

**BMP 10 – ENHANCING RIPARIAN AND AGRO-ECOSYSTEM HEALTH**

**OBJECTIVES**

- To protect aquatic life;
- To maintain the quality of the surface water supply;
- To ensure the riparian areas serve as islands and corridors for biodiversity; and,
- To provide extensive upland ecosystems

\***Riparian area** pertains to the area along the edges of a river, stream or other watercourse.

Note: If you are applying for funding under enhancing riparian and agro-ecosystem health, you may also want to review the application descriptions for wintering site management (BMP 7). Some practices funded under this Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) might also benefit your operation.

**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY**

- Refer to CEAA Construction Guidelines for permits and approvals that are required (e.g., NSDE, NWPP, DFO)

Eligible Items	Cost Share (%)		Federal Maximum	
	Provincial	Federal	Item Cap	Activity Cap
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit(s), as required</li> <li>• Stream and stream bank crossing (rocking, riprap), funding for new structures and repair of existing ones (e.g., bridges).</li> <li>• Improved stream crossings (fords, culverts)</li> </ul>	50	25		\$20 K
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buffer establishment (trees/shrubs), including riparian fencing (minimum buffer 5m from watercourse)</li> <li>• Cross fencing (perimeter fencing is not cost-shared)*</li> </ul>	N/A	25		

\* Fencing allowance of \$1200/km can be considered an eligible cost for the above project. The fencing allowance is taking into consideration the cost of the producer’s labour and use of the producer’s own special equipment for fence installation. Assistance will be paid at 25%. Example: number of kilometres of fence is 1.5km = \$1800. Assistance received will be \$450.