



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

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Erosion control projects along the South Nation River and its tributaries, as well as tributaries which flow into the Ottawa or St. Lawrence Rivers, will be considered; priority will be given to projects that demonstrate the greatest potential for water quality improvement. **Projects on the shoreline of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers are not eligible.**
- **All erosion control projects must establish a minimum of a 3-metre buffer setback from top of stream bank.** Establishment of riparian vegetation such as grasses, trees and shrubs should follow the recommendations of forestry and/or technical staff to ensure soil stabilization is maximized. Projects which do not mow vegetation within this 3-metre buffer or establish a 3-metre buffer of trees/shrubs, will be considered a higher priority for water quality improvement.
- Municipal Drainage Superintendents must agree to work completed along a municipal drain.
- Livestock access and vehicle traffic must be restricted from the project area after completion of the project.
- Approved stream crossing (e.g. low-flow crossings) for equipment may be eligible on a case-by-case basis.
- All future maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals (including a South Nation Conservation permit) 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.
- **Ineligible activities:** straightening and/or piping of watercourses, or projects to improve drainage.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Permits
- Materials
- Equipment rental
- Contract labour
- Engineering services

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Erosion projects along the shoreline of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers
- 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
- Buffers
- Controlled tile drainage

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