Streamside Management Zones (SMZs)

- Proper SMZs protect stream temperature.
- SMZs provide a filter for water leaving the harvest site.
- SMZs create corridors for wildlife.
- Wider SMZs may be necessary for trout streams or steeper topography.

$ Savings $

Leaving proper SMZs could result in a tax credit for the landowner. Under the Riparian Buffer Tax Credit, qualifying landowners may earn a tax credit for each acre of SMZ left on the property. Please contact your local Virginia Department of Forestry representative to discuss qualifications and procedures.