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Waterbreaks: Managed Trees for the Floodplain

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Consider using waterbreaks anytime you utilize Riparian Forest Buffers or Critical Area Plantings near flowing water. Waterbreaks can also be used in floodplain areas where overland flow is causing soil erosion. Secondary waterbreaks can be placed along fence lines or property lines to minimize production loss on agricultural land.

Please note that Reed canary grass is not recommended for use in Oregon due to its invasive properties.