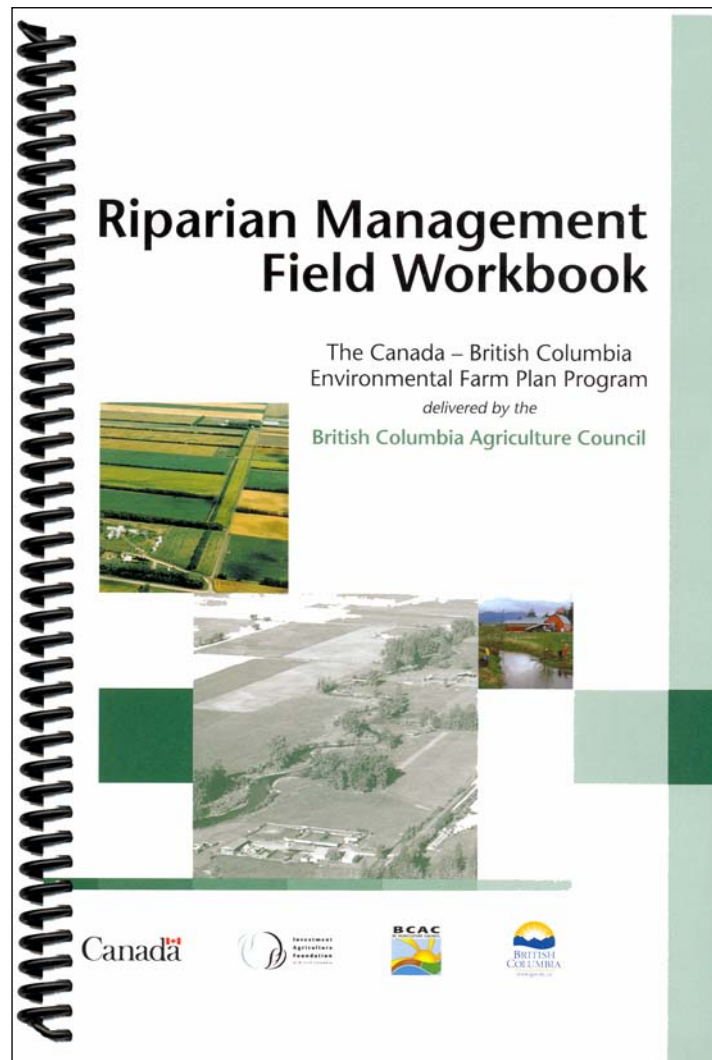




RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT FIELD WORKBOOK



The *Riparian Management Field Workbook* has been developed to support the management and voluntary restoration of riparian habitat in agricultural areas. It is an assessment and improvement tool that focuses primarily on streams and associated upland areas and is part of the **Environmental Farm Planning** family of documents.

This workbook has been developed for use by agricultural producers in all regions of BC. It relies principally on the *Cows and Fish Riparian Health Assessment* developed in Alberta which has been used in the Interior of British Columbia for many years. This assessment focuses on livestock operations and is more applicable to extensive farming activities but can be used with modifications on a variety of production areas in BC. The riparian assessment process under the **EFP program** is voluntary and the results are confidential. By focusing on voluntary corrective action, you will – over time – improve conditions on your own operation along with fish and wildlife habitat.

As the assessment does require some training in plant identification, this field workbook is only available through the EFP Program. It is highly recommended that producers familiarize themselves with the *Cows and Fish Riparian Health Assessment*, either through the Environmental Farm Plan process or by attending a Cows and Fish training session.

It is important to note that the *Riparian Management Field Workbook* is not a substitute for requirements under the federal *Fisheries Act, Waste Management Act, Migratory Bird Convention Act, Species at Risk Act* or any other Act.

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