

# Huron County Clean Water Project www.HuronCleanWaterProject.ca

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# Cover Crop Application & Expense Claim Form

Date approved:

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Name							
Mailing address							
Phone				Email:			
Property Type: Farm ☐ Non-Farm ☐ Commercial/Institutional ☐ EFP: Yes ☐ No ☐							
COVER CROP DETAILS							
Field Location		Site 1			Site 2		
Project Address							
Lot							
Concession							
Township (Ward)							
Municipality							
Cover Crop Informat							
Number of acres enro							
Species used and planting rates (lb/acre)							
When was cover crop established (Month/Year)							
Planting method							
In-kind contributions (We collect information on in-kind contributions solely for the purpose of reporting aggregated in-kind contributions by participants to our funding partners.)							
Materials supplied		\$			\$		
Labour supplied		\$			\$		
Total Project Cost		\$			\$		
Total Grant = Acres x \$15 (Maximum 150 acres)		\$					
Office Use	File Numbers						
X:							
Y:							
Percentage Residue							

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	The information provided herein is tr	information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge.						
	The above materials were used for the application form.	bove materials were used for their intended purposes as described in the HCWP application form.						
	I have received or will receive the fol towards this project:	owing funds from o	other cost-share program					
Other (	Cost-Share Funding Source	Grant Rate	Amount					
Total	proposed funding from other sources:							
Person Act S repo	nizations, including in-kind contributional information on this form is collect section 21, and will be used to determining purposes.  bove practices have been carried out cation form.	ed under the Consone eligibility for the	ervation Authorities grant program and					
Partic	ipant signature	 Date	<u> </u>					
	able forms: By typing your name, you have re							
	visited the site to verify that the cover winter.	crop has provided	at least 50% ground cover					
Staff s	signature	Date	2					

## Huron Clean Water Project Project Requirements

## **Cover Crop Incentive**

Performance Incentive: \$15/acre for a multi species mix (minimum 3 species)

Maximum Payment: \$2,250 (maximum 150 acres per applicant)

Category Grant Limit: \$40,000

#### Purpose:

- 1. This program will encourage growers to try new cover crop mixes and techniques and help demonstrate their use around the county.
- 2. To promote the establishment and over-wintering of cover crops (living or dead), which help provide soil protection and reduce soil erosion to watercourses.
- 3. To protect groundwater by promoting biological nitrogen fixation.

#### **Details:**

- 1. Landowners may apply every year.
- 2. Each application to the Huron Clean Water Project must be for a different cover crop mixture.
- 3. There must be three or more species in the cover crop. With the exception, that a multi-species mixture is not required for late season cover crops planted after corn and soybean harvest; these fields will still need to meet the 50% residue measurement.
- 4. Oats and barley will be considered one species within a multi-species mixture.
- 5. Priority will be given to innovative practices and producers willing to demonstrate practices to others.
- 6. Applicants must register their eligible fields with HCWP staff, providing location and management plan for the cover crop.
- 7. Crops may be tilled no sooner than the spring of the year following planting (may be chemically killed the previous fall).
- 8. Applicants must notify staff well before spring tillage so the final crop residue measurement can be made.
- 9. A final residue measurement of at least 50% is required prior to planting the next crop in the following spring. Cover crop residue will be measured prior to May 1, establishing a firm spring deadline for measurements of success, and achieving the goal of ensuring over-winter cover.
- 10. Cover crops are not to be used for forage or grazing. The project is not eligible for funding if the field is grazed or harvested.
- 11. Applications for less than 25 acres (approximately 10 ha) will be subject to the discretion of the Review Committee.
- 12. Applicants with more than 150 acres planted into cover crops can receive payment for the best 150 acres that meet the 50% cover crop residue measurement.

### **Performance Incentive:**

- 1. Applicants will be paid the incentive after HCWP program staff has confirmed the field(s) were managed according to the guidelines.
- 2. Applicants do not have to produce proof of payment for cover crop seed as would be required for other grant categories offered by the county.
- 3. Applicants who grow their own seed are eligible to participate in the program.