

FACT SHEET
Seed Growout Stations
Watershed Conservation and Education Program

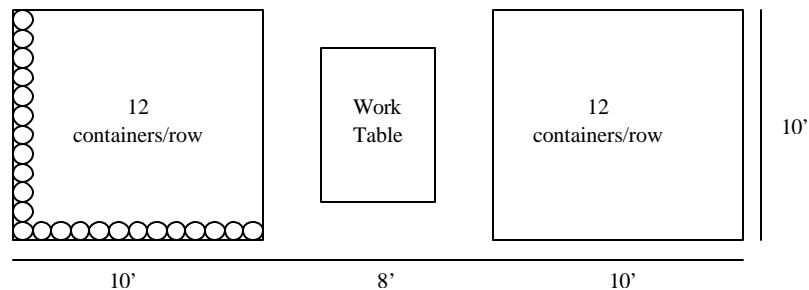
The name *Growout* refers to the process of growing trees from seed; established at local schools, the intent is to increase environmental education opportunities for students on site and serve as a stock of plants for streambank restoration projects within the Monocacy River and Catoctin Creek watershed region.



Project Goals: (1) To involve school-aged children in watershed protection and restoration efforts and (2) To improve, protect and enhance the Monocacy River and Catoctin Creek watersheds.

Requirements:

Participating in this project requires some dedication of time and space. Community Commons has dedicated a half time Program Assistant to coordinate growout stations with each of the four schools. Additionally, we have the resources to purchase outreach materials and supplies to support the four stations. In return, each school will need to dedicate a site on the school yard where the students can handle soil and other organic material, build a work table, and of course plant and grow the seeds in containers. An example of a site plan follows.



Training and materials will be provided for participating schools, teachers and support staff. Community Commons will assist teachers in preparing curriculum or lessons that support the growout stations. A spring and fall newsletter will be published and distributed to network participating schools and give both teachers and students the opportunity to work in partnership and communicate regularly with one another.