



Huron County Clean Water Project
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Planting Trees for Windbreaks, Buffers or Fragile Land Retirement

Date approved: _____ Amt: \$ _____

Name				File #
Mailing Address				
Phone		Email:		
Project Location	Ward:	Municipality:	Lot:	Conc.
	Street Address:			
Subwatershed:				
X:	Y:	EFP: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Property Type: Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>				



FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

Stream Buffers and Windbreaks

Length of watercourse to be buffered: _____ Are both sides to be buffered? _____

Average width of the buffer from top of bank: _____

Describe the impact of the present land use on surface water quality:

Type of vegetation to be planted (number and type of trees, shrubs, etc.): _____

Length of windbreak: _____

Fragile Land Retirement

Describe the impact of the present land use on surface water quality:

Total acres to be retired: _____

If pasture, how will the livestock be restricted: _____

Type of vegetation to be planted (number and type of trees, shrubs, etc.):

Estimated cost: _____

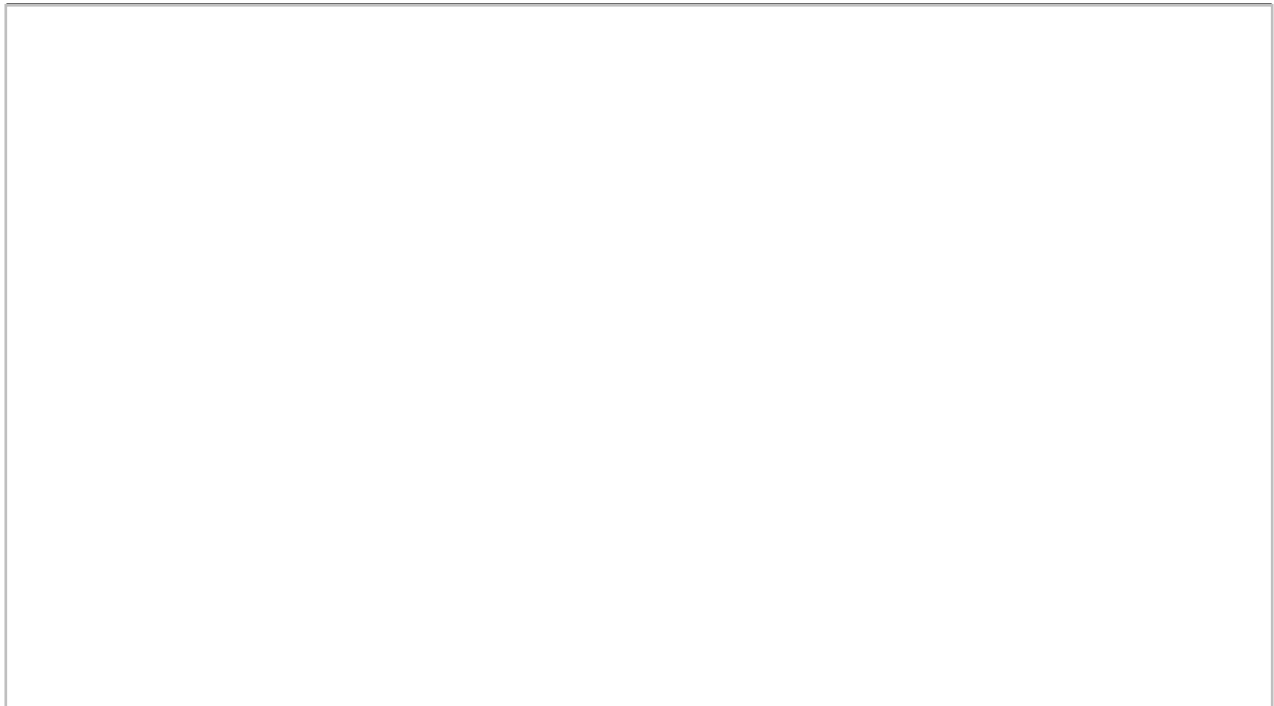
Total acres enrolled in program: _____

Attach a planting plan specifying species, planting arrangement, location, site preparation and maintenance.

To be eligible for cost-share, fencing along the watercourse must either be undertaken concurrently, or livestock must already be restricted from the watercourse and planting site.

