Value of streambank mowing for reed canarygrass control

Both sites shown below had the reed canarygrass removed from the stream channel in 2019. The photo on the left shows a reach where no canarygrass maintenance was done after that, from Red Dog Farm to the Short Farm. The photo on the right shows a reach where the landowner mowed the canarygrass on the streambank each summer. Had the streambanks not been mowed the site would have been subject to flooding like the un-mowed site. Photo's taken 2/5/24.

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