

## **Project: Restore and enhance Little Bennett Park riparian stream buffers with native wildflowers and plants**

### **Summary**

This project would help stop erosion of Little Bennett creek banks by planting native wildflowers, grasses or other vegetation along a selected segment of a creek in the Park. The scout would coordinate with the Parks Department to determine the location of the project. Wildflowers and other plants for the project would be provided by the Parks Dept. This project must be done in the fall (Late Sept – October) or early spring (April – early May) planting seasons.

### **Background**

Riparian stream buffers are native grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees that intercept and filter nutrients and other pollutants and up to 90% of sediment, phosphorous, and nitrates that drain into creeks. They lower the water temperature of the streams and block flooding by stabilizing the banks and acting as a sponge to help soak up excess water. Stream buffers help support numerous wildlife forms from dam-building beavers to small aquatic organisms.

### **Project Sponsor**

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

### **For Further Information**

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