

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**DIVISION OF FORESTRY**  
**RIPARIAN BUFFER PROGRAM – Landowner Project Application**

**I. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Business (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and/or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating organization contact name:: \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating organization phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. PROJECT LOCATION/IDENTIFICATION:**

Project Street Address (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Ownership:      Federal State      City      NGO      Private

Stream and Watershed Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include maps with your application indicating location of site (Mapquest, Google Earth)*

**III. EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Length of Stream Frontage on Property in Feet (near side):

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you own land on both sides of the Stream?    Yes    No    (You will have only one side to be planted unless you own both sides. If yes, please complete next question.)

Length of Stream Frontage in Feet (far side): \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Existing Buffer Width in Feet (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Buffer Condition:    Open/Mowed      Shrubs      Shrubs/Trees      Trees

**VI. RECIPIENT AGREEMENT**

**In accepting free plants and technical assistance, Recipient agrees to the following:**

1. Prior to site preparation, Recipient agrees to contact Tennessee One Call at 811 to verify the presence of any underground utilities within the planned project area.
2. Prior to site preparation, Recipient agrees to clearly mark the property boundaries near the planting area to ensure that trees are not planted on adjacent property.
3. Plants are offered to individuals for riparian buffer projects only and are to be used only for Riparian Buffers in the project area as defined in the Application.
4. Recipient is required to recruit and organize an adequate number of volunteers to assist on the day of the planting. (Recipient may wish to seek assistance from a local non-profit organization to help recruit and organize volunteers. The Program Coordinator may be able to recommend sources of volunteers)
5. Recipient is responsible for all maintenance of plants and materials, unless otherwise indicated below.  
  
\*Recipient agrees to ensure that trees planted in the project area are not cut, removed, mowed or otherwise disturbed.  
  
\*Recipient agrees to ensure that any container or B&B trees planted are appropriately mulched and are watered during times of drought for one growing season following the planting.
- 6 Recipient agrees to allow one or more small sign to be installed indicating the boundary of the Riparian Buffer and to ensure that such signs are maintained.
7. Recipient shall coordinate with the Program Coordinator in regard to returning any Riparian Buffer Program owned materials left on-site, such as survey flags, stakes, containers, tools, etc.
8. Recipient agrees to allow the Program Coordinator reasonable access to the project site to periodically inspect and monitor plant material.
9. It is strongly encouraged that the Recipient contacts adjacent landowners to discuss the proposed projects prior to site prep.

**Signature below indicates acceptance of the conditions listed above by the Recipient.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to: TDOF Riparian Buffer Program Coordinator  
Tennessee Department of Agriculture-Division of Forestry  
Box 40627, Melrose Station  
Nashville, TN 37204**

**Please contact the Riparian Buffer Program Coordinator at 615-837-5430 if you have any questions.**