

Riparian Area

Quick Fact Sheet

Before commencing work, consider if you are within a Riparian Area

What is a Riparian Area?

A riparian area is the land beside streams, creeks, lakes, ditches and wetlands. The area between the water and the land is an important transition zone that protects fish and wildlife, slows rainwater runoff, and helps stabilize banks by reducing erosion.

When is a Development Permit 3 (Riparian area) Required?

Any time you alter land within 30 meters of a watercourse, a Development Permit and Riparian Area Protection Regulation Assessment is likely required – even if the watercourse is not on your property. For more information about Development Permit Area 3, please call the Land Development Department at 604-793-2902 or visit chilliwack.com/DPAs.



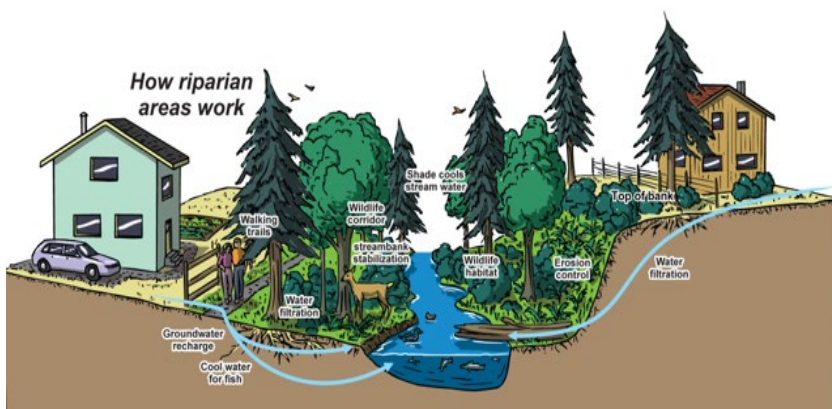
Bell Slough. Source: City of Chilliwack

For the protection of:

- Natural Environment
- Fish and Fish Habitats
 - Riparian Habitats
 - Ecosystems
- Biological Diversity

What is Land Alteration?

- Removal or altering plants and trees
- Disturbance of soils or placement of fill
- Subdivision and construction of buildings or structures
- Creation of hard surfaces such as pavement and decks
- Creation of roads, trails, docks, and wharves
- Development of drainage systems or utility corridors



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