



Clean Water Program Project Guidelines **LIVESTOCK ACCESS RESTRICTION TO WATERWAYS**

GRANT RATE: 75% (labour by contractor) **OR** 100% cost of materials (labour by applicant)

GRANT MAXIMUM: \$5,000

ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- **Fencing must restrict livestock access over the entire length of the pasture bordering waterways.**
- **Livestock must currently be pastured in area of proposed project to be eligible.**
- Only fencing along a watercourse will be considered for funding. Fencing along property lines is not eligible.
- Installation of permanent and temporary fencing is eligible. Temporary fencing will require written confirmation from the applicant that the fence will be installed prior to livestock being introduced to the pasture.
- Applicant must maintain a minimum 3 metre buffer strip, measured from the top of the bank. Costs to establish a buffer are eligible.
- Crossings:
 - Mid-level, bed-level, or above-flow stream crossings are eligible provided both sides of the watercourse are fenced to prevent livestock access.
 - **A permit for the crossing must be obtained from South Nation Conservation prior to construction.**
 - Crossings must be properly designed and protected from erosion.
 - For bed-level crossings, gates must be installed at each streambank to restrict livestock access to the crossing. Gates shall be opened only for the purposes of moving livestock to the other side.
- Alternate watering devices such as nose pumps, spring boxes, electric and solar pumping units are eligible only where livestock are restricted from the watercourse.
- All future maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.
- **Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.** If stream bank reshaping/sloping is part of the proposed project, the South Nation Conservation will require a permit.

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Permits
- Materials
- Contract labour
- Engineering services
- Rental of equipment

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Drilled wells
- Primary hydro lines for electric pumps
- Replacement fencing will not normally be funded
- 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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