



Clean Water Program Funding Guidelines 2009

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

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS:

- All erosion protection projects must establish a minimum of a 3 meter buffer strip per bank.
- Eligible stabilization techniques include ditch bank seeding, spillway drop structures, culvert protection, bioengineering techniques, and others.
- Installation or repair of tile drainage is not eligible for funding, including the repair of erosion at tile drain outlets.
- Design by professional engineers may be advisable on complex and/or large projects.
- Projects must be constructed to the standards specified in the OMAFRA Soil Erosion Manual.
- Natural methods of shoreline protection are encouraged.
- Participants are encouraged to practice conservation tillage methods to reduce cropland erosion. Cropland erosion techniques are not eligible for funding through the Clean Water Program.
- Cattle access and vehicle traffic must be restricted from the project area after completion of the project.
- Establishment of riparian vegetation such grasses, trees and shrubs should follow the recommendations of forestry and/or technical staff to ensure soil stabilization is maximized.
- Municipal Drainage Superintendents must agree to work completed along a municipal drain.
- All future maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.
- **Landowners are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.** The Conservation Authority requires a permit for work on stream banks. Contact the SNC permitting dept. for more information.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- permits
- materials
- contract labour
- engineering services
- rental of equipment

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- labor and machinery use of the applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- installation or repair of tile drainage, including tile outlets to the waterway
- construction of ditches
- 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