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Volunteers help to plant trees for healthy streams

AVONDALE, Pa. — Volunteers enjoyed spending a beautiful, socially distanced afternoon outside in the country, while enjoying the sights of a bald eagle soaring overhead as they helped Stroud™ Water Research Center to restore approximately 2.4 acres along a tributary of Doe Run Creek in Unionville. More than 50 volunteers planted nine different species of trees which will restore the stream banks, create habitat corridors, and help treat run-off from a nearby busy road.



PHOTO: Among other volunteers, employees from Voya Financial enjoyed a day connecting with their colleagues while helping out on the project.

Planting forested buffers is one of the best management practices used by the Stroud Center’s Watershed Restoration to help farmers and landowners better protect their streams. In addition to the protection the buffer will provide the stream, the Stroud Center will be using this planting to study the growth rates and survivability of trees in two different types of tubes. Trials like this help the Stroud Center’s scientists and restoration group to continue to improve success rate of plantings.

“Planting trees is one of the many ways we help to protect our streams and rivers,” says Dave Arscott, Ph.D., executive director of the Stroud Center, “It was wonderful to see so many families and members of the local community joining together to help us with this effort.”

Funding for this project was provided by Colonial Pipeline and TreeVitalize. Refreshments were provided to volunteers by Herr Foods. To learn more about upcoming volunteer opportunities, research projects, and Stroud Center events, visit www.stroudcenter.org.

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