



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

PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE: \$150/acre/yr, max10 acres, max 3 yrs

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum 3m (10ft) buffer from top of stream bank is required. Wider widths are encouraged.
- Requests for fragile land retirement will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- A project (species, planting density, location, etc.) is required. SNC can assist with the plan to ensure soil stabilization is maximized. Appropriate native species are encouraged.
- Proper site preparation and tending is required for tree planting. Additional subsidies may be available for tree planting.
- Landowner is responsible for the care and maintenance of the buffers.
- Livestock access must be excluded from the buffer area. Vehicle traffic should be minimized.
- Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals used should be limited in the buffer area.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating project.**
- Annual performance incentive requires verification by SNC that buffer has been maintained prior to payment.
- If approved, farm applicants must have the 4th Edition, or are willing to complete the 5th Edition, of the Environmental Farm Plan prior to grant payment.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Material costs (including vegetation, tree protection, etc.)
- Equipment rental
- Contract labour
- Professional consultation fees
- Permits

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Commercial stock, fruit trees or Christmas tree species which are commercially marketable in less than 5 years
- Taxes

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. **Applications must be submitted prior to starting your project; retro-active funding is not available.**

The Grants Sub-Committee will review applications using a rating criterion; approval priority will be given to projects with the most water quality benefit. Review meetings are typically held in June, September, and November.

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.

COMPLEMENTARY GRANTS AVAILABLE:

- Cover crops
- Streambank erosion control
- Controlled tile drainage

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