shade
 Delightful pink blossoms in spring attract pollinators while the seeds feed chickadees and bobwhite quail. Flowers are edible and taste like peas.



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Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
 Max height: 100'
 Light: Full sun to light shade
 An excellent streambank stabilizer with 5-point star leaves. Excellent fall color. 'Gumball' seeds attract a number of bird species.



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Indigobush (*Amorpha fruticosa*)
 Max height: 12-18'
 Light: Full sun to part shade
 Excellent food and cover for quail, birds, and other wildlife. Fragrant flowers are a pollinator favorite. Fixes nitrogen into the soil.



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Loblolly-Pitch Pine Hybrid (*Pinus rigida x taeda*)
 Max height: 60'
 Light: Full to part sun
 A hybrid of the classic coastal plain wetland-edge pine. Good moisture and cold tolerance. Provides great thermal cover.

Why buffers for resilience?

Buffer forests are naturally somewhat wild places, where forest and wetland meet and mingle, providing critical wildlife habitat and water quality benefits in otherwise suburban or urban areas. Wet buffer forests are a type of riparian wetland and provide opportunities to look out at your suburban backyard and see deer, songbirds, butterflies, and more.

The climate has already started changing and it will only continue. Buffer forests are on the frontline of that change but could also be a cornerstone of resilience. We can foster that resilience on our landscapes and in our own yards. By planting native plants and restoring buffer forests you can provide resources to pollinators, fruits for humans and wildlife, clean the air and water, and help human and wildlife populations thrive; together and connected, whatever comes next.

What's in the Bag?

- A "buffer in a bag," 30 tree/shrub seedlings suited to streambanks and wet areas
- Planting guides, information on climate change, and ways to do more

A future resilience boon!