

# Riparian Buffers

## What is a Riparian Buffer?

- Riparian Buffers are strips of trees and other vegetation along creeks that are critical to the health of our streams.
- Buffers slow down and filter pollutants like oils and pesticides in the stormwater runoff.
- Buffers help reduce erosion by holding the soil in place with plant roots and stems.
- Clearing, grading, and building within a regulated buffer area may be restricted.

## What Can I Do?

- Call the City of Wilson Stormwater Division to determine if you have a buffered stream on your property.
- Do not clear or cut trees within the first 30 feet from the stream.
- Do not place any buildings or driveways within the first 50 feet from the stream without special authorization.

Plant seedlings and other native plants along the stream to further enhance or restore the buffer.