



Planting Trees for Windbreaks, Buffers or Fragile Land Retirement

Date approved: _____ Amt: \$ _____

Name				File #
Mailing Address				
Phone		Email:		
Project Location	Ward:	Municipality:	Lot:	Conc.
	Street Address:			
Subwatershed:				
X:	Y:	EFP: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Property Type: Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>				

FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

Stream Buffers and Windbreaks

Length of watercourse to be buffered: _____ Are both sides to be buffered? _____

Average width of the buffer from top of bank: _____

Describe the impact of the present land use on surface water quality:

Type of vegetation to be planted (number and type of trees, shrubs, etc.): _____

Length of windbreak: _____

Fragile Land Retirement

Describe the impact of the present land use on surface water quality:

Total acres to be retired: _____

If pasture, how will the livestock be restricted: _____

Type of vegetation to be planted (number and type of trees, shrubs, etc.):

Estimated cost: _____

Total acres enrolled in program: _____

Attach a planting plan specifying species, planting arrangement, location, site preparation and maintenance.

To be eligible for cost-share, fencing along the watercourse must either be undertaken concurrently, or livestock must already be restricted from the watercourse and planting site.

SITE PLAN

Provide a sketch of the proposed project site showing the field location and access points. Include the distance to and location of watercourses. Include any other information (such as highly visible landmarks to assist staff to locate the proper field) that you feel is important.



Other Cost-Share Funding	Grant Rate	Amount
Total proposed funding from other sources:		

I/We understand that I/we must disclose in this application for project funding, all proposed sources of funding, including sources and amounts from federal, provincial or municipal governments, conservation groups, and private organizations, including in-kind contributions, for the duration of this project.

Signed by _____ Date: _____

For fillable forms: By typing your name, you have read and acknowledged the statement above

Huron Clean Water Project Project Requirements Tree Planting and Naturalization

Cost-share Rate: Up to 50%
Maximum Payment: \$5,000

Purpose:

To protect and improve water quality by establishing tree planting and naturalization projects to contribute towards forest and natural cover and promote long-term resilience.

Eligibility:

1. Projects must demonstrate water quality benefits.

Eligible Projects:

Reforestation

- Restoring open lands through reforestation practices to contribute towards forest cover and protect and improve water quality.

Treed Windbreaks

- Establishing treed windbreaks designed to reduce windspeed in open areas to help mitigate wind erosion.

Buffers along Watercourse and Wetlands

- Establishing permanent vegetation along watercourses and wetlands to help protect water quality from the impacts of adjacent land uses.
- Minimum buffer width is 10 feet. Wider buffers are encouraged.

Infill Planting

- Infilling existing natural areas that have been affected by a prior disturbance (e.g., Emerald Ash Borer) to promote diversity and long-term forest health and resilience.
- Planting to promote restoration and diversity as a component of Woodland Enhancement and Wetland Restoration projects (e.g., invasive species management)

Tall Grass Prairie and Pollinator Plantings

- Restoring open lands by planting native tall grass prairie and pollinator species.

Project Details:

1. Projects must demonstrate water quality benefits. To be eligible for the grant, projects adjacent to buildings must clearly demonstrate benefits to water quality.
2. A site plan is required specifying species, planting density, location, site preparation and maintenance. To promote approval, the plan should be developed in conjunction with Conservation Authority forestry staff or a qualified private consultant.

3. To be eligible for the grant, appropriate stock and species must be planted, and be clearly depicted in the site plan. Projects may include trees, shrubs, grasses, or wildflowers, in any combination.
4. To be eligible for the grant, livestock must be excluded from the project area. Special consideration may be given for tall grass prairie restoration.
5. To be eligible for the grant, proper site preparation is required; the participant is responsible for the care and maintenance of projects. Site preparation and tending must be clearly described in the site plan.
6. Applicants will be required to sign a 15-year management agreement.
7. For tree planting projects, the minimum project size is 50 trees.
8. Municipal approval for planting along Municipal Drains may be required, and is the responsibility of the applicant to consult with the applicable Drainage Superintendent.
9. All required permits as required by the applicable agency will be obtained at the applicant's expense.
10. A maximum of one Tree Planting and Naturalization project per property per year will be approved. Additional applications for the same property may be proposed in the following year.
11. Planting projects that received Clean Water Project funding in previous years can be replaced to the value of the grant ceiling for that project category.
12. The Clean Water Project encourages new projects. Projects will be considered by the Review Committee if the invoice is not older than six months at the time of first contact with staff.

Eligible Costs:

1. Site plans developed in conjunction with Conservation Authority forestry staff or a qualified private consultant.
2. Site preparation as described in the application site plan. Including herbicide applications and the establishment of cover crops in conjunction with tree planting.
3. Appropriate stock and species for the project, and planting costs.
4. Site tending as described in the applicable site plan, including herbicide applications and tree protection guards.
5. Maximum grant for planting material, planting, site preparation and maintenance costs is \$20.00 per tree.
6. Design, engineering, minor excavation, material, and labour costs of buffer strips. Non-tree/shrub planting projects (e.g. prairie grass) are funded at a grant rate of up to 50%, to the maximum grant ceiling for the project category.

Ineligible Costs:

1. Commercial stock, fruit and ornamental trees, or Christmas tree species that are commercially marketable in less than 15 years are not eligible.
2. Replacement stock for trees damaged through misuse of equipment or spray drift.
3. Planting that is required in order to satisfy a tree clearing permit, planning application, or any other situation where the applicant is required to plant trees or other natural vegetation.
4. Projects that require a permit from the County to remove existing vegetation to prepare an area for project planting.
5. Grant will not be paid on HST if the applicant is entitled to a HST rebate.