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HYBRID AMERICAN CHESTNUT PROJECT

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**Serving Barbour, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison,
Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor,
Tucker and Upshur counties**





The Hybrid American Chestnut Project is a Wes-Mon-Ty RC&D chestnut tree-planting program to create awareness and encourage local residents to plant blight-resistant Dunstan chestnut trees.

These trees retain many of the qualities of the American Chestnut tree. The abundance of blooms from these trees support honeybees and other pollinators.

The wood is strong and extremely rot-resistant, making it a valuable timber product. The hybrid chestnut has shown total resistance to the American chestnut tree blight. The nuts are a food source for humans and wildlife and the tree and has plenty of carbon sequestration benefits.

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The chestnut blight has been called the greatest ecological disaster to strike the world's forests in all of history.

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT

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More than a century ago, nearly four billion American chestnut trees were growing in the eastern U.S. They were among the largest, tallest, and fastest-growing trees. The wood was rot-resistant, straight-grained, and suitable for furniture, fencing, and building. The nuts fed billions of wildlife, people and their livestock. It was almost a perfect tree, that is, until a blight fungus killed it more than a century ago.

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