TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK
POLICY

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Title:	**CREEK AND OPEN SPACE SERVICE LEVEL**

Policy Statement

The Town of Pincher Creek will provide guidelines for service levels for the maintenance of creek and open space areas within the Town of Pincher Creek.

1. **Definitions**

    1.1 **Operation Department** shall mean the Operations Department of the Town of Pincher Creek, as supervised by the Director of Operations.

    1.2 **Director of Operations** shall mean the person appointed as Director of Operations for the Town of Pincher Creek.

    1.3 **Riparian Areas.** Are areas of land adjacent to streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands, where vegetation and soils are strongly influenced by the presence of water. Although they make up a small fraction of the land, they are the most productive and valuable for all landscape types.

    1.4 **Turf.** The installation of turf is a popular soil stabilization technique which uses grasses growing on slopes to stabilize the uppermost zone in a riparian corridor.

    1.5 **Grassed Waterway.** A grassed waterway is a natural or constructed channel established in suitable vegetation for safe water disposal.

2. **Responsibilities**

    2.1 The Operations Department will refrain from mowing or cutting areas identified as Riparian terraces within a 10 metre right-of-way along Pincher Creek and Kettles Creek, within the limits of the Town of Pincher Creek.

    2.2   The Operations Department shall ensure that the proper signage is placed in the appropriate locations identifying the areas designated as Riparian Health Zone areas.

3.   <u>Signage</u>

    3.1   The signage identifying an areas as a Riparian Health Zone shall be as follows:

<div align="center">

Parks Naturally, Helping Nature Grow
This area has been designated a Riparian Health Zone
Est. 2005

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4.   <u>Guidelines</u>

    4.1   **Turf** – see Schedule A

    4.2   **Grassed Waterways** – See Schedule B

5.   <u>End of Policy</u>

Schedule A

Schedule B

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