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Have you heard of New York's [Buffer in a Bag Program](#)? If you own property with 50 ft. or more of land along a stream or waterbody, and would like to plant or improve a riparian buffer, this program is for you!

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Trees for Tribs Program is offering a free bag of bare-root tree and shrub seedlings to enhance streamside areas on the property of private landowners in New York. You must apply online or by mail before April 10, 2020 to receive your free materials. Apply and learn more about the program on the [Buffer in a Bag webpage](#) or contact the Trees for Tribs Program at [treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov](mailto:treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov) or by calling (518) 402-9405.

Stream buffers provide important natural functions that protect water quality in streams including erosion prevention and filtration of nutrients and sediment from runoff. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to improve the health of a stream near you!