



## Promote the Health: Reforestation

**CONCERN:** Sapling survival of desirable native trees in unprotected areas is low.

- Stilt grass and fern crowding out seeds.
- Deer overpopulation, browsing everything but invasive plants.

**IMPACT:** Forest regeneration is hampered, with few saplings to replace old trees.

- Reducing the forest's long-term value as a wildlife habitat.

**ACTION:** Give saplings a leg up.

- Planted 90 protected saplings in 2023, and will plant over 100 more in 2024, including blight resistant chestnut.
- Creating deer barriers with slash piles, dead barberry and fencing.
- Applying for PA advanced deer control.

