



BLAIR COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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BLAIR COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT RIPARIAN BUFFER INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION (Please return to the Conservation District)

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The Blair County Conservation District's Riparian Buffer incentive program is currently accepting applications for those interested in planting new riparian buffers in Blair County. This program is open to any landowner both in rural and urban locations, however you must have a minimum buffer length of 100 feet to be given consideration. If applying for an agricultural location, buffers must be a minimum of 35 feet in width, however, a residential location could consider a narrow buffer with a minimum width of 15 feet. Projects that exceed the minimum width will receive additional points during application evaluations. Landowners of recreational properties are asked to contact the Conservation District prior to filing out an application to discuss project plans. Please note a landowner cannot receive funding if you are already receiving funds from another riparian buffer program for the same project area. If the applicant is not the landowner of the project location, landowner permission must be obtained.

Funding: Payments will be paid on a per acre basis, with up to \$6,000 per acre and \$1,000 for maintenance during the first year depending on program interest. A minimum all-inclusive payment of \$1000 will be issued to properties with a project area under 0.25 acres. Currently, funding is only available for this year, and it is unknown if there will be more funds available to continue this program into the upcoming years. The funds can be used to cover the costs of labor, site preparation (to include invasive species removal), and planting materials such as trees, shrubs, fertilizer, seed, tree tubes, and stakes. Native plants must be used for this program.

Application:

1. Contact information
2. Project location (latitude and longitude)
3. Watershed and stream name where project is located
4. Streambank height and severity of erosion (if present)
5. Invasive species information (if present)
6. Estimated cost of project
7. Brief description of the project
8. Plan map that delineates project area and shows proposed practices
9. Pictures of existing conditions which include but are not limited to: intended planting area, streambank, and views both upstream and downstream.

Project Timeline: Applications are being accepted by the Conservation District until all funds have been spent. Planting must be completed by June 15th 2026 for this round of funding.

Funding Allocation: The Conservation District staff will need to visit the site upon completion to verify the establishment of the riparian buffer planting. Once this verification is made, the District will then issue payment. Routine visits may be made yearly by the District to ensure proper upkeep throughout the lifespan of the buffer.



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***Please attach maps that show the project area and include pictures of the existing site conditions. See program guidelines for more information. ***

Applicant Contact Information:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Cell #: _____
_____ E-mail: _____

Watershed (if known): _____

Stream Name: _____

Height of Streambank (ft.): _____

Streambank Erosion Present: Yes ☐ No ☐

Severity of Erosion Throughout Project Area:

☐ <20% ☐ 20-40% ☐ 40%-60% ☐ >60%

Existing Land Use: Residential ☐ Cropland ☐ Pasture ☐ Recreational ☐

Project Area: Width _____ Length _____

Latitude: _____ **Longitude:** _____

Type of Buffer: Grass/Meadow ☐ Narrow Grass/Meadow ☐ Forest ☐ Narrow Forest ☐

**Lifespan of buffers range from 5 years for grass/meadow and 10 years for forest (trees and shrubs)*

Is there currently a presence of invasive species? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please list the type/name of invasive species present (if known): _____

Population of invasive species throughout project area:
(Please select the percent range that best represents the project area):

☐ <10% ☐ 10%-20% ☐ 20%-30% ☐ 30%-40% ☐ >40%

Are you interested in streambank fencing associated with a buffer? Yes ☐ No ☐

(This is for Agricultural Properties ONLY)

Project Cost Estimate: _____

**Eligible expenses may include site preparation, invasive species removal, materials (plants, tree tubes, stakes, seed mix), and the cost of contracted labor*

Brief Description of Project:

Expected Start Date: _____ **Expected End Date:** _____

**Must be planted by June 15th 2026. There is no opportunity for a time extension for this round. Projects must be completed by the June 15th deadline to receive funding.*

I certify that I have read the requirements of the Blair County Conservation District Riparian Buffer Incentive Program and agree to be bound by these requirements if I am selected to receive funding under this program.

Applicant Signature

Date

Landowner Signature (if different from Applicant)

Date