



A view of the new buffer planted by [PA State Veterans Homes](#) Facilities staff led by Greg Lehman and J. Andrew Bannar, Construction Project Manager, PA DMVA.

Cori Trice - Watershed Coordinator with the [Chester County Conservation District](#) worked with Homes staff to design a buffer that would clean stormwater runoff while also creating a visual buffer as the trees grow, enhancing the view of residents, and the aesthetics of the

grounds. The [Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership](#) provided the saplings, stakes, and shelters. The latter protects the young trees from deer, mowing equipment, and other hazards as they become established. Later, the shelters will be removed once the trees grow and flourish.

The Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership, with which the PA Veteran Farming Project is a partner, is working to engage and collaborate with national, regional, state, and local agencies, conservation organizations, outdoors enthusiasts, businesses, and citizens — to get 10 million trees in Pennsylvania ground by 2025.



Left, tree shelters protecting the young saplings let in sunlight and rainwater—but stave off deer and rodents with a taste for young trees.

Below, a view of one of the more mature saplings in its protective tube.

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