

Watercourse Buffers

Funding:

- Maximum grant: 90 per cent up to \$7,500

Project Description:

Planting vegetation (including trees and shrubs) along watercourses to protect erosion-prone streambanks and/or reduce impacts from cropping practices.

Assistance is available from your local Conservation Authority to help with developing and implementing your project, contact the Landowner Resource Centre for more information by [email](#) or at 613-692-3571 ext. 1136 or 1-800-267-3504.

Project Details:

- A minimum buffer strip width of 3 metres (10 feet) is required from the top of any bank. Wider widths are encouraged.
- Planting native species will generally be required as part of the grant approval. It is recommended that a planting plan be developed in conjunction with local Conservation Authority staff or a private consultant for establishment of trees and/or shrubs.
- Care should be taken to select plantings that will not encourage beaver activity.
- The site must be maintained according to the approval project and verified by Program representatives to be eligible for annual performance incentive.
- Applicants are responsible for the care and maintenance of vegetation, including trees.
- Livestock must be excluded from the site.
- Any work on municipal drains must be approved by the City of Ottawa Drainage Superintendent prior to initiation. Applicants must provide a copy of the approval document.

NOTE: Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that the project meets all legal requirements, including City by-laws, provincial and federal acts/regulations, and Conservation Authority permits/approvals.

Eligible Project Costs:

- Permits and approvals
- Purchased material and supplies
- Contract labour and professional fees
- Reasonable in-kind contributions for applicant's labour (\$20/hr) and equipment (\$50/hr) associated with the implementation of the proposed project

The Program reserves the right to limit the eligible amount for in-kind contributions based on the proposed project. Applicants must provide a detailed written accounting of all in-kind contributions when the application is submitted. In-kind costs associated with completing the application, project planning, supervision, or administration, are not eligible for funding.

Ineligible Costs:

- Commercial orchard stock, non-native and invasive species, or Christmas trees
- Taxes

Other Complementary Grants Available:

- Watercourse fencing
- Land retirement incentive
- Erosion control
- Wetland restoration