



# Big Sioux River Buffer Programs

The table below represents a high-level overview of program considerations for popular riparian area buffer programs. Please contact the program's sponsoring agency for more information and eligibility requirements.

	<b>SRAM</b> Seasonal Riparian Area Management 	<b>RAM</b> Riparian Area Management 	<b>RBI</b> Riparian Buffer Initiative 	<b>CREP</b> Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program  
Minimum Buffer Width	30 ft	30 ft	50 ft	30 ft
Maximum Buffer Width	100-yr floodplain	120 ft	120 ft	120 ft
Grazing Allowed	October 1 - March 31		October 1 - April 30	Emergency & Non-Emergency Options*
Haying Allowed	June 15 - September 30	June 15 - August 31	August 1 - September 30	Emergency & Non-Emergency Options*
Fencing Cost-Share Rate	75%	75%	100% Materials Only	CRP Cost-Share Rates
Alternative Water Cost-Share Rate	75%	75%	75%	CRP Cost-Share Rates
Seeding Cost-Share Rate	75%	75%	100% Seed Only	50-100%*
Contract Duration & Payment Schedule	10 or 15 Years Up-Front	10 or 15 Years Up-Front	10 Years Up-Front	10 or 15 Years Annual
Public Access Required	No	No	No	Yes

**\*Determined by Current CRP Guidelines**