Wisconsin’s perennial vegetative buffer requirements along rivers, lakes, streams and ditches are not adequate to effectively slow runoff and filter out silt.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the state legislature mandate perennial vegetative buffers of native species up to 50 feet along rivers and streams and buffers of 16.5 feet along ditches.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to mandate perennial vegetative buffers of native species up to 50 feet along rivers and streams and buffers of 16.5 feet along ditches?

Additional Information provided by author:
Clean water is a universally recognized conservation goal. Perennial vegetative buffers of native species along lakes, streams and ditches keep flowing water clean. Perennial vegetative buffers of native species along lakes, streams and ditches provide wildlife habitat. Perennial vegetative buffers of native species along lakes, streams and ditches filter our phosphorous, nitrogen. Perennial vegetative buffers of native species along lakes, streams and ditches deter flooding by slowing run-off. Perennial vegetative buffers of native species along lakes, streams and ditches prevent erosion.

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Contact one of your local WCC delegates with questions or for assistance with writing your resolution.