



Clean Water Program Funding Guidelines 2009

GRANT RATE: up to 50% up to \$5,000 maximum

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Landowners installing a constructed wetland must obtain a Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of Environment or a permit from the Health Unit, depending on type and purpose of wetland, **prior** to construction.
- Eligible items:
 - permanent transfer piping from the building or sumps to the wetland
 - clean water diversion measures including eavestroughing and berms
 - curbing to divert contaminated runoff (including silo seepage) into wetland
 - safety fencing
- Livestock access must be restricted from constructed wetland.
- Capacity is required to store the wastewater during the non-growing season. Adequate storage capacity must be provided for both solid and liquid fractions of waste generated on site, as well as contaminated precipitation (where applicable).
- The wetland landscape must be sloped to prevent the entry of surface water from the surrounding area from entering the wetland and to contain liquids inside.
- A contingency plan is required to show what action will be taken in the event of a wastewater spill. This plan should include methods to contain spill and prevent water quality impairment, available equipment to contain and control the spill, and a contact list of officials.
- 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:

- Contract labour
- Permits/Approvals
- Materials
- Engineering and professional fees

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Pumping, manure transfer or spreading equipment
- wetlands with livestock access
- Labour and machinery of applicant, family dependants and the applicant's business
- Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

Farm applicants are required to have a 3rd 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 3rd 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.

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