

Healthy riparian areas provide us with environmental, economic and social benefits.

*Importantly they:*



Lessen effects from flooding



Reduce drought impacts



Regulate water temperature



Strengthen river banks



Protect water quality



Sustain vital natural habitats



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# Let's Talk Riparian:

the areas where water meets land



**A healthy riparian area will sustain diverse ecosystems, plants, and animals.**

# What Can Help Sustain and Create Resilient Riparian Areas:

Maintain and protect native vegetation. Perennial plant communities are necessary for sustainability.

Avoid using chemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides) for landscaping, especially near riparian zones.

Plant native species to strengthen the area through vegetation.

Provide an off channel water source for livestock.

Let leaves and woody materials breakdown as they contribute to a healthy ecosystem, creating food and habitat for fish and wildlife.

UPLANDS

RIPARIAN AREA

AQUATIC ZONE

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