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Fast Facts:

- Beaver Watershed Alliance Streamside Management Workshop will teach participants to establish and preserve riparian buffers, while increasing the health of the streamside land to prevent land loss and slow erosion.
- Guest presenters will include professionals from the Watershed Conservation Resource Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the AR Department of Environmental Quality.

Streamside Management Workshop in Greenland on Saturday, March 2, 2019. (343 Words)

Beaver Watershed Alliance will be hosting a Streamside Management Workshop on Saturday, March 2 at 9:00 am at the Greenland Community Center, located at 170 N Letitia Ave, Fayetteville, AR. Participants will learn how to establish and increase the health of their riparian buffers along streams and rivers to prevent land loss and slow down erosion. Experts from the Watershed Conservation Resource Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality will present topics ranging from stream basics and gravel management to the permitting process and financial assistance programs. Participants who ordered trees and shrubs through the Beaver Watershed Alliance's Free Tree and Shrub program will be able to pick up their plants to take home. This is a FREE program and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by contacting Melissa Welch at 479-750-8007 or melissa@beaverwatershedalliance.org.

"The workshop will be a great opportunity for landowners to hear from experts about how and why good management techniques work," said Melissa Welch, Program Coordinator at the Alliance. "Funding and technical assistance is available to help landowners with streambank concerns and this workshop will be a great way to connect to those programs."

A riparian buffer is the area of land next to a creek, stream, or river – the streambanks and floodplain area – and can include trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers. 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 to downstream land areas.

Beaver Watershed Alliance is a nonprofit organization focused on maintaining high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improving water quality within the Beaver Lake Watershed. The Alliance works with local governments and other nonprofits to reduce the amount of sediment entering streams, improve fish habitat, and reduce flooding – an essential service to local communities. For more information about The Alliance or how you can help protect water quality, visit www.beaverwatershedalliance.org.

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