

## **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY'S VEGETATED BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM**

This program is administered by the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department. It is independent of and not to be confused with similar state and federal programs – such as the Conservation Reserve Program (C.R.P.).

The goal of the Buffer Strip Program is to install vegetated buffers along all the eligible streams.

Program participation is voluntary. County cost-sharing funds are being provided as a conservation incentive to landowners for planting these buffer strips.

The program offers three basic options for landowners to choose from. The amount of payment per acre and the length of the required maintenance period varies between options. Descriptions of all three options are listed below.

Beginning in early January Planning and Conservation staff will be contacting eligible landowners. Convenient appointments will be arranged. Information describing the program will be distributed, a more precise inventory will be conducted, and a final proposal will then be submitted to the landowner for his/her consideration. Enrollment will be on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, contact the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department, 508 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Phone (920) 459-1370.

**Option # 1 – Install a minimum of 20 foot wide buffer.**

One time, up-front payment of **\$3,000.00 per acre**. The Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department will provide seeding of grasses. Ten-year maintenance agreement required.



**Option #2 – Install grass buffer strip in accordance with the NRCS Filter Strip Standard 393 (1/01).**  
(Typical width 30-35 feet)

One time, up-front payment of **\$3,000.00 per acre**. The Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department will provide seeding of grasses. Ten-year maintenance agreement required.



**Option #3 – Install 100-foot wide grass buffer.**

(Optional riparian buffer can be planted with a combination of grass, shrubs, and trees)

A **\$750.00 an acre** payment in excess of Option #2 will be added to equal the 100 foot buffer. This is a one time up front payment. The Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department will provide seeding of grasses. Shrub and tree establishment is optional and at landowners expense. Fifteen-year maintenance agreement required.

