



Summary of Riparian Setbacks in Ohio and Nationwide

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OUTSIDE OF OHIO

Baltimore County, Maryland

- Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands, and Floodplains.
- Minimum setbacks of 25 to 100 feet on either side of watercourses.
- Article IX of Environmental Protection & Resource Management, Baltimore County.
- Adopted.
- Contact Donald Outen, Director of Public Policy, Planning, Research & Development, Baltimore County, Maryland. (410) 887-4488.

Kennett Township, Pennsylvania

- Riparian Buffer Regulations.
- Minimum riparian setbacks of 75 feet on either side of watercourses.
- Adopted.
- Contact Robert E. Ihlein, Planner, Chester County Planning Commission, (610) 344-6285 or Kennett Town Hall (610) 388-1300.

Loudon County, Virginia

- Scenic Creek Valley Buffer Ordinance.
- Minimum riparian setbacks of 150 to 250 feet on either side of watercourses.
- Adopted.
- Contact Irish Granfield, Loudon County Department of Planning, (703) 777-0164.

Montgomery County Planning Commission, Norristown, Pennsylvania

- *Guidebook for Riparian Corridor Preservation.*
- Model Ordinance Riparian Corridor Conservation District.
- Minimum riparian setbacks of 25 feet to 75 feet on either side of watercourses.
- Contact R. Eric Jarrell, Environmental Planner, Montgomery County Planning Commission, (610) 273-3745.

New Castle County, Delaware

- Riparian Buffer Area Overlay Zoning District.
- Minimum riparian setbacks of 25 to 100 feet on either side of watercourses.
- Draft.
- Contact John Gaadti, County planning consultant, (610) 429-0456 or Deborah Mills, Planner with University of Delaware Water Resources Agency, (302) 831-4925.

Upper Hanover Township, Pennsylvania

- Riparian Corridor Conservation District.
- Adopted.



- Contact R. Eric Jarrell, Environmental Planner, Montgomery County Planning Commission, (610) 273-3745.

Worcester Township, Pennsylvania

- Riparian Corridor Conservation District.
- Minimum riparian setbacks of 25 to 75 feet on either side of watercourses.
- Draft.
- Contact Robert E. Ihlein, Planner, Chester County Planning Commission, (610) 344-6285.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN OHIO

Auburn Township

- Minimum 120 foot riparian setback from all designated watercourses draining an area equal to or greater than 20 square miles.
- Minimum of 75 foot riparian setback from all designated watercourses draining an area equal to or greater than one-half (0.5) square mile and up to 20 square miles.
- Minimum of 25 foot riparian setback from all designated watercourses draining an area less than one-half (0.5) square mile and having a defined bed and bank as determined in these regulations.
- Adopted, Auburn Township Zoning Resolution, December 2004
- Contact Frank Kitko, Zoning Inspector, (440) 543-7028

City of Aurora

- Minimum 25 foot riparian setback from all watercourses, regardless of drainage area.
- Minimum 75 foot riparian setback from the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River and any other watercourses draining more than 1/2 square mile.
- Minimum 75 or 120 foot setback from wetlands depending on functional value.
- Adopted.
- Contact David Lipstreu, Director of Planning and Zoning, (330) 995-5334.

Bainbridge Township

- Minimum of 120 feet on each side of all watercourses draining an area greater than or equal to 20 square miles.
- Minimum of 75 feet on each side of all watercourses draining an area greater than or equal to 1/2 square mile and up to 20 square miles.
- Minimum of 25 feet on each side of all watercourses draining an area less than 1/2 square mile and having a defined bed and bank as determined in Section 160.04(a)(2) of this regulation.
- Adopted, Bainbridge Township Zoning Resolution.
- Contact Frank McIntyre, Zoning Inspector, (440) 543-9871.

Bath Township

- Minimum riparian setback of 75 feet on either side of named streams and 40 feet on either side of unnamed streams.



- Adopted, Bath Township Zoning Resolution.
- Contact Laura DeYoung, Davey Resource Group (330) 673-9511.

Village of Chagrin Falls

- Buffer Area Around Streams and Rivers.
- Minimum 120-foot riparian setback from either side of designated watercourses.
- Adopted.
- Contact Council President William Tomko, (440) 247-5050.

Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.

- *Riparian Setbacks: Technical Information for Decision Makers* and associated handouts.
- Model Ordinance for the Establishment of Riparian Setbacks.
- Minimum riparian setbacks of 25 feet to 300 feet on either side of watercourses depending on drainage area.
- Contact Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (440) 975-3870.

City of Hudson

- Wetland/Stream Corridor Protection, Land Development Code.
- Minimum setbacks of 100 feet from streams and 50 feet from wetlands.
- Adopted.
- Contact Tom King, Planning Director, City of Hudson (330) 650-1799.

Village of Hunting Valley

- Regulation of Construction of Structures and Other Activities Within 300 Feet of the Chagrin River.
- Minimum 300 foot riparian setback from either side of Chagrin River.
- Added 75-foot setback on either side of select tributary streams.
- Adopted.
- Contact Village of Hunting Valley, (440) 247-6464.

City of Kirtland

- Setbacks ranging from 25 feet to 120 feet on either side of designated watercourses depending on drainage area.
- Adopted June, 2003
- Contact Philip Kiefer, City Engineer, (440) 951-9000

Lake County

- Riparian setbacks ranging from 25 feet to 120 feet, depending on watercourse drainage area.
- Apply to all new subdivisions in unincorporated areas as of December 17, 2002.
- Implemented to influence the design of new subdivisions to ensure better management of watercourses and on-site drainage.
- Lake County Subdivision Regulations



- Contact David Radachy, Lake County Planning Commission, 1-800-899-5253, ext. 2739.

Madison County

- Darby Scenic Rivers.
- Minimum riparian setback of 120 feet on either side of Big Darby and Little Darby Creeks.
- Adopted.
- Contact Wes Berry, NRCS/TNC Liaison Big Darby Project, The Nature Conservancy, Ohio Chapter (614) 717-2770.

Prairie Township

- Big Darby Creek Critical Resource Protection District.
- Minimum riparian setbacks of 120 feet on either side of Big Darby Creek.
- Adopted.
- Contact Wes Berry, NRCS/TNC Liaison Big Darby Project, The Nature Conservancy, Ohio Chapter (614) 717-2770.

Russell Township

- Preservation of Natural Features.
- Minimum riparian setback of 30 feet on either side of all watercourses.
- Adopted, Section 4 General Provisions of Township Zoning Code
- Contact Greg Studen, Russell Township Trustee (440) 388-1718.

Summit County

- Riparian setbacks ranging from 25 feet to 120 feet on either side of streams depending on drainage area.
- 50 foot setback around riparian wetlands.
- Adopted.
- Contact Joan Hug-Anderson, Summit County Soil & Water Conservation District, (330) 929-2871.

City of Twinsburg

- Minimum riparian setback of 120 feet on either side of Tinkers Creek and 50 feet on either side of other watercourses and wetlands.
- Adopted.
- Contact Larry Finch, City Planner, (216) 752-4475

Village of Woodmere

- Adopted December 2004

STATE GOVERNMENTS

Massachusetts



Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.

December, 2004

- Rivers Protection Act, Amendment to Wetlands Protection Act
- Contact Richard Tomczyk (617) 292-5512, or Michael Stroman (617) 292-5526 of MA Department of Environmental Protection.

Others? Please Contact CRWP If You Know Of Other Riparian Management Programs.

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