



Pennsylvania
**Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources**

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Wednesday, October 22, 2025

**MEDIA ADVISORY – THURSDAY IN YORK COUNTY – Shapiro
Administration Invests \$130,000 to Plant 700 Trees Along York County
Stream to Improve Local Water Quality and the Chesapeake Bay**

Airville, PA – Tomorrow, **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn** will join **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay CEO Kate Fritz** and local stakeholders to plant **700 trees along a stream at a dairy farm in York County** — part of a **\$130,000 investment to improve local water quality and protect the Chesapeake Bay**.

The project will establish a **2.5-acre streamside forest buffer along Orson Run** in the Muddy Creek watershed to reduce runoff, prevent erosion, and filter nutrients before they reach the Susquehanna River — the largest tributary to the Chesapeake Bay.

Under **Governor Josh Shapiro’s leadership**, Pennsylvania has planted **7,700 acres of forest buffers** across the Chesapeake Bay watershed in the last two years, adding **1.5 million new trees** that strengthen ecosystems, capture carbon, and safeguard clean water across the Commonwealth.

The University of Maryland’s Center for Environmental Science [recently reported](#) that the Chesapeake Bay is in its healthiest condition in more than 20 years. The Upper Bay, which is fed by the Susquehanna, scored one of the highest grades among any area of the Chesapeake Bay, a testament to Pennsylvania’s work over the past several years.

WHO:

DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay CEO Kate Fritz
Pennsylvania State Forester Seth Cassell

WHEN:

Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM

WHERE:

The Druck Farm, 2227 Woodbine Rd, Airville, PA 17302
Park in the field located on this [Google map](#), which is adjacent to the planting site.
Please RSVP to cnovak@pa.gov.

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