

Buffer Strips



What is a buffer?

Strip of vegetation, usually native flowers and grasses, along a waterway that removes pollutants from runoff, reduces erosion and enhances wildlife habitat.

Benefits of buffer strips

- ◆ Provide food and cover for birds, amphibians, insects and mammals.
- ◆ Stabilize bank soils against wave action and help control shoreline erosion.
- ◆ Absorb nutrients found in fertilizers and animal waste preventing them from getting into the water.
- ◆ Reduce transport of sediment during runoff.
- ◆ Add natural beauty.



See a buffer strip at the Nelson Farm, west of Glyndon, MN north of Highway 10.