

## Recommendations for Project Success

1. Request an extension from DPZ if a project is incomplete.
2. Verify the installation and replacement of forest conservation signs prior to scheduled inspections.
3. Educate the local community of forest conservation objectives and regulations. It is best to respond to small problems before they become big problems.
4. Routinely monitor easements to assess tree survival and identify site-specific stressors. Planting the right trees for a site will cost less than repeatedly replacing the wrong trees. A developer may need to revise an FCP to deal with a problem.
5. Numerous invasive species thrive in Howard County and are capable of overtaking existing and planted trees. Once again, routine monitoring and management can prevent a small problem from becoming a big problem.