



Clean Water Program Project Guidelines EROSION CONTROL

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.
- **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-meter buffer of trees/shrubs, will be considered a higher priority for water quality improvement and will be scored as such as per the Clean Water Program rating criteria.**
- Eligible erosion control techniques include ditch bank seeding, spillway drop structures, culvert protection, bioengineering techniques, grassed waterways, water and sediment control basins, and others. Natural methods of shoreline protection are encouraged whenever possible.
- Approved stream crossing for equipment is eligible.
- Design by professional engineers may be advisable on complex and/or large projects.
- Municipal Drainage Superintendents must agree to work completed along a municipal drain.
- Cattle access and vehicle traffic must be restricted from the project area after completion of the project.
- All future maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.** South Nation Conservation will require a permit for streambank erosion control projects, apply prior to initiating project.
- **Ineligible activities:** straightening and/or piping of watercourses, or projects to improve drainage.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

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

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Erosion projects along the St. Lawrence River or Ottawa River
- Taxes

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. The Clean Water Committee will review the projects and will give priority to those with the most water quality benefit. 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.

Refer to Clean Water Program Applicant's Guide for more information on the Application Process.

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