

STOP FUNDING STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS
FOR OPERATING BUDGET FY 25

We have witnessed over a dozen stream restoration projects in Montgomery County and are requesting that funding for these projects immediately cease.

Stream restoration projects have resulted in the clear cutting of thousands of trees – who's canopies provide critical shade, habitat and soil stabilization benefits for stream valley corridors.

These projects in no way benefit aquatic life nor do they benefit animals, in fact, they do the reverse. Demolishing habitat, leveling trees, ripping out vegetation down to bare dirt opens up shady and cool corridors and turns them into hot, baking, dry dirt corridors – completely changing the micro-climate, enabling sun loving invasive species to dominate.

Also lost is the enormously important buffer that trees provide for wind shear and noise protection. Tree's roots act as an anchor and mesh, holding soil together, stabilizing stream banks, transpiring water up thru it's leaves and releasing clean, filtered air. A Best Management Practice (BMP) mandated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation & Trust is to retain trees, not remove them, as remain the single most important resource in filtering and cleaning water. In fact, both organizations are putting large amounts in funding in the planting of trees throughout our region areas closer to the mouth of the Bay.

Regrading and filling in existing streams with thousands of yards of sterile fill dirt serve no purpose and exterminate all micro-organisms sub surface – leaving a nutrientless orange clay soil, compacted, compressed and without fiber or oxygen for micro-organisms to survive.

Please view our (2) minute Utube video: *"How a stream is restored in Gaithersburg"* and see for yourself the damage you're allowing by funding these projects.

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