



Ohio Revised Code

Section 743.50 Maintenance of buffer property near municipal water source.

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(A) A municipal corporation that has established and implemented a watershed management program with regard to a reservoir for drinking water shall allow an owner of property that is contiguous to property that constitutes a buffer around a body of water that is part of such a reservoir to maintain property that constitutes a buffer if the maintenance is for any of the following:

- (1) Creation of an access path that is not wider than five feet to the body of water;
- (2) Creation of a view corridor along adjacent property boundaries;
- (3) Removal of invasive plant species as defined in section 901.50 of the Revised Code;
- (4) Creation and maintenance of a filter strip of plants and grass that are native to the area surrounding the reservoir in order to provide adequate filtering of wastewater and polluted runoff from the owner's property to the body of water;
- (5) Beautification of the property.

(B) A peace officer or other official with authority to cite trespassers on property that is owned by a municipal corporation and that constitutes a buffer as described in division (A) of this section shall not issue a civil or criminal citation to an individual who enters the property for the sole purpose of mowing grass, weeds, or other vegetation or for any of the purposes specified in that division.
