

# Protecting our watercourses

**Your actions, as owner  
of a waterfront property,  
have an impact on the  
aquatic habitat.**

## The riparian area

Vegetation has an important role in the health of the aquatic habitat. The area along watercourses, the riparian area, should include a natural vegetation strip, which should be preserved when landscaping a waterfront property.

## For the health of watercourses and the protection of your land

The riparian area is most efficient when it is made up of mixed, dense vegetation. Vegetation acts as a filter and prevents sediments and other matter to go in the water. Long roots from trees and bushes hold the soil of your land and prevent erosion.

Branches and foliage provide shade that maintains the water cool, an important factor for the survival of fishes and other aquatic species. A variety of plants and flowers provide habitat for animals and insects, which are important to fish.

## Waterfront landscaping, several ways to do it

When landscaping a waterfront property, it is recommended to keep a strip of natural vegetation. Therefore, the cutting of trees and plants along the water and for a certain width should be at a minimum.

According to the Acts and Regulations of New Brunswick Department of Environment, you must obtain a permit in order to bring changes to a property, less than 30 meters from the water.

When the land has already been cleared, it must be brought back to a more natural state by stopping to cut the grass and encouraging growth. This can be done by introducing plants, bushes, and trees. The work must be done with caution so as to prevent more sediments from getting into the water.

There are several types of vegetation to plant and techniques to use depending on the actual situation. Customized solutions must be found before starting the landscaping work.

## Interested?

Share your interest in protecting our watercourses so that we can work together at landscaping your property.

Southeastern Anglers Association  
Telephone: (506) 576-8247  
E-mail: [aprse@nb.aibn.com](mailto:aprse@nb.aibn.com)

