

Riparian Habitat Enhancement Program (RHEP)

The goal of the GFP Riparian Habitat Enhancement Program is to repair and improve riparian areas adjoining streams and waterways. This program allows cost share and payments to landowners willing to exclude livestock from these critical areas. Cost share assistance is available to install alternative livestock watering facilities. GFP will also provide cost share for fencing materials to exclude livestock. These actions will allow regeneration and repair of riparian areas to a healthy state while reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, and providing wildlife habitat.

Program Guidelines:

- 10-year contract.
- One-time rental payment of 75% per year of the county NASS rate for pasture.
- Minimum width must be 35 feet.
- 240 feet max average width (additional max average width will be allowed to accommodate landscape contours and to facilitate fence construction/maintenance).
- 120 feet additional max average width allowed to extend CRP marginal pastureland out to a total max average of 240 feet width.
- Cost share for exclusion fence and alternative water sources based on GFP Private Lands Program rates.
- Eligible for the riparian shrub clump planting program.
- Access incentive of \$10/acre/year enrolled.
- No grazing allowed for first 5 years and grazing in any subsequent years requires approval by a Private Lands Habitat Biologist.

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