SITE PLAN

Provide a sketch of the proposed project site showing the field location and access points. Include the distance to and location of watercourses. Include any other information (such as highly visible landmarks to assist staff to locate the proper field) that you feel is important.



Other Cost-Share Funding	Grant Rate	Amount
Total proposed funding from other sources:		

I/We understand that I/we must disclose in this application for project funding, all proposed sources of funding, including sources and amounts from federal, provincial or municipal governments, conservation groups, and private organizations, including in-kind contributions, for the duration of this project.

Signed by _____ Date: _____

For fillable forms: By typing your name, you have read and acknowledged the statement above

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Project Requirements

Fragile Land Retirement

Cost-share Rate: Up to 50%

Maximum Payment: \$5,000

Purpose:

1. To improve water quality by establishing treed windbreaks, vegetative buffers along watercourses and wetlands and by retiring fragile agricultural land.

Eligibility:

1. Projects must demonstrate a water quality benefit.
2. Land must be open land; it must be land that would not require a permit from the County in order to remove the existing vegetation.
3. Conservation Authorities and Municipalities are eligible for Clean Water Project funding.

Eligible Projects:

1. Permanent retirement of flood plains.
2. Retirement of steeply sloped and erosion-prone lands.
3. Buffer strips along watercourses and wetlands.
4. Tree windbreaks to prevent wind erosion.
5. Retirement of sensitive groundwater areas.
6. The Clean Water Project encourages new projects. Projects will be considered by the Review Committee if the invoice is not older than 6 months at the time first contact with staff.
7. A maximum of one project per property per year will be approved. Additional applications for the same property may be proposed in the following year.

Project Details:

1. A site plan is required specifying species, planting density, location, site preparation and maintenance. To promote approval, the plan should be developed in conjunction with Conservation Authority forestry staff or a private consultant.
2. To be eligible for the grant, appropriate trees, shrubs or native grasses and wildflowers must be planted on the retired land.
3. For tree planting projects, the minimum project size is 50 trees.
4. Projects must demonstrate water quality benefits.
5. Proper site preparation is required for tree planting.
6. The participant is responsible for the care and maintenance of tree plantings.
7. Livestock must be excluded from the site.
8. Applicants will be required to sign a 15-year management agreement.
9. All appropriate permits as required by the appropriate agency will be obtained at the applicant's expense.
10. Tree planting projects that received Clean Water Project funding in previous years can be replaced to the value of the grant ceiling for that project category.

Fragile Lands:

1. Fragile lands are lands subject to either water erosion or flooding.
2. Livestock must be fenced out of retired land.

Buffer Strips:

1. Buffer strips may be established along watercourses and wetlands adjacent to either pasture or cropped land.
2. Minimum buffer width is 10 feet. Wider buffers are encouraged.
3. To be eligible, appropriate tree or shrub species must be planted in the buffer strip.
4. Municipal approval for tree planting along municipal drains may be required and is the responsibility of the applicant.

Windbreaks and Shelterbelts:

1. The purpose of the funds is to protect and improve water quality; windbreak eligibility will be decided on these strengths.
2. To be eligible for the grant, projects adjacent to buildings must clearly demonstrate benefits to water quality.

Eligible Costs:

1. Design, engineering, minor excavation, material, and labour costs of buffer strips.
2. Native trees, shrubs, grasses and/or wildflower seed and/or seedlings, and planting costs.
3. Tree protection systems and maintenance agreement costs obtained through the Conservation Authority or planting contractor.
4. Establishment of cover crops on tilled land (in conjunction with tree planting).
5. Maximum grant for planting material, planting, site preparation and maintenance costs is \$15.00 per tree.
6. Non-tree/shrub planting projects (e.g., prairie grass) are funded at a grant rate of up to 50% to a maximum of \$5,000.00.

Ineligible Costs:

1. Commercial stock, fruit trees or Christmas tree species that are commercially marketable in less than 15 years are not eligible.
2. Replacement stock for trees damaged through misuse of equipment or spray drift.
3. Planting in response to a tree cutting or tree clearing violation.
4. Planting that is required in order to satisfy a tree clearing permit, planning application, or any other situation where the applicant is required to plant trees or other natural vegetation.

Grant will not be paid on HST if the applicant is entitled to a HST rebate.