



Launched by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in 2004, TreeVitalize produced impressive results in southeastern PA during its first four years:

- Planted over **20,000 trees** along streets, in parks, schools, and other public lands
- Restored nearly **300 acres** of forested riparian buffer with another **70,000 trees**
- Educated **2,800 citizens** through Tree Tender classes
- Engaged **11,000 volunteers** in community tree plantings

The Southeast PA TreeVitalize partnership, led by the PA Horticultural Society, continues to grow, and now encompasses three broad areas of work, described below. Meanwhile, DCNR has launched a similar TreeVitalize program in Pittsburgh. By 2010, TreeVitalize will have reached urbanized communities in all metropolitan areas of the state.

TreeVitalize Philadelphia

To help meet ambitious new goals for the city's tree cover, the TreeVitalize partnership is increasing tree planting initiatives throughout Philadelphia as well as in key targeted neighborhoods, in close collaboration with the Fairmount Park Commission. Most plantings are volunteer-driven by Tree Tenders groups.

TreeVitalize Municipalities

In partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Morris Arboretum, and DCNR Service Foresters, PHS helps promote urban forestry management in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties. In addition to assisting with major tree planting projects with help from local Tree Tenders, the partnership also seeks to boost community capacity through multi-municipal collaboration.

TreeVitalize Watersheds

Through this TreeVitalize companion program, dozens of watershed restoration projects are conducted throughout southeast PA every year, resulting in thousands of trees planted along stream corridors, upland areas, and other sensitive water protection zones. Local watershed groups submit applications through six regional organizations – the Fairmount Park Commission in Philadelphia, the Conservation District offices in each of the four surrounding counties, and the Stroud Center for Water Research in Chester County – which guide and help implement the projects. Managed by PHS, the TreeVitalize Watersheds program has received funding from the PA Department of Environmental Protection and key corporate sponsors, including Aqua PA and PECO Exelon.

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