

# Lake Conservation Notes

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## Riparian Buffers for Lakes, Streams & Rivers

Protection of riparian areas adjacent to streams, rivers, wetlands, and lakes is important. These areas provide critical habitat for both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife. The natural vegetation growing in the riparian zone helps prevent streambank and shoreline erosion, and removes sediments, nutrients, and pesticides from runoff.

Riparian areas can be negatively impacted by livestock grazing and by conversion of the natural riparian vegetation to cropland. The US Department of Agriculture's Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) and the Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project's 319 Riparian Area Management Program (RAM) are designed to protect and restore riparian areas that will improve wildlife habitat; and reduce non-point source pollutants entering lakes and streams from adjoining cropland, pastures, and animal feeding operations.

Both CCRP and RAM programs offer incentive payments and soil rental rates for contracts ranging from 10 to 15 years in length. Additional cost share is available for conservation practices that include fencing and alternate livestock watering facilities if required.

CCRP and RAM practices include; CP8A – Grass Waterways, CP21 – Filter Strip, CP22 – Riparian Buffer, CP29 – Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat, and CP30 – Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer

The RAM program will pay for additional acres, up to 40% of CCRP acres, that are beyond the maximum CCRP buffer width such as adjoining field corners or acres not eligible for CCRP.

Interested landowners located in one of the project watersheds shown on the following page should contact project personnel or their local Conservation District for more information about eligibility and cost share rates.



## Example of Riparian Buffer with both Conservation Reserve Program and Riparian Area Management Funding



Pasture with grazing history eligible for CP-30 Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer program. Maximum 120-foot buffer along streambank = 32.1 acres of CRP. Producer enrolled additional 15 acres, shown in green, into the Riparian Area Management program at the CRP rental rate.

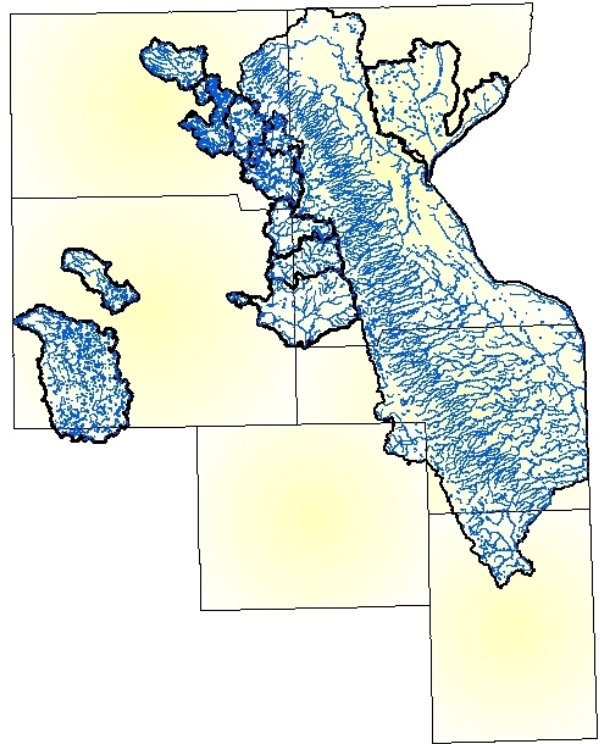
### **For More Information:**

Visit the Project Website at;  
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## Project Area



### Project Watersheds Include:

Amsden Dam, Blue Dog Lake, Buffalo Lake, Clear Lake, Enemy Swim Lake, Lake Traverse, Minnewasta Lake, Nine Mile Lake, Pickerel Lake, Pierpont Dam, Red Iron Lake, Roy Lake, White Lake, and the Upper Minnesota River Basin.

