



# Clean Water Program Funding Guidelines 2009

**GRANT RATE:** up to 50% up to \$5,000 maximum;  
Performance incentive \$150/acre/yr, max 10 acres

## ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum of a 3m (10ft) buffer strip from top of stream bank is required for grant consideration. Wider widths are encouraged. Requests for fragile land retirement will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- A project plan is required specifying species, planting density, location, site preparation and maintenance. SNC forestry staff can assist in developing the plan.
- Establishment of vegetation such as grasses, trees and shrubs should follow the recommendations of forestry and/or technical staff to ensure soil stabilization is maximized. Appropriate native species are encouraged, but not mandatory. Care should be taken to select plantings that will not encourage beaver activity.
- Proper site preparation is required for tree planting.
- Landowner is responsible for the care and maintenance of the buffer strip.
- Livestock access must be excluded from the buffer strip area. Vehicle traffic should be minimized.
- Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemical use should be limited in the buffer area.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining all necessary municipal, provincial, and other permits and approvals that may be required for the completion of their projects.

## ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Material costs (including vegetation)
- Equipment rental
- Contract labour
- Professional consultation fees
- Permits
- Tree protection systems

## INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Commercial stock, fruit trees or christmas tree species which are commercially marketable in less than 5 years
- Goods and Services Tax (GST)

## ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)/HEALTHY HOME GUIDEBOOK REQUIREMENT:

Farm applicants are required to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition EFP to receive Program funding. Farmers must provide a copy of their Letter of Review from their Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) Program Representative, stating they have completed a peer-reviewed and approved 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition EFP. The contents of the EFP will remain confidential to the farmer.

Non-farm applicants are required to complete a Healthy Home Guidebook to receive Program funding.

## APPROVAL PROCESS:

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. The Clean Water Committee will review the projects and will give priority to those with the most water quality benefit. Landowners may apply for only one project, per project type, per year. Landowners may receive funding for only two projects per project type for the life of the Program. Limited funds are available.

Approved projects will be pre-paid by the landowner. Funding will be provided when the project is completed, inspected to the satisfaction of SNC, and when copies of **all** invoices with acceptable proof of payment, permits, and any other required paperwork are provided. Invoices must provide detailed breakdown of labour hours, quantities of materials purchased and associated costs. **Projects must be completed and paperwork submitted by December 15 of the year in which they were approved.** Payment is not guaranteed beyond this deadline.

***Refer to Clean Water Program Applicant's Guide for more information on the Application Process***