

West Branch of Crum Creek Implementation Project Report

Three properties received a total of 126 native tree and shrub plantings along non-forested stretches of tributaries to the West Branch of the Crum Creek (66 trees, 60 shrubs). Each of these properties was identified as a priority for restoration in the Upper Crum Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan.

At the Dolan property at 720 Warren Avenue we added 26 native trees and shrubs (11 trees and 15 shrubs) to extend the forested buffer to cover an additional 100 feet of stream frontage. With this addition of forested buffer, this property has likely reached its restoration potential. The neighboring property upstream contains a spring-fed pond and stream with no buffer. This property remains a high priority but the landowner has so far been unreceptive to restoration.

White Manor Country Club at 821 Providence Road received 19 native plants (13 trees and 6 shrubs) to supplement the riparian plantings they have conducted with CRC over the past several years. With these additional plantings, nearly all riparian areas that do not directly interfere with course play have been re-planted. White Manor provided in-kind match by using their groundskeepers to plant the trees and shrubs and erect deer cages.

At the Keough property at 137 Davis Rd. we added 81 native plants (42 trees and 39 shrubs) to create a buffer around two farm ponds. The ponds have typically been mowed to the banks and host large flocks of Canada Geese during the winter. A developing shrub and forest buffer will decrease goose usage of these ponds, removing a large source of nutrients from the stream.

Photos of restorations:



