



# Forest Buffers in the BMP Summary Report

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# Forest Buffer BMPs in CAST

## Agricultural

- Forest Buffer\*
- Forest Buffer- Narrow
- Forest Buffer Streamside with Exclusion Fencing\*
- Forest Buffer- Narrow with Exclusion Fencing



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Forest Buffers on Fenced  
Pasture Corridor in BMP  
Summary Report

## Developed

- Forest Buffer\* -> Urban Forest Buffers in BMP Summary Report

\* BMP counted towards the Riparian Forest Buffer Outcome



# What is the difference between narrow and regular forest buffers?

- Width:
  - Narrow forest buffers are 10-35 ft in width
  - Regular forest buffers average 100 ft in width
- Narrow buffers are not as effective for removing nutrients and sediments
- Upland efficiency:
  - Narrow forest buffers only receive the land use change benefits in CAST, not the upstream efficiency credit
  - Regular forest buffers receive both the land use change and the upstream efficiency credit in CAST



# Our request: Separate out narrow forest buffers from regular forest buffers in the BMP Summary report

## Rationale:

- Narrow forest buffers  $\neq$  Regular forest buffers
- Narrow forest buffers don't provide the same water quality benefits and don't get the efficiency credit in CAST, so grouping them together may provide a misleading picture of the actual water quality benefits
- We don't include narrow forest buffers in our tracking for the forest buffer outcome