

# How Can I Help Restore and Protect Streamside Buffers?

## **If you are a landowner:**

- *Plant native species of trees and shrubs.*
- *Stop mowing to the stream's edge.*
- *Join your local watershed organization.*
- *Protect buffers through conservation easements.*

## **If you are a farmer:**

- *Fence streams.*
- *Enroll buffers in set aside programs.*
- *Partner with local watershed and sporting organizations.*
- *Consider alternatives to cropping that also provide economic returns while preserving buffers.*

## **If you are a developer:**

- *Avoid removing streamside trees and shrubs.*
- *Incorporate conservation into your subdivision designs.*

## **If you help run a business or industry:**

- *Plant native species of trees and shrubs.*
- *Consider sponsoring a school or community organization that wants to plant trees.*
- *Consider options for limiting business activities that impact buffers.*

## **If you belong to a conservation or volunteer organization:**

- *Plant native species of trees along streams.*
- *Partner with agricultural landowners and municipalities.*
- *Organize volunteers and work parties to help maintain buffers.*

## **If you are a municipal official:**

- *Adopt zoning that protects and improves stream corridors.*
- *Support landowners who protect their buffers.*
- *Partner with neighboring municipalities to promote consistent ordinances.*
- *Create recreational greenways.*

## **If you are a student or teacher:**

- *(Colleges/ Universities) - Conduct research to help further define buffer values and maintenance techniques.*
- *Incorporate buffer protection activities into lesson plans.*
- *Establish a buffer on school premises if you have a stream or pond.*

## **If you work for a regional, state or federal agency:**

- *Develop new information and act as a clearinghouse for existing information.*
- *Develop guidelines for establishing and maintaining buffers, and provide technical assistance.*
- *Establish incentives for participation.*