

# YOUR RIVER BANK

A small area with big benefits!

## WHY PROTECT IT ?

The river bank begins where the watercourse's littoral zone ends. The ecological services it provides to our communities are numerous :

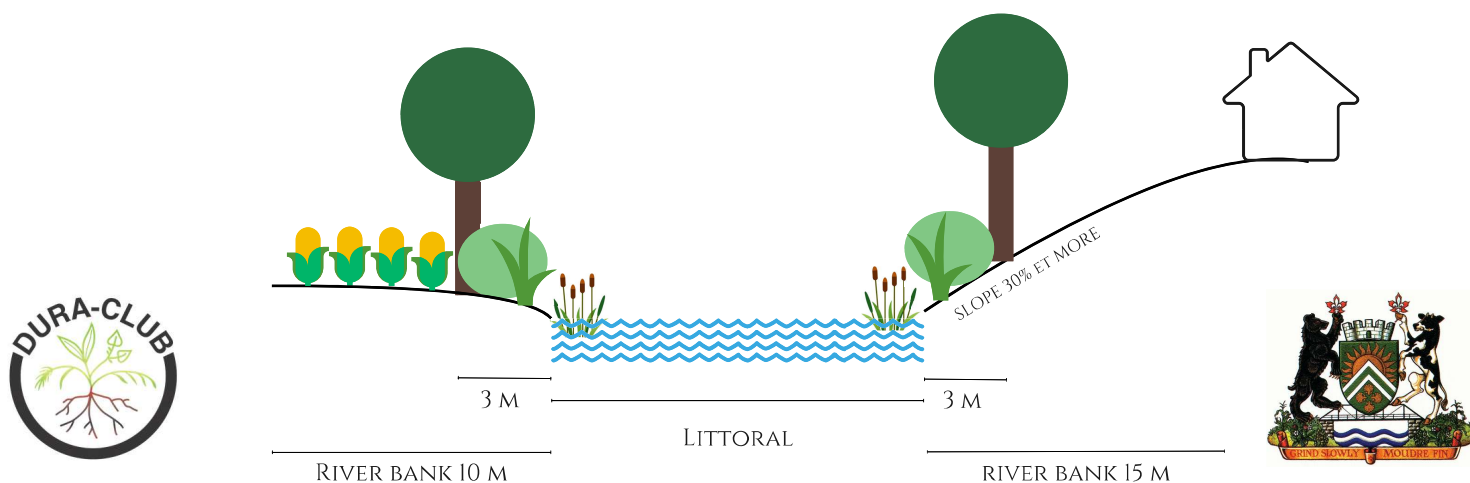
- It filters pollutants and sediments
- Stabilizes river banks
- Protects water quality
- Helps prevent the water from warming
- Helps prevent the proliferation of undesirable algae
- Reduces flood risks by acting like a sponge
- Promotes biodiversity and pollinators

### IN AGRICULTURAL AREAS

- **River bank** : 10 m (15 m if slope > 30%)
- **No tree cutting** or new **construction**
- **Natural vegetated strip of 3 m** from the littoral (tillage, pesticides and amendments allowed beyond)
- Recommended planting: **herbaceous, shrubs and trees**, maintenance around plants allowed in the first years
- Minimum **2 m** at the top of the bank

### IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

- **River bank** : 10 m (15 m if slope > 30%)
- **No tree cutting** or new **construction**
- **Natural vegetated strip of 3 m** (no mowing)
- Recommended planting: **herbaceous, shrubs and trees**, maintenance around plants allowed in the first years
- If a legal structure existed before 2017: **maintenance allowed on 1 m**



## UPCOMING ACTIVITY WITH THE DURA-CLUB TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS !

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Sources: <https://www.mrcbm.qc.ca/gestion-de-leau>, regulations in effect as of July 2026. This document is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an exhaustive list of all regulations. Contact your municipality for complete details.