Riparian Buffer Design Template

Template for planning a riparian buffer, covering site, goals, plant choices, installation steps and long-term care along streams and ditches. Fill in each section for your own farm and review the finished plan with a trusted adviser.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

Site name and location

Buffer goals details

Stream or ditch description

Existing vegetation details

Proposed zones and plant types

Site preparation plan

Planting and protection methods

Funding or program notes

Maintenance and monitoring plan

TIP Talk to your local conservation district about program support before planting, since design requirements vary.