

Riparian Buffers

What is a riparian buffer?

Riparian buffers are strips of trees and other vegetation along creeks that are critical to the health of our streams.

Buffers slow down and filter pollutants like oils and pesticides in stormwater runoff.

They also help reduce erosion by holding the soil in place with plant roots and stems.

Land-disturbing activities like clearing, grading, and building within a regulated buffer area may be restricted.



What can I do?

Do not clear or cut trees within the first 30 feet from the stream.

Do not place any structures within the first 50 feet from the stream without special authorization.

Plant seedlings and other native plants along the stream to further enhance or restore the buffer.

If you're unsure if you have a buffered stream on your property call the City of Wilson Stormwater Division.



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