



South Nation
Conservation
de la Nation Sud

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 A or B (www.yourdrinkingwater.ca) will be given priority for funding.
- Retrofits 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.
- Surfacing of barnyards for the purpose of collecting barnyard runoff and directing it to a treatment or storage system.
 - If surfaced barnyards are left open at one end for machinery access, any runoff escaping the yard from the opening must be 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.
- Other permanent techniques to prevent precipitation from becoming contaminated and/or adding to volume of contaminated runoff.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.**
- 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:

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

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labor and machinery use of the applicant, family dependents and the applicant's business
- 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:

- Manure storages
- Milkhouse wastewater treatment / disposal
- Buffers

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