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Riparian Buffers



NRCS Terminology

- Riparian Forest Buffer
 - An area of **trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants** that function to protect an adjacent water body
- Filter Strip
 - A strip of **herbaceous vegetation** that function to protect an adjacent water body





Federal Farm Programs Offering Cost-Share Assistance

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**
 - Cost-Sharing for vegetative establishment
 - Annual rental rates on acreage for 10 years
- **Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)**
 - Flat rates for vegetative establishment

Buffer Widths can Vary

In general – seldom less than 30 feet wide

Depending on program and protection required- up to 120 feet wide









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