

Hi! I'm Sprig™ the Freedom Fighter.™

Did you know that riverbank and streamside forests filter and drain the water that flows into our reservoirs. The land around rivers and bodies of water are called **WATERSHEDS**. As water runs through and over tree roots, soil, rocks and stones, it is being washed. Our Earth uses **RIPARIAN FORESTS** as though they were big washing machines!!



Forests that grow in the moist soil surrounding streams and rivers tend to grow thicker than the surrounding landscape. These riverbank, Riparian Forests, give animals a place to live that provides more food and an easier way to get water. They also help to keep the soil in place.