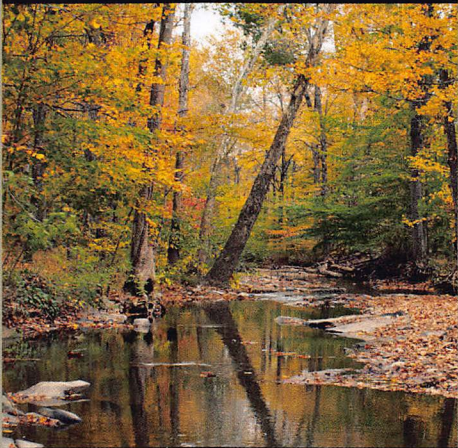


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The forests around the Chesapeake Bay are made up of a mix of tree species. Different species of trees like to grow in different climates, elevations, and soil types. Forests gave American Indian communities wood for making fire, canoes, and houses. They also provided nuts like acorns, walnuts, and chestnuts.

Forest soils soak up rain and filter water. Also, shade from their leaves keeps the air and water cool during the hot summer months. Large forest animals like wolves, cougars, and elk were once found throughout the watershed.