

Functions of Hedgerows on Farms

Hedgerows, windbreaks and grassed waterways are increasingly being planted on farms and can have multiple functions:

- **Serve as habitat for beneficial insects and pollinators**
- **Provide wildlife habitat**
- **Sequester carbon**
- **Provide erosion protection**
- **Protect soil from action of raindrops**
- **Improve soil health and quality**
- **Provide weed control**
- **Stabilize waterways**
- **Serve to moderate wind as windbreaks**
- **Protect from frost**
- **Reduce non-point source water pollution and groundwater pollution**
- **Increase surface water infiltration**
- **Buffer from pesticide drift, noise, odors, and dust**
- **Improve air quality**
- **Act as living fences, barriers and boundary lines**
- **Provide seeds and cuttings for native plant propagation**
- **Provide economic returns**
- **Provide an aesthetic resource**
- **Increase local and regional biodiversity**