

### Riparian Plants

A riparian area is the place where land meets water. Riparian areas are places like wetlands and riverbanks.

Riparian plants or water plants such as reeds are important for keeping water healthy. They help to stop land pollution from reaching the water. Riparian plants keep the temperature of the water cool and increase oxygen in the water.

The plants also help the riverbank to keep its shape and make the water flow. When there are floods, riparian plants can help to reduce the force of the floodwaters.

Riparian plants make the water clean for people to go fishing, swimming, and boating. Having clean, clear water means more people can enjoy it.

Around the world, organizations are doing good work to plant riparian plants and save wetlands.



#### A Read and write.

- 1 What places are riparian areas? wetlands and riverbanks
- 2 What do riparian plants do to the water temperature? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What is a word in paragraph three that means the same as *make smaller*?  
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- 4 According to the article, what are three activities people do in clean water?  
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- 5 How do you think the author feels about organizations that plant riparian plants?  
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- 6 What is the purpose of the article—to tell the reader about riparian plants or about water temperature?  
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