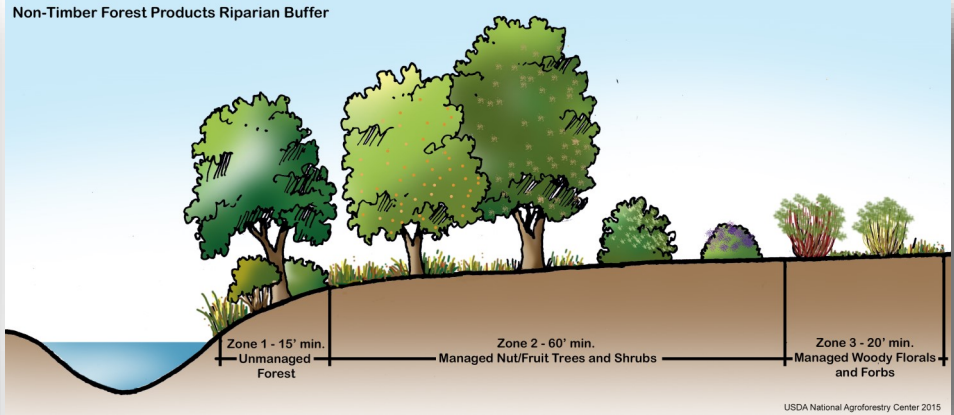




Multifunctional Riparian Forest Buffers: A Win-Win for You and Your Land's Health

A program of Appalachian Sustainable Development in partnership with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service



Traditional riparian forest buffers help protect our waterways by reducing agricultural run-off and soil loss and providing shade and woody debris to enhance wildlife habitat. *Multifunctional riparian buffers* build on this idea by also allowing landowners to grow a perennial food crop in the buffer zone.

What we provide

- ◆ A planting plan that includes a map and locations of trees and shrubs to be planted
- ◆ Expert advice from a forester
- ◆ Native fruit, nut and woody cut floral seedlings of your choice, including: persimmon, blueberry, pawpaw, elderberry, serviceberry, blackberry and more!
- ◆ Tree tubs, mats and cages for weed control and protection from grazers
- ◆ Assistance with planting
- ◆ Associated costs covered by current grant funding

What you provide

- ◆ A buffer at least 35 feet in width next to a waterway
- ◆ Assistance with planting and maintenance
- ◆ Agree to keep buffer in place for 10 years

What you get in return

- ◆ A yearly crop of delicious fruits, nuts and woody cut florals for your own table or for sale
- ◆ Improved water and soil quality
- ◆ Enhanced wildlife habitat for viewing, hunting, fishing
- ◆ Enhanced beauty and scenery on your land

Who We Are

Appalachian Sustainable Development is a non-profit organization with the mission to grow food, communities and opportunities to build a thriving Appalachia. ASD operates ten programs in three sectors: sustainable agriculture/food system development, sustainable forestry and food access.

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