

Riparian Forest Buffers Make **\$ENSE**

If your property borders a stream, river or lake,
NOW is the time to establish a *riparian forest buffer*.

Transition areas of trees, shrubs and grass that separate a waterway from areas of human activity, buffers can filter pollutants from runoff before it reaches the waterway. They provide habitat for wildlife and improve conditions for stream corridors. Riparian buffers are an effective way to protect New Jersey water resources.

In addition to environmental benefits, installing and maintaining buffers can also put money into your pocket.



The **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)** will cover the cost of creating the buffer **AND** pay you for maintaining the buffer for the next 10 to 15 years.

What is CREP?

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses state and nationally-significant environmental concerns. Through CREP, program participants receive financial incentives to enter into 10 to 15 year contracts to establish and maintain riparian forest buffers on eligible land.

Land managers who participate in this program will receive reimbursement for establishing the riparian forest buffer, incentive payments for sign up, and rental payments for the length of the contract. CREP's financial benefits exceed those offered through previous federal programs.

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CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Who is eligible to receive funding through CREP?

CREP funding for riparian forest buffers is available to:

- Individuals
- Associations
- Trusts
- Other legal entities
- Local governments
- Corporations
- Joint stock companies
- Estates
- State government
- Joint operations



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