**CONSERVATION BUFFER**

A Conservation Buffer is ***a strip of permanent vegetation that is designed to manage environmental concerns.*** Conservation buffers adjacent to the water’s edge can:

* Protect the soil from erosion
* Reduce the speed of water runoff
* Trap/filter fertilizers, pesticides, and sediments
* Increase infiltration and retention of stormwater
* Enhance fish and wildlife habitat

The permanent vegetation within the buffer is maintained as necessary to address natural or aesthetic matters. *THE PLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES, FILL, PROHIBITED MATERIALS OR THE REMOVAL OF DESIRED VEGETATION IS PROHIBITED!*