



Clean Water Program Project Guidelines **CLEAN WATER DIVERSION/ BARNYARD RUNOFF CONTROL**

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

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Proposed projects adjacent to a watercourse (including municipal drains) or in a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) A or B (visit www.yourdrinkingwater.ca for WHPA locations) will be given priority for funding.
- Funds are eligible for retro-fits to existing structures only (e.g. eavestroughs). New structures are not eligible.
- Eavestroughs that direct clean water away from barnyards and other sources of contaminants.
- Clean water diversion structures such as berms and ditches that direct clean water away from a barnyard or other sources of contaminants. Berms and ditches must be properly protected from erosion.
- Any other permanent technique to prevent rain and snow from becoming contaminated, or adding to the volume of contaminated runoff.
- All clean water diversion projects must discharge clean water away from any source of contamination, and not pose other hazards such as soil erosion.
- Surfacing of barnyards for the purpose of collecting barnyard runoff and directing it to a treatment or storage system is eligible for funding.
- If surfaced barnyards are left open at one end for machinery access, landowners are required to ensure that any runoff escaping the yard from the opening is mitigated (e.g. establishment of buffer strip or catch basin) before it reaches any watercourses or recharge areas. Mitigation measures must be properly engineered and sized to accommodate potential runoff contributions.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.**

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Contract labour
- Materials
- Equipment rental
- Professional consultation fees
- Permits

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labor and machinery use of the applicant, family dependants and the applicant's business
- Taxes

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. Limited funds are available.

Approved applicants will have approximately 12 months from the approval date to complete their projects. 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.

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

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