



Sample Messages for Summary Report

Buffer is not wide enough	<p>Stop mowing / "No Mow"</p> <p>Plant diverse multi-layered native vegetation</p>
There are not enough tiers of vegetation in the buffer	<p>Do not cut anything below 3'</p> <p>Do not rake leaves or mow/weed-whack in the buffer</p> <p>Do not remove dead wood and plant material</p> <p>Delineate new buffer edge until it is established</p>
There are a lot of invasives in the buffer	<p>ID species; look up recommended options for removal, suppression, or containment; make a plan; follow removal plan; seek technical or professional assistance if the problem is pervasive or herbicide injections are necessary</p>
There is bare soil in the buffer	<p>Seed with native riparian seed mix and cover with leaves, wood chips, mulch, straw, or erosion control matting if on a slope with sufficient space</p> <p>Plant groundcovers and fast-growing woody species with extensive root systems</p>
There is erosion in the buffer; Upland water runoff is concentrated	<p>Capture upland runoff and spread it out, allowing it to soak in the ground; using practices such as native herbaceous (meadow mix) filter strips, on-contour vegetative swales, rain gardens, infiltration trenches and basins</p>
Paths are not minimized and wider than 6' (2m) or 12' (4m)	<p>Narrow pathways and delineate new pathway with defined edge (e.g., rocks, temporary fencing, etc.)</p> <p>Remediate compacted soil with aeration, seeding, planting, erosion control practices</p>
Paths convey runoff directly into stream	<p>Redirect pathways to run across contour (switch backs) and direct runoff into a vegetated area, ideally to a depression or flat area for water to soak in slowly</p> <p>Make pathways pervious where possible (gravel, peastone, geo cells, mulch, pervious pavers, board walk, wood or stone steps)</p> <p>Install water bars to direct runoff off the path and into a vegetated area or rock apron</p>
There are many pathways to the stream	<p>Pathways need to be minimized to what is necessary in order to 'share the shore'. A few single track foot paths are okay, but...</p> <p>Limit access to one main pathway and vehicle access where possible</p>
There is a building or other structure (e.g. deck) that is in the buffer and takes up more than 10% of the buffer	<p>This structure will have to be reduced in size or moved farther away from the stream and replaced with forested riparian buffer vegetation</p>