



Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program / Programme des ressources en eau de l'Est de l'Ontario

Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program - Project Proposal Guidelines

The Eastern Ontario Water Resources Management Study identified 35 recommendations to protect surface and ground water resources in Eastern Ontario. The City of Ottawa has provided funding for not-for-profit organizations to complete projects which address one or more of the recommendations. A summary of the recommendations is attached in Appendix A.

Eligible Applicants:

- Not-for-profit organizations
- Municipalities
- Conservation Authorities
- Academic Institutes

Projects from individuals on private property are not eligible for funding.

Retro-active requests for projects underway or already completed are not eligible for funding.

Proposal Submission Form:

Proponents wishing to submit project proposals for program funding must complete the Application Form. Proposals must address recommendations from the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Management Study (<https://www.nation.on.ca/en/stewardship-grants/eowrp>).

For more information, contact Ronda Boutz at rboutz@nation.on.ca or 1-877-984-2948.

Proposal Submission Deadline and Review:

Completed proposals must be received by **May 29th, 2026**.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Watershed Advisory Committee – Grants Sub-Committee on June 15th, 2026; proponents are required to attend the meeting and present their project proposal. Each applicant will have a maximum of 10 minutes to present their project request.

Proponents will be notified, in writing, of the Sub-Committee's funding decision, within 5 business days of the June 15th meeting date.

Watershed Advisory Committee – Grants Sub-Committee member organizations submitting project proposals will abstain from the project proposal review and approval process.

Project proposals will be reviewed by the Sub-Committee based on the project rating system below.

Proposal Rating System:

Criteria	Available Points	Points Awarded
1. Relevance to EOWRMS goals and recommendations <i>(e.g., impact on protecting water resources and achieving recommendations)</i>	10	
2. Project location and applicability and transferability to other areas within the Program Study Area	5	
3. % of project budget that is program funds and allocation of funding to overall project budget <i>(e.g. admin, staffing, materials and supplies, etc.)</i>	5	
TOTAL	20	

Approved Projects:

Projects are required to report to the Sub-Committee with progress reports and must provide a final report.

Final approved project reports will present the program recommendation addressed, a summary of results associated with the project deliverables, a detailed budget, and future recommendations if applicable.

The final report will be no longer than 3 pages in length, additional information can be provided to the Sub-Committee during the meeting.

Satisfactory invoices will be required for all projects completed and records available on request for audits.

Payment terms are such that funding will be provided after the project is complete (final report approved by the Watershed Advisory Committee – Grants Sub-Committee). Interim billing will only be considered on a case-by-case basis, proponents must request interim payment at time of application and provide justification for the request.

For more information and application documents:

<https://www.nation.on.ca/en/stewardship-grants/eowrp>

**Appendix A:
Summary of Program Recommendations**

The following table is a compilation of recommendations from the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Study, grouped into 35 key recommendations (ID #). When completing the application form, please reference the ID# for the applicable recommendations. A description of each recommendation is provided at www.nation.on.ca/eowrp.

ID #	Recommendation	ID #	Recommendation	ID #	Recommendation
1	Regional Water Budget	13	Regional Sewage Discharge Program	25	3D Groundwater Model
2	Water Resource Protection Land Use Policies	14	Polish Municipal Lagoon Effluent	26	Agricultural Land Use Study
3	Program Evaluation	15	Road Salt Education Program	27	Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)
4	Surface & Groundwater Resource Linkages Map	16	Well Capture Zone Identification	28	Regional Water Supply Plan
5	Groundwater Constraints Mapping	17	Inventory of Wells	29	Assessment of Stormwater Management (SWM) Methods
6	Flow Management Strategy	18	Inventory of Contaminated Sites	30	Stream Corridor Protection Plan
7	Localized Model Development and Application	19	Fault Zone Analysis	31	Regional Water Efficiency Strategy
8	Watercourse Baseflow Source Investigation	20	Investigation of Permeable Overburden Feature	32	Standardized Testing & Inspection Program
9	Amend "Permits to Take Water" Approval Process	21	Ground Water Management Plans	33	Woodland Protection Policies
10	Non-Point Source (NPS) Reduction Program	22	Aquifer delineation and characterization	34	GIS Information Distribution
11	Municipal Sewage Treatment Optimization	23	Spill Plans	35	Water Resource Management Administrative Review
12	Total Phosphorus Management (TPM) Program	24	Public Education		