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Transource contributes \$25,000 to local conservation efforts in the Chesapeake Bay watershed

Partnership announced as company volunteers and partners plant 600 trees in York County, PA

COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 8, 2018 – Transource Energy today announced a \$25,000 commitment to support local conservation efforts to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Transource representatives announced the commitment at an event in York County, Pennsylvania, where company volunteers and partners planted 600 tree seedlings along the East Branch of Codorus Creek at Spring Valley County Park. Donegal Trout Unlimited received a donation to supply the seedlings and planting materials.

Additional donation recipients included the Franklin County Planning Commission and York County Stormwater Consortium in Pennsylvania and local watershed conservation groups in Harford and Washington counties in Maryland. These donations are earmarked to support future tree plantings and stream cleanups related to watershed improvement plans.

Planting trees and reinforcing riverbanks effectively prevent the impacts of runoff and pollutants. Transource worked with the York County Parks and Recreation Department and local Trout Unlimited chapters to identify the high-priority sites for wildlife habitat protection and runoff remediation.

In 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency published a cleanup plan to reduce pollution and restore clean water in the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed by 2025. State agencies and local government, agricultural, environmental, community, academic and business partners are working to develop and execute implementation plans to comply with the EPA's standards.

“At Transource, we look for opportunities to work with communities to advance shared priorities,” said Todd Burns, Transource director. “Streams play an important role in the natural ecosystem and community recreation, and we strive to construct our facilities in ways that limit disturbances while maintaining safety during installation, operation and maintenance of the electric facilities.”

Transource is responsible for siting, constructing and maintaining the Independence Energy Connection project, a proposed overhead electric transmission line project in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission organization, identified Transource's IEC project as the solution to address congestion and reliability issues with the regional electric grid and deliver \$866 million in congestion savings to consumers in the mid-Atlantic.

Transource filed applications to build the project with the Maryland Public Service Commission and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in December 2017. Project construction is expected to begin mid-next year, with an in-service date of November 2020.

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