# **PE7 Action: Riparian Buffers** June 30, 2021

The Watershed Coordinator in the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning oversaw the development of the Riparian Assessment.

The Watershed Management Plan contains a section on Riparian Assessment (Chapter 3, pages 16&17)

 [REGIONAL NIAGARA RIVER/LAKE ERIE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN - Phase 2](https://www2.erie.gov/environment/sites/www2.erie.gov.environment/files/uploads/pdfs/FINAL%20Chapter%203%20Population%20%26%20Development.pdf)

The riparian assessment in the Phase 2 plan involved looking at land use in a 100m buffer on either side of the waterways and reporting on it.

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper also conducted Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (walking the streams) to determine recommendations in the five sub-watershed implementation plans that cover a portion of Erie County. “Use assessment results and landowner/stakeholder engagement to identify priority riparian buffer areas to conserve and revegetate.” [Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper Watershed](https://bnwaterkeeper.org/projects/healthyniagara/) scroll down to Phase 2 and you can find the five sub-watershed implementation plans, four of which are at least partially in Erie County. Check out pages 3-16, 3-22, 3-27 for relevant portions of the Buffalo River sub-watershed implementation plan. Similar information should be in each of the plans. The Upper Tonawanda Creek Sub-watershed is out of Erie County.