

SOUTHLAND RIPARIAN PLANTING PROJECT

The Southland Riparian Project aims to improve water quality and biodiversity in our streams and rivers. Our vision is to see all of Southland's waterways connected by riparian plantings.

Riparian margin benefits

Riparian planting helps to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in heavy rain events, stabilize banks and reduce erosion. It also increases overall farm value and help minimizes flood damage.

What is being offered

The Southland Riparian Project is offering to help landowners plant areas on their property that already have stock-proof fencing.

Landowners and Environment Southland will sign an agreement to help with the management of your riparian site over three years. This includes:

- Plants are being offered in packs of 50 at cost price, with a limit of 10 packs (500 plants) per land owner.
- Plant protectors are included with each pack.
- To ensure your riparian plants survive and thrive, a land sustainability officer will meet you on farm to help organise the placement, delivery and recommended care of your order.
- Our land sustainability officers will provide you with advice and assistance where needed to prepare riparian plans and management systems across your farm.

Get involved

If you would like to get involved with this project or know someone who might be interested, please contact the Catchment Integration Team at Environment Southland on 0800 768 845 or email service@es.govt.nz A land sustainability officer will be in contact to arrange a site visit and begin the process.



▲ Plant protector sleeves and weed matting help stop young plants being smothered by weeds or damaged by rabbits and possums.