



## STREAM RELEAF

## APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Yes! I will help to improve water quality and restore stream ecosystems in my watershed. I agree to participate in the Stream ReLeaf Program. As part of such participation, I accept free plants supplied by the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Parks and Program Services, Natural Resources Division, and hereby agree to the following terms and conditions of participation:

- 1. I understand that I am responsible for the installation of the plants. I will not cut down, sell, or otherwise intentionally destroy the plants. I will attend to the maintenance of the plants including, but not limited to, watering and protecting them from deer.
- 2. I understand the restrictions regarding installation of plants provided under the Stream ReLeaf Program:
  - a. Plants must be planted within seventy-five (75) feet of the stream bank.
  - b. Trees may not be planted in utility rights-of-way (gas, oil) or within forty-five (45) feet of an overhead utility line.
  - c. Plants should not be planted near septic tanks or on septic fields and must not be planted within fifteen (15) feet of sewer lines.
- 3. I understand that there is no guarantee of the survivability of the plants provided.
- 4. I understand that I am responsible for obtaining approvals for planting from community associations and following community bylaws, which are separate from County regulations.
- 5. I understand that before digging, I must take the necessary measures to locate and avoid underground lines and cables by calling Miss Utility at 800-282-8555. Note: Utilities such as cable and telephone may not be marked; extreme caution must be used to avoid damaging these lines.
- 6. I understand that I am responsible for locating all personal underground utilities (such as invisible dog fences) before digging.
- 7. I agree to hold Howard County and its employees and contractors harmless from any and all costs, expenses, damages or personal injuries resulting from my participation in the Stream ReLeaf Program.
- 8. I will follow the <u>Planting Guidelines</u> provided by Howard County Natural Resources Division. I will call the Natural Resources Division office at 410-313-1679 with any questions regarding the Stream ReLeaf Program or the Planting Guidelines.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read, fully understand, and agree to be bound by the conditions for participation in the Stream ReLeaf Program. I understand that if I fail to comply with all of these conditions, I am obligated to reimburse Howard County, Maryland for the cost of the plants supplied.

Signature	Printed Name
Date	Address, City, Zip Code
Email	Phone #