



Riparian Buffers



THE 2010 RIPARIAN PROJECT

Saturday, March 13

9 am to 12 noon



What is a riparian buffer?

A riparian buffer is the area of land next to a creek, stream, or river - the streambanks and floodplain area. In nature, riparian buffers can include trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers.

Why are riparian buffers important?

Riparian buffers decrease streambank erosion, filter sediments and pollutants commonly found in runoff, provide stormwater storage, increase wildlife habitat, provide cooler water and air temperatures, and increase groundwater infiltration. Riparian buffers provide environmental and recreational benefits to creeks, streams, and rivers, and improve water quality and downstream land areas.

How can YOU participate?

You are invited to volunteer at one of the six locations listed below. Activities will include planting green ash, bald cypress, and shortleaf pine seedlings as well as cleaning up trash and debris. Snacks and drinks will be provided. To volunteer email Contact@irwp.org or call (479) 238-4671.

- Fayetteville – Clabber Creek** meet at Holt Middle School, Ruple Rd
- Gentry – Little Flint Creek** meet at Eagle Watch Nature Trail, Hwy 12 West
- Rogers – Turtle Creek** meet at Home Depot northwest parking lot, I-540 Pinnacle exit
- Siloam Springs – Sager Creek** meet at La-Z-Boy Ballpark fields
- Springdale – Spring Creek** meet at Grove Street Park
- Tahlequah – Townbranch** meet at Felts Park, Basin Ave

Partners: Cities of Fayetteville, Gentry, Rogers, Springdale, Siloam Springs, Tahlequah, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission, Wal-Mart Stores, Sam's Club, Chick-Fil-A, Snapple, Simmons Foods, Tyson Foods, George's Inc, Arkansas Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy, Lake Fayetteville Watershed Partnership, UA Ecological Engineering Society
Sager Creek Advisory Commission, Razorback District Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs



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